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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is JPY 278,500.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 16 December 2014.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

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

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2015. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	589.49
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	589.49
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

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

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

SG Singapore

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 December 2014, the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2015, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: epct@ipos.gov.sg

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 8 January 2015.

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – since 13 November 2014, one copy must be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified that, as from 1 June 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	74.99
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	29.99
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		
– where the request is filed online:	EUR	90.44
– where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	106.40

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable since 1 January 2015, are EUR 589.49 for each of the fees.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 74.92 and when filing electronically is EUR 63.68. These amounts are also applicable since 1 January 2015.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2015, is ILS 554.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the national filing fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2015, is ILS 2,031.

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

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2014, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:

- when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 46,000
- when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 66,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20²
- Fee for request for examination: KRW 143,000 plus
KRW 44,000 for each claim
- Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 15,000 plus
KRW 13,000 for each claim

For a utility model:

Filing fee:

- when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 20,000
- when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 30,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20²
- Fee for request for examination: KRW 71,000 plus
KRW 19,000 for each claim
- Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 12,000 plus
KRW 4,000 for each claim

² This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

The amounts previously notified (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 September 2010, pages 152 and 153, and of 10 July 2014, page 106) remain applicable to international applications filed before 1 March 2014. However, the words “when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form” and “when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper” should be modified to read as follows: “when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form” and “when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper”.

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

SG Singapore

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 January 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SGD	266
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SGD	399

Furthermore, following the notification by the Office as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 June 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are USD 632 when filing online and USD 948 when filing on paper.

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

Furthermore, the Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority has notified that, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(ii), and with effect since 1 January 2015, the handling fee is payable to it as the equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** of CHF 200.

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

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	164,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	12,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	37,100

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2015, is USD 577.

In addition, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 567, EUR 471 and SGD 766, respectively.

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

Finally, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is JPY 24,700.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Hungarian forint (HUF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 138, EUR 115, HUF 35,200 and USD 144 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 573, EUR 477, HUF 146,100 and USD 598 for searches carried out in English.

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

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

SA Saudi Arabia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 January 2015, the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2015, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: spo-pct@kacst.edu.sa

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://patents.kacst.edu.sa>).

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

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

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

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2015, are EUR 120 and EUR 16, respectively.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Following the notification by the **European Patent Office (EPO)** that it is prepared, since 2 October 2014, to receive and process international applications in electronic form, as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 October 2014, page 148), an equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, for international applications filed by this means. This amount was EUR 81 until 31 December 2014 and is EUR 82 since 1 January 2015.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	10,020
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK	1,510
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK	2,260

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 242 and CHF 386 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

SA Saudi Arabia

Following the notification by the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 February 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 January 2015, pages 13 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	208
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	312

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

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

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

CA Canada

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2008, pages 115 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 2 February 2015. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

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

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

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

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

- PCT-SAFE software
- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available through the ePCT or PCT-SAFE software. Online payment by credit card is possible through the Office's website (www.cipo.gc.ca).

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

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format using the PCT-SAFE software, contact WIPO directly:

- by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23
- by facsimile at: (+41-22) 338 80 40
- through the WIPO website (www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-safe)

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

- by telephone at: (+866) 997 19 36 (toll-free within Canada and the United States of America) or (+819) 934 05 44 (international)
- by facsimile at: (+819) 953 24 76
- via e-mail at: cipo.contact@ic.gc.ca
- through the Office's website (www.cipo.ic.gc.ca)

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

- international applications

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cipo.ic.gc.ca).

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

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

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

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

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

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2015. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,554
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,554
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,523
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,523
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	457
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified a change in relation to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent – the provision which confers protection to a published national patent application is now Article 19 of the Patent Law (the same protection is provisionally conferred to a published European patent application).

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

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its location and mailing address as well as in its Internet and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	IP 101 51 Bras Basah Road, #01-01 Manulife Centre Singapore 189554
E-mail:	ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg epct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries concerning ePCT)
Internet:	www.ipos.gov.sg

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2015, are NZD 2,311 and USD 1,789, respectively.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2015, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,554
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,554
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	457

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 875, EUR 728 and USD 909, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2015, as follows:

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

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2015, is KRW 638,000.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2014, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ² :	RSD	7,140	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD	1,720	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]		for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]		per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 ^{bis} .3(d)):	RSD	2,880	

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

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 June 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows³:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,140
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 710
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,170
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,050

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,140
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 14 February 2014, is SGD 35.

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days – Corrigendum

Further to the information published in the Official Notices of 11 December 2014, page 195, the date of 24 September 2015 appearing on the list of non-working days for the International Bureau in 2015 should be replaced by the date of 23 September 2015, which is no longer subject to change.

³ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-SIXTH (27TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority;
- amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- establishment by the Director General of the first lists of States meeting the criteria referred to in item 5(a) and item 5(b) of the amended PCT Schedule of Fees;
- adoption of Directives for updating the above lists of States.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Appointment of a New International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 20, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2015 and consist in:

- (i) revising the eligibility criteria for fee reductions for certain applicants from certain countries (amendment of item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees¹);

¹ In the case of reductions to the international filing fee, the Schedule of Fees as amended with effect from July 1, 2015, shall apply to any international application received by the receiving Office on or after July 1, 2015, but the Schedule of Fees as in force until June 30, 2015, shall continue to apply to any international application received before July 1, 2015, irrespective of what international filing date might later be given to such application (Rule 15.3); in the case of reductions to the handling fee and

- (ii) removing the fee reduction available for PCT-EASY filings (deletion of item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees);
- (iii) introducing a requirement for applicants making an express request for early national phase entry to file any request for the restoration of the right of priority at the designated or elected Office within one month from the date of receipt of the express request for early national phase entry (amendments of Rules 49*ter*.2(b)(i) and 76.5²);
- (iv) deleting a reference to paragraph (a) of Rule 90*bis*.5, consequential on the amendment of Rule 90*bis*.5 adopted by the PCT Assembly at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session held from October 1 to 9, 2012 (amendment of Rule 90.3(c));
- (v) enabling the International Bureau, in cases where it receives a notice of withdrawal together with a copy of the general power of attorney, to process the notice of withdrawal without requiring the agent to submit a separate original power of attorney (amendments of Rule 90.5(d)³).

The text of the amendments is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2015)

Rule 49*ter*
Effect of Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office;
Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office

49*ter*.1 [No change]

49*ter*.2 *Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office*

(a) [No change]

(b) A request under paragraph (a) shall:

(i) be filed with the designated Office within a time limit of one month from the applicable time limit under Article 22 or, where the applicant makes an express request to the designated Office under Article 23(2), within a time limit of one month from the date of receipt of that request by the designated Office;

the supplementary search handling fee, the Schedule of Fees as amended with effect from July 1, 2015, shall apply to any international application in respect of which the fee was paid on or after July 1, 2015, irrespective of when the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination, respectively, was submitted (Rules 45*bis*.2(c) and 57.3(d))

² These amendments shall apply to any express request under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2) received on or after July 1, 2015.

³ These amendments shall apply to any notice of withdrawal referred to in PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4 received on or after July 1, 2015.

(ii) and (iii) [no change]

(c) to (h) [No change]

Rule 76
Translation of Priority Document;
Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices

76.1 to 76.4 [No change]

76.5 *Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices*

Rules 13^{ter}.3, 20.8(c), 22.1(g), 47.1, 49, 49^{bis}, 49^{ter} and 51^{bis} shall apply, provided that:

(i) [No change]

(ii) any reference in the said Rules to Article 22, Article 23(2) or Article 24(2) shall be construed as a reference to Article 39(1), Article 40(2) or Article 39(3), respectively;

(iii) to (v) [No change]

Rule 90
Agents and Common Representatives

90.1 and 90.2 [No change]

90.3 *Effects of Acts by or in Relation to Agents and Common Representatives*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Subject to Rule 90^{bis}.5, second sentence, any act by or in relation to a common representative or his agent shall have the effect of an act by or in relation to all the applicants.

90.4 [No change]

90.5 *General Power of Attorney*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), where the agent submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4 to the receiving Office, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, a copy of the general power of attorney shall be submitted to that Office, Authority or Bureau.

90.6 [No change]

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees	Amounts
1. International filing fee: (Rule 15.2)	1,330 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Supplementary search handling fee: (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .2)	200 Swiss francs
3. Handling fee: (Rule 57.2)	200 Swiss francs

Reductions

4. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

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| (a) in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (b) in electronic form, the request being in character coded format: | 200 Swiss francs |
| (c) in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format: | 300 Swiss francs |

5. The international filing fee under item 1 (where applicable, as reduced under item 4), the supplementary search handling fee under item 2 and the handling fee under item 3 are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:

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| (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below US\$ 25,000 (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US\$ values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent five-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau; or |
| (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country; |

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). The lists of States referred to in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be updated by the Director General at least every five years according to directives given by the Assembly. The criteria set out in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be reviewed by the Assembly at least every five years.

First Lists of States Meeting the Criteria referred to in Item 5(a) and Item 5(b) of the Amended PCT Schedule of Fees

These lists will be applicable on 1 July 2015 and are as follows:

(i) For the purpose of item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, TFYR of Macedonia, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(ii) For the purpose of item 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia.

Directives for Updating the Above Lists of States

These Directives will enter into force on 1 July 2015. The text is reproduced hereafter.

DIRECTIVES FOR UPDATING THE LISTS OF STATES
MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PCT FEES

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives referred to in the Schedule of Fees, it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

1. Five years after the establishment of the first list of States which meet the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, and every five years thereafter, the Director General shall prepare draft lists of States which appear to meet the criteria referred to in:

(i) item 5(a) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures from the United Nations and according to the most recent five-year average yearly PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, respectively, published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly in September/October of that year;

(ii) item 5(b) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent list of countries classified as least developed countries by the United Nations published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly in September/October of that year;

and shall make those lists available to the PCT Contracting States and States entitled to observer status in the Assembly for comment before the end of that session of the Assembly.

2. Following the end of that session of the Assembly, the Director General shall establish new lists, taking into account any comments received. The revised lists shall become applicable on the first day of the calendar year subsequent to that session and shall be used to determine, in accordance with Rules 15.3, 45bis.2(c) and 57.3(d), the eligibility for the fee reduction under items 5(a) and (b), respectively, of the Schedule of Fees of any relevant fee payable. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

3. Where any State is not included in a particular list but subsequently becomes eligible for inclusion in that list due to the publication, after the expiration of the period of two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 1, above, of revised per capita gross domestic product figures by the United Nations or revised PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, or of a revised list of States that are being classified as least developed countries by the United Nations, that State may request the Director General to revise the relevant list of States so as to include that State in the relevant list. Any such revised list shall become applicable on a date to be specified by the Director General, that date being no more than three months from the date of receipt of the request. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a change concerning the languages accepted for supplementary international search – it now accepts Finnish in addition to Danish, English, Norwegian and Swedish.

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BE Belgium

The Internet address of the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has changed and is now as follows:

<http://economie.fgov.be/opri-die.jsp?>

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

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

LV Latvia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 28 January 2015, the **Latvian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2015, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: epct@lrpv.gov.lv

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

In accordance with the Directives adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, new equivalent amounts of certain PCT fees have been set.

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 April 2015, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 39.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 April 2015, as indicated in the table published on pages 40 to 42.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 April 2015, as indicated in the table published on page 43.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AT), (AU), (BA), (BE), (CA), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (EE), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GR), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IS), (IT), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MT), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PT), (RO), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (ZA),

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Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (EP), (ES), (FI), (KR), (SE), and (XN).]

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from April 1, 2015)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 09.02.15	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	Item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.71976566	1,582 1,848	18 21	n.a. n.a.	238 278	357 417	238 278	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.73941483	1,544 1,799	17 20	116 135	232 270	348 406	232 270	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14033339	8,160 9,480	90 110	610 710	1,230 1,430	1,840 2,140	1,230 1,430	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.04447762	1,097 1,273	12 14	82 96	165 191	247 287	165 191	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.40358515	862 948	10 11	n.a. n.a.	130 142	194 214	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00339250	337,500 392,000	3,800 4,400	25,400 29,500	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00697064	167,800 190,800	1,900 2,200	12,600 14,300	25,200 28,700	37,800 43,000	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
KR - Korean won	0.00084074	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	222,000 238,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.12107113	10,020 10,990	110 120	n.a. n.a.	1,510 1,650	2,260 2,480	n.a. n.a.	Current amount** New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.68372005	1,770 1,945	20 22	133 146	266 293	399 439	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11018809	9,970 12,070	110 140	750 910	1,500 1,820	2,250 2,720	1,500 1,820	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68094897	1,767 1,953	20 22	133 147	266 294	399 441	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07955507	15,580 16,720	180 190	1,170 1,260	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

** Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from April 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL			ISA/CN	
	EUR	Exch. rate	AUD	Exch. rate	BRL	Exch. rate	CAD	Exch. rate	USD	Exch. rate	CNY	Exch. rate	
Reference currency & Amount	1,864		2,200		1,685		1,600		300		2,100		
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 09.02.15</i>													
CHF - Swiss franc	1,947	1.04447762	1,583	0.71976566	840 ¹	0.32256405	1,183 ¹	0.73941483			329	0.14749782	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	2,112	0.88238098					1,284	1.24642779					Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro									1,585 ¹	1.5851	271 ¹	7.08130907	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar									1,765 ¹	1.13329732	238 ¹		Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone													Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling													Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint													Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen													Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	2,510,000	0.000890494											Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	2,316,000												Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar													Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar													Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	26,470	0.07616733											Current amount New amount
	24,470												Current amount New amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2
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International Searching Authority	ISA/EG		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISAFI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		ISA/JP		
	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	
Reference currency & Amount	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	ILS	3,564 ²	INR	10,000	2,500	JPY	70,000
Exchange rates applicable on 09.02.15															
CHF - Swiss franc	0.12066202	538 ³	1.04447762	2,274	1.04447762	2,274 ³	1.04447762	2,274 ³							
		483³		1,958		1,958³		1,958³							
USD - US dollar			0.88238098	2,366	0.88238098	2,366	0.88238098	2,366 ³							
				2,125		2,125		2,125³							
EUR - Euro									4.39423768	728 ^{2,3}	70.36091782	129 ³	32 ³	134.18650965	471 ^{2,3}
										809³		142³	36³		522³
AUD - Australian dollar															
DKK - Danish krone															
GBP - Pound sterling															
HUF - Hungarian forint															
ISK - Icelandic krona															
JPY - Japanese yen			0.00745331	278,500 ²											
				251,600											
KRW - Korean won															
NOK - Norwegian krone															
NZD - New Zealand dollar															
SEK - Swedish krona															
SGD - Singapore dollar															
ZAR - South African rand			0.07616733	26,630											
				24,620											

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² Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2
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International Searching Authority	ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ⁴		ISA/US		ISA/XN ⁵	
	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate
Reference currency & Amount	KRW 1,300,000		RUB 28,000		SEK 17,040		USD 2,080		DKK 13,960	
Exchange rates applicable on 09.02.15										
CHF - Swiss franc	1,171 1,093	0.00084074	405 378	573 ⁶ 393	2,274 1,958				2,274 ⁷ 1,958⁷	
USD - US dollar				598 ⁶ 144⁶	2,366 2,125				2,366 ⁷ 2,125⁷	
EUR - Euro	965 ⁷ 1,046⁷	1242.33588308	334 ⁷ 362⁷	426 477⁶			1,648 ⁷ 1,835⁷	824 ⁷ 918⁷	412 ⁷ 459⁷	
AUD - Australian dollar				376 376			1.13229732			
DKK - Danish krone										
GBP - Pound sterling										
HUF - Hungarian forint										
ISK - Icelandic krona				146,100 ⁶ 115,800						
JPY - Japanese yen				0.24165523						
KRW - Korean won										
NOK - Norwegian krone										
NZD - New Zealand dollar										
SEK - Swedish krona										
SGD - Singapore dollar										
ZAR - South African rand										

⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from April 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from April 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

⁷ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

[End of Table 2]

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from April 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	RUB	CHF	SEK	CHF	DKK	CHF
Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	1,875	1,875	1,875	11,800	18,880 ⁴	17,040	13,960	4,000 ⁵	
Exchange rate applicable on 09.02.15 CHF - Swiss franc	888	1,243	1,776	1,958	1,958	1,958	166	265	1,958 ⁶	1,958 ⁷	560 ⁷	
	Exch. Rate 1.04447762		Exch. Rate 1.04447762	Exch. Rate 1.04447762	Exch. Rate 1.04447762	Exch. Rate 1.04447762	Exch. Rate 0.01426986					

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation.

² For a search of the European or North American documentation.

³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

⁴ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

⁵ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

⁶ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from April 1, 2015.

⁷ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from April 1, 2015.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes concerning:

– the provisions of the law of Australia concerning international-type search – these provisions now consist in Regulation 3.14A of the Patents Regulations;

– the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the applicant now enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 56A of the Patents Act 1990 and Regulation 4.4 of the Patents Regulations (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted).

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

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 17 February 2015.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 18 February 2015.

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

IT Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 9 February 2015, as follows:

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna "Bruno Ubertini" (IZSLER)
IZSLER Biobank of Veterinary Resource (IZSLER BVR)
Via Bianchi, 9
25124 Brescia
Italy

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2015, is USD 525.

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

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2015, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 96
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 48
	Supplement for airmail: EUR 10

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

563 Nonthaburi Road
Bangkasor, Muang
Nonthaburi 11000
Thailand

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

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 5 March 2015.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 6 March 2015.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are KRW 1,882,000 and ZAR 19,930, respectively.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are AUD 1,519 for searches carried out in English and AUD 526 for searches carried out in Korean.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER SECTION 703(F) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

On 7 April 2002, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, of the incompatibility of its national law and the technical systems of the Office with items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) of the Administrative Instructions, insofar as these items related to sections 5.1 and 5.2.1 of Annex F, as well as to section 2(d), (f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F, of the Administrative Instructions (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002, of 2 May 2002, page 8974).

On 14 July 2005, the Office notified the International Bureau that it withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility as far as section 5.2.1 of Annex F and section 2(f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions were concerned, with effect from 18 July 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 31/2005, of 4 August 2005, page 20184).

On 13 February 2015, the Office notified the International Bureau that it withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility as far as section 5.1 of Annex F and section 2(d) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions were concerned, with effect from the same date, thus removing the remaining reservation relating to such incompatibility.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26BIS.3(J)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

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

**EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES:
WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.1(G)**

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10050), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES:
WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.2(H)**

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10050), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

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

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BW Botswana

The **Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)
Location:	Kgale Mews Plot No. 181 Gaborone Botswana
Telephone:	(267) 318 87 54, 367 37 00
E-mail:	roc@gov.bw
Internet:	www.mti.gov.bw/content/registrar-companies-ip

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

SC Seychelles

The **Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

regdiv@registry.gov.sc

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 April 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BW Botswana

The **Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)** has notified the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is USD 32.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **Botswana pula (BWP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Application fee:	BWP 150 ¹	300 ²
Annual fee for the first year:	BWP 30 ¹	60 ²

For a utility model certificate:

Application fee:	BWP 90 ¹	180 ²
Annual fee for the first year:	BWP 50 ¹	100 ²

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

IS Iceland

Further to the notification by the **Icelandic Patent Office** as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 April 2015, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

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

¹ Applicable in case of filing by individuals and small entities whose number of employees does not exceed 100 persons.

² Applicable in case of filing by companies other than small entities.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing	To the extent feasible, a description of the deposited biological material sufficient to specifically identify it and to permit examination

When the original deposit is made after the effective filing date of an application for patent, the applicant must promptly submit a statement from a person in a position to corroborate the fact, stating that the biological material which is deposited is a biological material specifically identified in the application as filed (see 37 CFR 1.804(b)).

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the USPTO with any other depository recognized to be suitable by the Office (see 37 CFR 1.803).

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

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(82-42) 481 51 94 (RO) (82-42) 481 35 79 (ISA, IPEA)
Facsimile machine:	(82-42) 472 34 73 (RO) (82-42) 472 71 40 (ISA, IPEA)
E-mail:	kipopct@korea.kr (RO) isa.kipo@korea.kr (ISA, IPEA)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are USD 540 when filing online and USD 809 when filing on paper.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** and **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are GBP 1,365 and NZD 2,761, respectively.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

JP Japan

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2015, it will apply the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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MA Morocco

The **Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – since 1 March 2015, European patents may be validated in Morocco for international applications filed on or after that date.

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

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes concerning the language requirements relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – since 1 January 2015, the Office accepts the furnishing of a translation into English¹ or Norwegian, or, if the international application was filed in English¹ or Norwegian, of a copy of the application as filed.

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) for international applications filed on paper, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 15 October 2014, is BRL 260.

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2015, is EUR 480.

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

¹ The claims must nevertheless be translated into Norwegian.

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are CHF 109 and EUR 102 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 453 and EUR 425 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2015, are CHF 191 and CHF 305 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes, with effect since 1 January 2015, concerning:

- the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation can be furnished in English² or Norwegian;
- its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – a copy will not be required where the application was filed in a language other than English or Norwegian, whereas it will be required where the application was filed in English² or Norwegian.

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

² The claims must nevertheless be translated into Norwegian.

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2015, is SGD 2,790.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2015, is SGD 2,800.

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,797
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	20
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	270
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	405

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are USD 108 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 450 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are HUF 31,800 for searches carried out in Russian and HUF 132,100 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

Information on the requirements of the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (SA), which is published on the following page.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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SAUDI PATENT OFFICE (SPO)

SA

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Saudi riyal (SRI) Filing fee: ¹ SRI 800 (400) ²
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated under “National fee” above.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if not indicated in the “Request” part of the international application ^{3, 4} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{3, 4} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{3, 4} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ³ Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Saudi Arabia ³ Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ³ Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Saudi Arabia
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter.2</i>)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

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

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by individuals.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

postur@els.is

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

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new time limits related to special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed – in the case of international applications filed on or after 1 April 2015:

– the filing of an international application which contains the designation of Japan and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in Japan shall have the result that the earlier national application will now be considered withdrawn after the expiration of 16 months¹ from the filing date of that earlier application;

– if the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid the above-mentioned effect, the designation of Japan will now have to be withdrawn before the expiration of 16 months¹ from the filing date of that earlier application, in order to avoid automatic withdrawal of the earlier-filed national application.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are EUR 484 when filing online and EUR 726 when filing on paper.

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

¹ The time limit remains 15 months for international applications filed before 1 April 2015.

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are ZAR 25,250 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 12,620 for a small entity and ZAR 6,310 for a micro entity.

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

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BN Brunei Darussalam – Corrigendum

The list of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 June 2013, page 75, was erroneous. On that date, the European Patent Office (EPO) was the only competent Authority; requirements relating to the other three Offices indicated (the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office) had not yet been met.

Requirements relating to the Australian Patent Office were met on 23 March 2015. As a result, the Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam) has specified the said Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with the Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam), or with the International Bureau, with effect from that date.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

BW Botswana

Under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(g), the **Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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

EE Estonia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 16 April 2015, the **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2015, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: vastuvoett@epa.ee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 May 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are CHF 519 when filing online and CHF 778 when filing on paper.

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

EE Estonia

Following the notification by the **Estonian Patent Office** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 May 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	EUR	191
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	EUR	287

Furthermore, following the notification by the Office as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 May 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

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

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect from 1 May 2015, as follows:

Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC)
Agricultural Microbiology Division
National Academy of Agricultural Science
Rural Development Administration
166, Nongsaengmyeong-ro, Iseo-myeon
Wanju-gun, Jeollabuk-do 565-851
Republic of Korea

Furthermore, the International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty. The new address is as follows:

125 Gwahak-ro
Yuseong-gu
Daejeon, 305-806
Republic of Korea

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

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NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

epct@iponz.govt.nz

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

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 481 43 47, 481 46 53

Facsimile machine: (966-11) 481 33 76

E-mail: spo-pct@kacst.edu.sa

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – three copies must now be filed instead of one.

Furthermore, the Office has notified that, since 1 February 2015, it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

SD Sudan

The **Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan)** has specified the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sudan with the Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 29 April 2015.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 229.

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

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified the deletion of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

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

SA Saudi Arabia

Following the notification by the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** as receiving Office that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format since 1 February 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies since that date.

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

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BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.belgopatent.by

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished within 14 days from the date of the transmission.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 15 January 2015, page 7, concerning the decommissioning of PCT-EASY by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, was incomplete. The Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 June 2015, 17:00.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Belarusian rouble (BYR)** and **US dollar (USD)**¹, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	50
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BYR	365,000 per copy, up to 35 pages

¹ For residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in BYR, where appropriate in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

For non-residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in USD, where appropriate in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment.

BYR 185,000 for each additional copy,
provided that the copies
are prepared
simultaneously, plus

BYR 6,000 additionally, per page
in excess of 35

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

USD 40

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified the following national fee for utility models, in **US dollar (USD)**², payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

Claim fee for each dependent
claim in excess of 10:

USD 25

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

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified that national fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or retiree, with effect since 19 December 2014.

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

² For residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in BYR in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. The fee is reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

For non-residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in USD, or the equivalent amount in Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) or Russian rouble (RUB) in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, it shall be made by a resident of Belarus acting on their behalf or by a patent attorney registered to practice before the Office.

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in its telephone number and e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (39-06) 47 05 58 00
E-mail: contactcenteruibm@mise.gov.it

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it now accepts evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1).

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

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1) – in addition to Aramex, DHL, Federal Express, TNT and UPS, it will now also accept such evidence where any other registered delivery service is used.

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

SD Sudan

The **Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and telephone numbers, and has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office: Registrar General of Intellectual
Property Department, Ministry of Justice
(Sudan)
Location: El Mogran Area
El Gumhoria Street
Khartoum
Sudan
Telephone: (249-91) 223 0760, (249-18) 374 2358
E-mail: adilhilal2001@yahoo.com
Internet: www.ipsudan.gov.sd

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it now accepts evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1).

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2015, is SGD 2,290.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are USD 127 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 525 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2015, are CHF 121 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 502 for searches carried out in English.

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

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2015, are CHF 212 and CHF 339 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

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

HU Hungary

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On 14 May 2015, the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2015, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: sztnh@hipo.gov.hu

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TR Turkey

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 May 2015, the **Turkish Patent Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2015, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: epct-info@tpe.gov.tr

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the fee for validating in Morocco a European patent granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 1 March 2015, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 1 March 2015, is EUR 240.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2015, are HUF 35,300 for searches carried out in Russian and HUF 146,400 for searches carried out in English.

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

SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan)** has notified the deletion of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

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

TR Turkey

Following the notification by the **Turkish Patent Institute** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 June 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CHF	200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CHF	300

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

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SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan)** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Arabic, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

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

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, consisting in the deletion of Sections 102*bis* and 335, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2015.

These modifications are consequential to the decommissioning of PCT-EASY from the above date.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2015 (PCT/AI/16) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_16.pdf

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

ZA South Africa

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 19 May 2015, the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: epct@cipc.co.za

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cipc.co.za).

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

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2015, is NOK 15,850.

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

HU Hungary

Following the notification by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 June 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 May 2015, pages 85 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request
being in character coded format): HUF 59,000

Electronic filing (the request,
description, claims and abstract
being in character coded format): HUF 88,400

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

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 16 January 2015, is KZT 10,264.80.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2015, is NOK 15,850.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2015, is NOK 15,850.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MW Malawi

The **Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi)** has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (1-571) 272 43 00 (PCT Help Desk)
(1-866) 217 91 97 (toll free technical support for electronic filing)
(1-571) 272 41 00 (local technical support for electronic filing)

Facsimile machine: (1-571) 273 32 01 (PCT Operations – only available for certain documents)
(1-571) 273 83 00 (USPTO Central Fax – only available for certain documents)
(1-571) 273 04 19 (PCT Help Desk)

Internet: www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/international-patent-legal-administration-formerly

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,926
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	22
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	290
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	434

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** as International Searching Authority has clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant together with the international search report – these documents consist in a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or an international application publication.

The Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority has also clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant together with the international preliminary examination report – these documents consist in a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report which is not a US patent document or an international application publication.

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

ZA South Africa

Following the notification by the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 July 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 June 2015, pages 92 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	2,510
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	3,770

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

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DECOMMISSIONING OF THE PCT-EASY SERVICE

As of 1 July 2015, it will no longer be possible to file international applications using the PCT-EASY service. From that date, any international application filed by means of the said service will be treated as a paper filing, and the fee reduction under item 4(a) of the current PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply (see also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015, pages 29 and 31, and of 4 June 2015, page 92).

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), (AP), (BA), (BE), (BG), (BN), (BR), (BW), (BZ), (CA), (CH), (CL), (CN), (CO), (CR), (CU), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (DZ), (EA), (EC), (ES), (FR), (GE), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HR), (HU), (IB), (ID), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KP), (KR), (KZ), (LT), (LV), (LY), (MD), (MK), (MN), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SE), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TH), (TM), (TR), (TT), (UA), (UZ), (ZA) and (ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2015, consists of the addition of the United States of America to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and United States of America;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and United States of America;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]

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

- (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and United States of America:
English;
- (c) [no change]"

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF ANNEX F

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), and as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 (Expedited consideration of change proposals) of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 3.6 (Fee sheet) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2015.

These modifications are intended to address the requirements for an additional means of payment of fees. Due to their highly technical content, they are not reproduced here.

The consolidated text of Appendix I as in force from 1 July 2015 (PCT/AI/DTD/11) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/july_2015/ai_dtd.pdf²

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

CZ Czech Republic

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 June 2015, the **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015, as follows:

² The consolidated text also includes, as a result of the same procedure as described above, modifications (equally of a highly technical content) to section 5.1 (Demand form) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, effective since 1 January 2015. These modifications were intended to address the requirements for rendering the current version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: helpdesk@upv.cz

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DZ Algeria

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 June 2015, the **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: e-pct@inapi.dz

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CZ Czech Republic

Following the notification by the **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 July 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	EUR	191
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	EUR	287

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

DZ Algeria

Following the notification by the **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 July 2015 (see above), the amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** of the reductions applicable under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will, with effect from the same date, be as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CHF	200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CHF	300

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Israel Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the

USPTO, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2015.

The Japan Patent Office will act as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the USPTO insofar as the following conditions are met:

- the international application is submitted in English;
- the claims of the international application are directed to the field of green technology as defined by the International Patent Classification classes reproduced hereafter, on pages 108 to 114; and
- the Japan Patent Office has not received more than 5,000 international applications from the USPTO during the three-year period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2018, not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first year, and not more than 475 applications per quarter during the second and third years.

Furthermore, the Japan Patent Office will act as an International Preliminary Examining Authority only where it has acted as an International Searching Authority.

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

The Green Technology Classifications

A. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PRODUCTION

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Agricultural waste	C10L5/40
Biofuel	C10L5/00 C10L5/40
Chemical waste	B09B3/00 F23D3/00 F23D5/00 F23D7/00 F23D9/00 F23D11/00 F23D14/00 F23G5/00 F23G7/00 F23G7/04
For domestic hot water systems	F24J2/02 F24J2/04 F24J2/10 F24J2/22 F24J2/24 F24J2/26 F24J2/30 F24J2/32 F24J2/44 F24J2/46 F24J2/48 F24J2/50
For passive space heating	E04D13/18 E04H14/00
For swimming pools	F24J2/42
Fuel cell	H01M8/00
Fuel from animal waste and crop residues	C10L5/00
Gasification	B09B1/00 C01B3/36 C02F3/28 C10J3/46 C10J3/54 C12M1/107
Genetically engineered organism	C12N1/00 C12N1/12 C12N1/20 C12N5/00 C12N5/02 C12N5/04 C12N5/07 C12N5/071 C12N5/10 C12N5/16
Geothermal	F01K27/00 F03G7/00
Harnessing energy from man-made waste	F23D14/00 F23G7/08 F23J15/00
Hospital waste	B09B3/00 F23D3/00 F23D5/00 F23D7/00 F23D9/00 F23D11/00 F23D14/00 F23G5/00 F23G7/00 F23G7/04
Hydroelectric	E02B9/00 E02B9/08 F01B25/00 F01D17/00 F03B13/18 F03B13/20 F03B13/26 F03B15/00 F03B17/02 F04D27/00
Industrial waste	B09B3/00 F23D3/00 F23D5/00 F23D7/00 F23D9/00 F23D11/00 F23D14/00 F23G5/00 F23G7/00 F23G7/04
Industrial waste anaerobic digestion	C02F3/30
Industrial wood waste	C10L5/00 C10L5/40
Inertial (e.g., turbine)	F02N11/04 F03B13/00 F03B13/18 F03B13/20 F03B13/26 F03B17/02 H02P9/04
Landfill gas	F23D14/00 F23G7/08 F23J15/00
Municipal waste	C10L5/46

Nuclear power—induced nuclear reactions: processes, systems, and elements	A61N5/10 C01B3/06 E21B43/24 E21B43/263 F01K3/18 F24J3/08 G01T3/00 G01V5/10 G21B1/00 G21B1/03 G21B1/13 G21B1/25 G21C1/01 G21C1/02 G21C1/04 G21C1/22 G21C1/24 G21C3/00 G21C3/06 G21C3/10 G21C3/22 G21C3/30 G21C3/32 G21C3/34 G21C3/36 G21C3/40 G21C3/56 G21C5/00 G21C7/00 G21C7/02 G21C7/06 G21C7/30 G21C7/32 G21C7/36 G21C9/00 G21C13/00 G21C15/00 G21C17/00 G21C19/00 G21C19/28 G21C19/42 G21C23/00 G21D5/02 G21D7/00 G21G1/00 G21G1/02 G21G1/06 G21G1/10 G21G1/12 H05H1/02 H05H1/12 H05H1/14 H05H1/16 H05H1/18 H05H1/22 H05H1/24 H05H3/06 H05H6/00
Nuclear power—reaction motor with electric, nuclear, or radiated energy fluid heating means	F03H1/00
Nuclear power—heating motive fluid by nuclear energy, Photovoltaic	G21D5/00 H01L25/00 H01L31/00 H01L31/042 H02N6/00
Refuse-derived fuel	C10L5/46
Solar cells	H01L21/00
Solar energy	B60K16/00 B60L8/00 E04D13/18 F01K27/00 F03G6/00 F03G7/00 F03G7/04 F03G7/06 F24J2/00 F24J2/02 F24J2/04 F24J2/08 F24J2/10 F24J2/12 F24J2/16 F24J2/18 F24J2/22 F24J2/24 F24J2/26 F24J2/30 F24J2/32 F24J2/34 F24J2/36 F24J2/38 F24J2/40 F24J2/42 F24J2/44 F24J2/46 F24J2/48 F24J2/50
Solar thermal energy	B60K16/00 B60L8/00 E04D13/18 F01K27/00 F03G6/00 F03G7/00 F03G7/04 F03G7/06 F24J2/00 F24J2/02 F24J2/04 F24J2/08 F24J2/10 F24J2/12 F24J2/16 F24J2/18 F24J2/22 F24J2/24 F24J2/26 F24J2/30 F24J2/32 F24J2/34 F24J2/36 F24J2/38 F24J2/40 F24J2/42 F24J2/44 F24J2/46 F24J2/48 F24J2/50
Water level (e.g., wave or tide)	E02B9/00 E02B9/08 F03B13/18 F03B13/20 F03B13/26 F03B17/02
Wind	F03B15/06 F03D7/00 F03D9/00 H02J7/00 H02J9/00 H02P9/04 H04B3/00 H04B15/00

B. ENERGY CONSERVATION

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Alternative-power vehicle (e.g., hydrogen)	A63G25/00 B60K8/00 B60K16/00 B60L8/00 B60L9/00
Cathode ray tube circuits	G05F1/00 H05B37/02 H05B39/04 H05B41/36
Commuting, e.g., HOV, teleworking	G07B15/00 G07B15/02
Drag reduction	B60J1/00 B60J7/00 B60J9/00 B60K37/00 B60N2/00 B60N3/00 B61D17/00 B62D35/00 B62D37/02
Electric lamp and discharge devices	H01J1/62 H01J11/00 H01J17/00 H01J17/02 H01J17/04 H01J17/06 H01J17/16 H01J17/18 H01J17/20 H01J17/30 H01J17/42 H01J17/44 H01J17/46 H01J17/48 H01J17/49 H01J17/50 H01J17/54 H01J61/00 H01J61/02 H01J61/04 H01J61/06 H01J61/09 H01J61/12 H01J61/16 H01J61/18 H01J61/20 H01J61/28 H01J61/30 H01J61/35 H01J61/36 H01J61/54 H01J61/64 H01J63/04 H01J65/00 H01K1/00 H01K1/50
Electric vehicle	B60K1/00 B60K6/20 B60L9/00 B60L11/00 B62J6/08 B62J6/12 B65D5/50 G04C13/11 G05D1/00 G05D3/00 G06F7/00 G06F17/00 G09B23/18 G09B25/02 G21D7/02 G21H1/00 H01L41/00 H01R39/00 H01R39/04 H01R39/06 H01R39/08 H01R39/18 H01R39/20 H01R39/24 H01R39/26 H01R39/32 H01R39/36 H01R39/38 H01R39/40 H01R39/42 H01R39/44 H01R39/46 H01R39/52 H01R39/56 H02K1/00 H02K1/02 H02K1/04 H02K1/06 H02K1/10 H02K1/12 H02K1/14 H02K1/16 H02K1/18 H02K1/20 H02K1/22 H02K1/24 H02K1/26 H02K1/28 H02K1/30 H02K1/32 H02K3/00 H02K3/04 H02K3/14 H02K3/16 H02K3/20 H02K3/24 H02K3/34 H02K3/38 H02K3/40 H02K3/46 H02K3/48 H02K5/00 H02K5/10 H02K5/12 H02K5/14 H02K5/16 H02K5/18 H02K5/20 H02K5/24 H02K7/00 H02K7/02 H02K7/06 H02K7/08 H02K7/09 H02K7/10 H02K7/14 H02K7/16 H02K7/18 H02K7/20 H02K9/00 H02K9/02 H02K9/06 H02K9/08 H02K9/20 H02K9/26 H02K9/28 H02K11/00 H02K11/04 H02K13/00 H02K13/02 H02K13/04 H02K13/12 H02K13/14 H02K15/12 H02K16/00 H02K16/02 H02K17/00 H02K17/10 H02K17/16 H02K17/22 H02K17/28 H02K17/30 H02K17/42 H02K17/44 H02K19/00 H02K19/12 H02K19/14 H02K19/20 H02K19/24 H02K19/26 H02K19/36 H02K19/38 H02K21/00 H02K21/04 H02K21/10 H02K21/12 H02K21/22 H02K21/26 H02K21/38 H02K23/00 H02K23/02 H02K23/04 H02K23/18 H02K23/20 H02K23/22 H02K23/24 H02K23/26 H02K23/28 H02K23/30 H02K23/32 H02K23/36 H02K23/40 H02K23/42 H02K23/44 H02K23/46 H02K23/50 H02K23/60 H02K23/64 H02K23/66 H02K27/00 H02K27/02 H02K27/04 H02K27/06 H02K27/10 H02K27/16 H02K27/22 H02K27/24 H02K29/00 H02K31/00 H02K33/00 H02K33/04 H02K33/10 H02K33/14 H02K35/00 H02K37/00 H02K37/02 H02K37/10 H02K37/24 H02K39/00 H02K41/00 H02K41/02 H02K41/03 H02K44/00 H02K47/00 H02K47/08 H02K47/18 H02K47/22 H02K47/28 H02K47/30 H02K49/00 H02K49/02 H02K51/00 H02N1/00 H02N1/04 H02N2/00 H02N3/00 H02N10/00 H02N11/00 H02P15/00
Emission trading, e.g., pollution credits	G06Q40/00

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Energy storage or distribution	G05D3/12 G05D5/00 G05D9/00 G05D11/00 G05D17/00 G06F1/00 G06F1/26 G06F1/32 G06F11/30 H02J3/14
Fuel cell-powered vehicles	B60K1/00 B60K6/20 B60K16/00 B60L8/00
Human-powered vehicle	A61G5/10 A61H3/04 A63G25/00 A63G27/00 A63G29/00 A63H33/28 B62B5/06 B62H1/02 B62H1/04 B62H1/06 B62H1/08 B62H5/00 B62H7/00 B62J1/28 B62J7/00 B62J9/00 B62J11/00 B62J11/02 B62J25/00 B62J27/00 B62K1/00 B62K3/00 B62K5/00 B62K7/00 B62K9/00 B62K11/00 B62K13/00 B62K13/06 B62K15/00 B62K17/00 B62K21/00 B62K27/00 B62K27/12 B62L1/00 B62M1/00 B62M1/02 B62M1/04 B62M1/08 B62M1/10 B62M1/14 B62M3/00 B62M5/00 B62M6/00 B62M6/10 B62M6/15 B62M6/20 B62M6/25 B62M6/30 B62M6/35 B62M7/00 B62M9/00 B62M9/04 B62M11/00 B62M13/00 B62M15/00 B62M25/00 B62M27/00 B62M29/00
Hybrid-powered vehicle	B60K6/20 B60K6/42 B60K6/44 B60K6/442 B60K6/445 B60K6/448 B60K6/46 B60K6/48 B60K6/485 B60W10/00 B60W10/04 B60W10/06 B60W10/24 B60W10/30 B60W20/00 F02B37/12 F02M25/08 F02P7/00 F02P17/00 G01F1/32 G01F1/68 G01F9/00 G01F9/02 G01J5/34 G01L1/24 G01L3/00 G01L3/02 G01L3/26 G01L5/13 G01L5/14 G01L5/26 G01L5/28 G01L23/22 G01M9/00 G01M13/02 G01M15/00 G01M17/00 G01M17/04 G01M17/06 G01N15/00 G01N33/22
Incoherent light emitter structure	H01L27/15 H01L29/16 H01L29/18 H01L29/20 H01L29/201 H01L29/207 H01L29/26 H01L31/12 H01L33/00
Land vehicle	B60K1/00 B60K6/20 B60K6/42 B60K6/44 B60K6/442 B60K6/445 B60K6/448 B60K6/46 B60K6/48 B60K6/485 B60K16/00 B60L8/00 B60W10/00 B60W10/04 B60W10/06 B60W10/24 B60W10/30 B60W20/00 B61C3/00
Optical systems and elements	G02B17/00 G02B27/00
Roadway, e.g., recycled surface, all-weather bikeways	E01C3/00 E01C5/00 E01C5/08 E01C5/10 E01C5/14 E01C5/16 E01C5/18 E01C5/22 E01C9/08 E01C9/10
Static structures	A47G1/00 E04B1/74 E04B2/00 E04C1/00 E04C2/32 E04C2/34 E04C2/36 E04C2/54
Thermal	G01K1/00 G01K1/08 G01K3/00 G01K5/00 G01K7/00 G01K7/16 G01K9/00 G01K11/00 G01K11/30 G01K13/00 G01K17/00
Transportation	H01H47/00 H02H7/00 H02H7/06 H02H9/00 H05F3/00
Watercraft drive (electric powered)	B60L11/00 B60L15/20 B63H21/17
Watercraft drive (human powered)	B63H16/00 B63H16/02 B63H16/08 B63H16/16 B63H16/18 B63H16/20
Wave-powered boat motors	B63H19/02
Wind-powered boat motors	B63H9/00 B63H13/00
Wind-powered ships	B63H9/04

C. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FARMING

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Alternative irrigation technique	E02B11/00 E02B13/00 E02B13/02
Animal waste disposal or recycling	C02F3/00 C05B15/00 C05B17/00 C05C9/00 C05D9/02 C05F1/00 C05F3/00 C05F5/00 C05F7/00 C05F9/00 C05F11/00 C05F11/02
Fertilizer alternative, e.g., composting	C05B15/00 C05B17/00 C05C9/00 C05D9/02 C05F1/00 C05F3/00 C05F5/00 C05F7/00 C05F9/00 C05F11/00 C05F11/02 C05F11/08
Pollution abatement, soil conservation	E02B3/04
Water conservation	F16K17/36 F16K31/00 G05B11/00 G05D11/00
Yield enhancement	A01H3/04 A01H5/02 A01N3/02 A01N25/00 A01N25/02 A01N25/04 A01N25/10 A01N25/12 A01N25/16 A01N25/26 A01N25/28 A01N25/32 A01N27/00 A01N29/00 A01N31/00 A01N31/02 A01N31/14 A01N33/00 A01N33/02 A01N33/16 A01N33/18 A01N33/26 A01N35/00 A01N35/10 A01N37/00 A01N37/10 A01N37/18 A01N37/22 A01N37/34 A01N37/36 A01N37/38 A01N37/44 A01N39/02 A01N41/00 A01N41/02 A01N41/06 A01N41/10 A01N41/12 A01N43/00 A01N43/02 A01N43/08 A01N43/10 A01N43/16 A01N43/26 A01N43/32 A01N43/34 A01N43/36 A01N43/40 A01N43/42 A01N43/46 A01N43/48 A01N43/50 A01N43/52 A01N43/54 A01N43/56 A01N43/58 A01N43/60 A01N43/64 A01N43/647 A01N43/653 A01N43/66 A01N43/68 A01N43/707 A01N43/72 A01N43/76 A01N43/78 A01N43/80 A01N43/82 A01N43/84 A01N43/90 A01N47/06 A01N47/10 A01N47/20 A01N47/24 A01N47/28 A01N47/34 A01N47/36 A01N47/40 A01N47/46 A01N47/48 A01N51/00 A01N55/02 A01N55/04 A01N55/08 A01N57/00 A01N57/18 A01N57/26 A01N59/00 A01N59/02 A01N59/04 A01N59/06 A01N59/14 A01N59/16 A01N59/24 A01N59/26 A01N63/00 A01N65/00 A61L9/01 C05F7/00

D. ENVIRONMENTAL PURIFICATION, PROTECTION, OR REMEDIATION

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Biodegradable	B65D30/02 C08K5/00 C08K5/56 C08K11/00 D06P1/52
Bio-hazard, Disease (permanent containment of malicious virus, bacteria, prion)	B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00
Bio-hazard, Disease (destruction of malicious virus, bacteria, prion)	A62D3/00
Carbon capture or sequestration	B01D11/04 B01D53/02 B01D53/04 B01D53/14 B01D53/48 B01D53/52 B01D53/56 B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B09C1/00 B65D90/24 B65F5/00 B65G5/00 C01B17/16 C01B31/20 E02D31/00 G21F5/00 G21F9/00
Disaster (e.g., spill, explosion, containment, or cleanup)	B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B09C1/00 B65D90/24 B65F5/00 B65G5/00 E02D31/00 G21F5/00 G21F9/00
Environmentally friendly coolants, refrigerants, etc.	C09K5/00
Genetic contamination	A01M1/20 A01N25/00 A61L2/00 A61L2/04 A61L2/08 A61L2/18 A61L2/20 A61L2/24 A61L9/00 A61L11/00 B01J19/00 B08B17/00 C23F11/00 C23F11/02 C23F11/04 C23F11/06 C23F11/10 C23F11/16 C23F11/18
Hazardous or Toxic waste destruction or containment	A62D3/00 B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B65D90/24 B65D90/50 C02F1/00 C02F11/00 C03B5/00 C03B5/027 C04B18/02 C04B18/04 C21B3/06 E02D3/11 E02D31/00 F23C1/00 F23G5/00 G21F1/00 G21F9/00 G21F9/14 G21F9/16 G21F9/20 G21F9/24 H05B3/00
In atmosphere	B01D19/00 B01D19/02 B01D19/04 B01D45/00 B01D46/00 B01D47/00 B01D47/02 B01D47/04 B01D47/06 B01D47/14 B01D53/14 B03C3/00 B03C3/10 B03C3/14 B03C3/16 B03C3/74
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IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are CHF 145 for a person other than an individual and CHF 36 for an individual.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2015, is CHF 523.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are NZD 2,970 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,490 for a small entity and NZD 740 for a micro entity.

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

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QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center (Qatar)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Commerce P.O. Box 1968 Doha Qatar
Telephone:	(974) 4012 2796
Facsimile machine:	(974) 4429 4338
E-mail:	kjalhitmi@mec.gov.qa

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Qatar is designated (or elected) – these data must now be in the request; if they are missing at the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of six months from the date of the invitation.

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

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has notified changes in its e-mail address. The new e-mail addresses are as follows:

propiedadintelectual@cnr.gob.sv
omc_es@minec.gob.sv

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

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

MX Mexico

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 12 June 2015, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 July 2015, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: epct-info@impi.gob.mx

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.impi.gob.mx).

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

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

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

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

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MX Mexico

Following the notification by the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 July 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	208
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	312

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(QA), which is published on the following page.

C **C**
Receiving Offices
QA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT QA
(QATAR)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Qatar
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office ² or United States Patent and Trademark Office ²
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Qatari riyal (QAR)
Transmittal fee:	QAR 400
International filing fee:	Equivalent in QAR of US dollars 1,384
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in QAR of US dollars 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EG), (EP) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	QAR 600
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	QAR 2,000
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Qatar Yes, if the applicant is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Qatar, any patent attorney holding a license to practice and registered before the Office or any natural or legal person resident in Qatar
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

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

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IR Islamic Republic of Iran

General information on the **Islamic Republic of Iran** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(IR), which is published on pages 126 and 127.

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2015, is NZD 3,068.

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

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	178,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,000
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	40,200

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2015, is JPY 26,800.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are NZD 596 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,722 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are EUR 108 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 448 for searches carried out in English.

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

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ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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General information

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Location and mailing address:	Fayazbakhsh Str., Imam Khomeini Sq., Tehran 1114678511, Islamic Republic of Iran
Telephone:	(98-21) 6674 1035
Facsimile machine:	(98-21) 6670 0867
E-mail:	irpct@ssaa.ir
Internet:	http://iripo.ssaa.ir/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran:	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Islamic Republic of Iran is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)
May the Islamic Republic of Iran be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if the Islamic Republic of Iran is designated (or elected)

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

May be in the request or may be furnished within the time limit
applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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

No

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2015, is NZD 2,468.

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,111
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	24
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	317
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	476

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2015, are CHF 109 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 453 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2015, are CHF 191 and CHF 306 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic with the National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 14 July 2015.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (IR), which is published on pages 131 and 132.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
(ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)**

IR

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Farsi
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee: ¹	Currency: Iranian rial (IRR) or equivalent in euro (EUR) or US dollar (USD) ² Filing fee: IRR 100,000 (10,000) ³
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated above and in Annex IR.I.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{4, 5} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{4, 5} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ⁴ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of the Islamic Republic of Iran ⁴ Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ⁴ Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies

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

² For non-residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran, payment should be effected in euro or US dollar.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 60 days from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁵ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
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Who can act as agent?

Any agent authorized to practice before the Office

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

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2015, is USD 1,622.

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

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2015. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Basic fee:	EUR	225	56 ¹
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	EUR	12.78	
Additional fee for late furnishing of the translation or copy:	EUR	32	
Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR	116	

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR	105	26 ¹
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2015, are USD 389 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,125 for searches carried out in English.

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¹ This amount is applicable where all applicants are natural persons.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

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

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 September 2015.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 139 to 145, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, to appoint the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 1 September 2015.

Further information on the requirements of the Office as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(SG), SISA(SG) and E(SG), which are published on pages 146 to 151.

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

QA Qatar

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 27 July 2015, the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2015, as follows:

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015, page 28.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: amalsaadi@mec.gov.qa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

QA Qatar

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 September 2015 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions will be the equivalent amounts in **Qatari riyal (QAR)** of 208 and 312 US dollars (USD), respectively.

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

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

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

Preamble

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

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

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) "Treaty" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) "Regulations" means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) "Administrative Instructions" means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;

- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

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

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

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

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

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

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

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

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

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

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

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4 **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

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

Article 5 **Fees and Charges**

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

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

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

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

Article 6 Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7 Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

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

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9 Entry into Force

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

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

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

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

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

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

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

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

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this 30th day of July two thousand and fifteen, in two originals in the English language.

For the Intellectual Property Office of
Singapore by:

[signature]

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

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Singapore; and
any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

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

all subject matter searched or examined in Singaporean national applications.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Singapore dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,240
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,240
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	2,240
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	830
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	830
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	650
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	650
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	30

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6) Where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search, the amount of the supplementary search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

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

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translated into, English or Chinese.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in English and Chinese held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE¹

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	Singapore dollar (SGD)	2,240
	Euro (EUR)	1,487
	Swiss franc (CHF)	1,571
	US dollar (USD)	1,632
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	SGD	2,240
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	SGD	30 per document
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Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from earlier search</p>	
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Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	SGD	650
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Language accepted for international search:	English	
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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, DVD-R	
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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched in Singaporean national applications	

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¹ As from 1 September 2015.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

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

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE⁴

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁵

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

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁵

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

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)
SG INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE SG
OF SINGAPORE¹

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³	CHF 1,571
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Singapore dollar (SGD)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	SGD 650
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	SGD 30 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%</p>
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, Chinese
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of subject matter which is searched in Singaporean national applications
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in English and Chinese held in its search collection
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources

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¹ As from 1 September 2015.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in Singapore dollar and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the Singapore dollar and the Swiss franc.

SISA **International Searching Authorities** **SISA**
(Supplementary Search)

SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE⁴

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

CD-R, DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Yes⁵

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

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

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

Yes⁵

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

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⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
SG **SG**
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF SINGAPORE¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Singapore dollar (SGD)	830
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	SGD	830
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	SGD	285
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	SGD	30 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	SGD	30 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	SGD	650
Language accepted for international preliminary examination:	English	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined in Singaporean national applications	

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¹ As from 1 September 2015.

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

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

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities
SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE⁵

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁶

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required: Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its e-mail addresses. As from 31 August 2015, these addresses will be as follows:

pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries relating to specific international applications)
ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries)

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

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

DK Denmark

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, of 1 September 2005, pages 22816 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 90, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 September 2015. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notifications:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
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- EPO online filing software
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The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: pvs@dkpto.dk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are CHF 473, EUR 437 and USD 484 when filing online, and CHF 708, EUR 654 and USD 725 when filing on paper.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 440 for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 September 2015, the date on which the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

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KR Republic of Korea

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.3(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2026), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 January 2015. PCT Rule 51bis.3(a) therefore applies since that date.

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

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

MX Mexico

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 25 August 2015, as follows:

Colección de Microorganismos del CNRG (CM-CNRG)
Boulevard de la Biodiversidad No. 400
Col. Rancho las Cruces
Tepatitlán de Morelos, Jalisco, C.P. 47600
Mexico

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

QA Qatar

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (QA), which is published on the following page.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
(QATAR)**

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) at a time when the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20.
National fee: ¹	Currency: Qatar riyal (QAR) Filing fee: 2,000 ² 1,000 ³ 0 ⁴
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated above
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): ⁵	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ⁶ Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of Qatar Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies, one on paper and one in electronic form ⁷

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The applicant may still furnish the translation within six months after the expiration of the applicable time limit.

² This amount is applicable in case of filing by a company, or an educational or research institution.

³ This amount is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

⁴ No fee is due in case of filing by a student.

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

⁶ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁷ Must be furnished within six months from the date of the invitation by the Office.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
(QATAR)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Qatar

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

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2015, is ZAR 26,610.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are NOK 17,070 and ZAR 26,770, respectively.

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

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	867
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	10
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	130
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	196

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are CHF 102, EUR 82 and HUF 28,800 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 422, EUR 341 and HUF 119,600 for searches carried out in English.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are NZD 3,140 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,570 for a small entity and NZD 790 for a micro entity.

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1) – in addition to Chronopost, DHL, Federal Express, Flexpress, SkyNet, TNT or UPS, it will now also accept such evidence where Transworld is used.

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

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 52 54 (ISA, IPEA)

Facsimile machine: (82-42) 481 85 78 (ISA, IPEA)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are CHF 178 and CHF 285 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2015, is KRW 2,504,000.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are USD 150 for a person other than an individual and USD 37 for an individual.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 176,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK 26,500
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK 39,700

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are EUR 335 for searches carried out in Korean and EUR 968 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 440 for searches carried out in English.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are ZAR 29,060 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 14,530 for a small entity and ZAR 7,260 for a micro entity.

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2015, is SGD 2,980.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are KRW 690,000 and SGD 820, respectively.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	18,550
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	210
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	2,790
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,190

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 September 2015.

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

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Viet Nam with the National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 September 2015.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 October 2015, consists of the addition of Brunei Darussalam to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MT Malta

The Internet address of the **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business (Malta)** has changed and is now as follows:

www.commerce.gov.mt

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

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CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2015, is EUR 191.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with the Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 October 2015.

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

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – from 1 November 2015, it will be possible to validate European patents in the Republic of Moldova for international applications filed on or after that date.¹

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

NA Namibia

The **Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(264-61) 299 4400 (264-61) 283 7285 (264-61) 283 7260
Facsimile machine:	(264-61) 401 061
E-mail:	andima@bipa.na kaundu@mti.gov.na naphtali@mti.gov.na

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the fee for validating in the Republic of Moldova a European patent granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 1 November 2015, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable from 1 November 2015, is EUR 200.

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

¹ For further information, see:
<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20151009.html>

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

(511) 224 78 00 (ext. 3801)

The Office has also notified the discontinuance of the use of its facsimile machine.

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

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

PL Poland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 05/2006, of 2 February 2006, pages 3180 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect since 1 November 2015. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing
- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

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

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: eolfsupport@uprp.pl

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

- international applications

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.uprp.pl).

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

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

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

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified changes in the telephone number of the Office as well as its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (421-48) 484 300 131

E-mail: podatelna@indprop.gov.sk

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it - one copy must be filed instead of three.

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

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES AND BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH) OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AT Austria

Under Section 513(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search has notified a change in the types of electronic medium which it requires for the furnishing in electronic form of sequence listings, which are now as follows: CD-ROM and DVD.

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



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

CO Colombia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 03 November 2015, the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1 (d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 10 November 2015, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: epct-info@sic.gov.co

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2016, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 192.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2016, as indicated in the table published on pages 193 to 195.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2016, as indicated in the table published on page 196.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

Annexes SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE), (SG) and (XN),

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

AZ Azerbaijan

Following the notification by the **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 December 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	208
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	312

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

CO Colombia

Following the notification by the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 10 November 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 November 2015, pages 184 *et seq.*), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable since the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Colombian peso (COP)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

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

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)

(applicable from January 1, 2016)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 05.10.15	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.69195546	1,848 1,922	21 22	n.a. n.a.	278 289	417 434	278 289	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.74616290	1,799 1,782	20 20	n.a. n.a.	270 268	406 402	270 268	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14626278	9,480 9,090	110 100	n.a. n.a.	1,430 1,370	2,140 2,050	1,430 1,370	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.09136192	1,273 1,219	14 14	96 92	191 183	287 275	191 183	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.47863138	867 899	10 10	n.a. n.a.	130 135	196 203	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00349296	392,000 380,800	4,400 4,300	n.a. n.a.	59,000 57,300	88,400 85,900	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.25176704	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	766 794	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00769727	176,100 172,800	2,000 1,900	n.a. n.a.	26,500 26,000	39,700 39,000	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00810100	178,100 164,200	2,000 1,900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	40,200 37,000	26,800 24,700	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00084114	*** ***	*** ***	*** ***	*** ***	*** ***	238,000 238,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.11602446	10,990 11,460	120 130	n.a. n.a.	1,650 1,720	2,480 2,590	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.63509563	2,111 2,094	24 24	n.a. n.a.	317 315	476 472	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11691029	12,070 11,380	140 130	n.a. n.a.	1,820 1,710	2,720 2,570	1,820 1,710	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68762780	1,953 1,934	22 22	n.a. n.a.	294 291	441 436	285 291	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.97601415	1,384 1,363	16 15	104 102	208 205	312 307	208 205	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07173340	18,550 18,540	210 210	n.a. n.a.	2,790 2,790	4,190 4,180	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqel of the amounts in US dollar indicated above.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2016)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL		ISA/CN				
	EUR	1,864	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.15</i>															
CHF - Swiss franc	1,091,361/82	1,947	0,691955/46	1,583	0,252020/621	708 ¹	473 ¹	0,746162/90	1,183 ¹	0,976014/15	1,922 ¹	384 ¹	288 ¹	0,153598/47	310
		2,034		1,522		632	422		1,194		1,952	390	293		323
USD - US dollar	0,894308/42	2,112	1,4105156/7	1,622	3,900659/00	725	484	1,308044/34	1,284					6,354322/18	342
		2,084		1,560		647	432		1,223						330
EUR - Euro			1,577214/12	1,395 ¹	4,361849/78	654 ¹	437 ¹	1,462632/25	1,137 ¹	1,181824/7	1,765 ¹	353 ¹	265 ¹	7,105291/66	297 ¹
				1,395		579	386		1,094		1,789	358	268		296
AUD - Australian dollar															Current amount
															New amount
DKK - Danish krone															Current amount
															New amount
GBP - Pound sterling															Current amount
															New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint															Current amount
															New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona															Current amount
															New amount
JPY - Japanese yen															Current amount
															New amount
KRW - Korean won	0,000770/2	2,504,000 ²	0,0012155/9	1,882,000											Current amount
		2,419,000		1,810,000											New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone															Current amount
															New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0,917827/33	2,468											Current amount
				2,397											New amount
SEK - Swedish krona															Current amount
															New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0,630063/85	2,790	0,993745/75	2,290											Current amount
		2,960		2,210											New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0,065728/33	26,610	0,103667/66	19,930											Current amount
		28,360		21,220											New amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/EG		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		ISA/JP	
	Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	ILS	Exch. rate	INR	Exch. rate	JPY	Exch. rate
Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.15														
CHF - Swiss franc	483 ³ 0.12465060	1,958 2,046	1,958 ³ 2,046 ³	1,958 ³ 2,046 ³	1,958 ³ 2,046 ³	1,958 ³ 2,046 ³	1,958 ³ 2,046 ³	875 ³ 895 ³	0.25176704	145 ³ 150 ³	0.01490050	36 ³ 37 ³	0.00810100	523 567
USD - US dollar	525 7.82999684	2,125 2,097	2,125 2,097	2,125 2,097	2,125 2,097	2,125 ³ 2,097 ³	909 917	0.89430842	3.87665574	150 ^{3,4} 154 ³	65.10886765	37 ^{3,4} 38 ³	120.48063508	577 581
EUR - Euro	480 ³ 8.75536856	2,097 457 ³	2,097 457 ³	2,097 457 ³	2,097 457 ³	2,097 ³ 457 ³	809 ³ 820 ³	4.33480949		142 ³ 137 ³	72.80339438	36 ³ 34 ³	134.71933401	522 ³ 520 ³
AUD - Australian dollar														Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone		13,960 0.13401859	13,960 13,990											Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling		1,365 1.35484971	1,365 1,384											Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint		577,000 0.00320056	577,000 585,800											Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona		287,000 0.00705290	287,000 266,000											Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen		251,600 0.00742284	251,600 252,600											Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won														Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone		17,070 0.10631163	17,070 17,640										0.10383122	690,000 ⁴ 674,000
NZD - New Zealand dollar		3,068 0.58192944	3,068 3,222											Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona		17,040 0.10712330	17,040 17,500											Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,980 0.63006395	2,980 2,980											Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand		26,770 0.06572833	26,770 28,530											Current amount New amount

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³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁴ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ⁵		ISA/SG		ISA/US			ISA/XN ⁶			
	Reference currency & Amount	KRW	RUB	28,000	6,750	SEK	17,040	SGD	2,240	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,960
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.15	Exch. rate		Exch. rate				Exch. rate		Exch. rate						
CHF - Swiss franc	1,093	378	0.01508356	422	102	1,958	0.68762780	1,571 ⁷	1,998	999	500	1,958 ⁷	1,958 ⁷	Current amount	
	0.00084114	379		422	102	2,046		1,540⁷	0.97601415	2,030	1,015	508	2,046⁷	New amount	
USD - US dollar	1,125	389	64.70713464	440	106	2,125	1.41939311	1,632 ⁷					2,125 ⁷	Current amount	
	1160.35071912	388		433	104	2,097		1,578⁷					2,097⁷	New amount	
EUR - Euro	968 ^{7,8}	335 ^{7,8}	72.35438358	341	82	1,875	1.58714049	1,487 ⁷	1,835 ⁷	918 ⁷	459 ⁷	1,875 ⁷	1,875 ⁷	Current amount	
	1297.48383213	347⁷		387	93	1,875		1,411⁷	1.11818247	1,860⁷	930⁷	465⁷	1,875⁷	New amount	
AUD - Australian dollar	1,519	526												Current amount	
	822.64279597	1,580												New amount	
DKK - Danish krone						13,960								Current amount	
						13,990								New amount	
GBP - Pound sterling														Current amount	
														New amount	
HUF - Hungarian forint														Current amount	
														New amount	
ISK - Icelandic krona														Current amount	
														New amount	
JPY - Japanese yen														Current amount	
														New amount	
KRW - Korean won														Current amount	
														New amount	
NOK - Norwegian krone														Current amount	
														New amount	
NZD - New Zealand dollar	1,722	596				17,070							17,070	Current amount	
	755.04404635	596				17,640							17,640	New amount	
SEK - Swedish krona														Current amount	
														New amount	
SGD - Singapore dollar	1,560	540												Current amount	
	817.49778205	1,590												New amount	
ZAR - South African rand														Current amount	
														New amount	
														Current amount	
														New amount	

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2016, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2016, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁷ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁸ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

[End of Table 2]

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2016)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISAFI		ISARU		ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/XN	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF
Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³		1,875		1,875		11,800	18,880 ⁵	SEK 17,040	SGD 2,240	DKK 13,960	4,000 ⁶
Exchange rate applicable on 05.10.15														
CHF - Swiss franc	928	1,299	1,855		2,046		2,046		178	285	2,046 ⁹	1,540	2,046 ¹⁰	590 ¹⁰

1 For a search of the German-language documentation.
 2 For a search of the European or North American documentation.
 3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.
 4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
 5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
 6 For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.
 7 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2016.
 8 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2016.
 9 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2016.
 10 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2016.

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

NO Norway

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 December 2011, pages 182 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect since 1 December 2015. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing
- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- international applications

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.patentstyret.no).

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

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2016, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 92	USD 102
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 46	USD 51
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 9	USD [No change]

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2016, consists of the addition of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

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

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

IS Iceland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, pages 46 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 January 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
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As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: postur@els.is

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 18 November 2015.

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

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)** has specified the Japan Patent Office², in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 January 2016.

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that **the International Bureau will not be open for business** on 1 January 2016. This date concerns **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

² The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

e-pct@inapi.dz

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

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

0820 210 211 (national calls)

(33) 1 71 08 71 63 (international calls)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document on paper (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 10 March 2014, is BRL 200.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 10 March 2014, as follows:

For a patent:	[no change]	(online)
	BRL 260	(on paper)

For a utility model:	[no change]	(online)
	BRL 260	(on paper)

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

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	62
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	156

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

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	20.82
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	41.63
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		
– where the request is filed online:	EUR	156.12
– where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	312.25

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 July 2015, as follows:

For a patent:	EUR	52.04	(online)
	EUR	104.08	(on paper)
For a utility model:	EUR	52.04	(online)
	EUR	104.08	(on paper)

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in the examination fee components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 15 September 2011, as follows:

- for one invention: [no change]
- for each invention in excess of one (but not more than 10): [no change]
- for each invention in excess of 10: RUB 3,400

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