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Meeting of International Authorities

The 27th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Gatineau, Canada, on 6 and 7 February 2020. The Summary by the Chair and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55009

The topics discussed included:

- the results of the meeting of the Quality Subgroup, including agreement to incorporate modified examples on unity of invention into the next version of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, expected to be promulgated on 1 July 2020, and recommendations for further work on quality management; for further details, please refer to the Summary by the Chair (Annex II to document PCT/MIA/27/16);
- status reports on the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force led by the European Patent Office (documents PCT/MIA/27/11 and 12), where the Meeting recommended convening a further physical meeting of the Task Force to develop criteria and standards for inclusion of patent collections and non-patent literature in the PCT minimum documentation;
- proposals to amend the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines made by the Japan Patent Office with the aim of strengthening links between the international and national phases of the PCT procedure (document PCT/MIA/27/10);
- a report on a pilot where the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office as a designated Office has provided feedback to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, IP Australia and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore on international search reports established by them as an International Searching Authority (ISA) (document PCT/MIA/27/3);
- a report on the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, where search fees are transferred to the ISA via the International Bureau (IB), with the possibility of “netting” of different amounts to be transferred between Offices and the IB (document PCT/MIA/27/7);
- the transition from WIPO Standard ST.25 to the XML-based WIPO Standard ST.26 for the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings and the implementation of ST.26 in the PCT (documents PCT/MIA/27/8 and 9);
- the operational phase of a third pilot on collaborative search and examination between the IP5 Offices that began in July 2018 – from July 1, 2020, no new files will be accepted into the pilot and Authorities will begin evaluating the pilot, including the outcome of cases in the national phase that were part of the pilot (document PCT/MIA/27/13);

- the supplementary international search system, which the PCT Assembly will review at its session in September 2020 (document PCT/MIA/27/5);
- a proposal made by the United States Patent and Trademark Office to improve the handling of formal defects in drawings in international applications (document PCT/MIA/27/14);
- a proposal made by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore for the transmission to the IB of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report as separate documents (document PCT/MIA/27/4);
- a proposal made by the China National Intellectual Property Administration to promote the improvement of the international search report and written opinion by seeking views through a survey of providers and users of these work products, including examiners, applicants and third parties (document PCT/MIA/27/15); and
- a proposal made by the Indian Patent Office to encourage International Authorities to state that they are willing to act as a competent ISA and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed at the receiving Office of any PCT Contracting State, and for receiving Offices to specify all such Authorities as competent for the searching and international preliminary examination of international applications filed at their Offices (document PCT/MIA/27/6).

Authorities expressed appreciation for the recent developments of the various electronic services offered by the IB for use by applicants, receiving Offices, International Authorities and third parties (document PCT/MIA/27/2). Authorities agreed with the priorities identified by the IB to improve PCT online services to achieve greater efficiency and increased automation, involving the generation and electronic exchange of more information in XML format for direct importation into different stages of the application process. Authorities also agreed with the need for better coordination between the IB and Offices in their various roles in the PCT in the development of systems and technology standards to deliver improvements in services.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 April 2020.

The Office will accept international applications filed in electronic form using ePCT-Filing. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 13 February 2020 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (UG))

EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees

On 12 December 2019, the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation made a decision concerning the reduction of the fees for international search and preliminary examination carried out on international applications filed by nationals of certain States. That decision supersedes the decision of 21 October 2008 which was published in the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 10/2008 (see also *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, page 7).

As a result of that decision, there will be a change, as from 1 April 2020, in the conditions for a 75% reduction in the search fee and the preliminary examination fee payable to the European Patent Office (EPO), in the form of a new category of States whose nationals and/or residents can benefit from the fee reduction, as indicated under (b), below. Furthermore, the 75% reduction will also apply to the supplementary search fee.

As from 1 April 2020, the above-mentioned fees will be reduced by 75% if the international application, the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination, as the case may be, is filed:

- (a) by a natural person who is a national of and resident in a State which is not a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention, and which, on the date of filing of the application or on the date of payment of the supplementary search fee or of the preliminary examination fee, is classed by the World Bank as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy¹; or
- (b) by a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of PCT Rule 18, is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force².

If there are several applicants, each must satisfy one of these criteria.

The reduction in the search fee will apply to all international applications filed on or after 1 April 2020, and the reduction in the supplementary search fee or in the preliminary examination fee will apply in respect of payments made on or after 1 April 2020.

Further information is available in the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 01/2020 at:

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP), SISA (EP) and E (EP))

¹ The States which currently meet the criteria are as follows (PCT Contracting States are in bold print): Afghanistan, **Angola**, Bangladesh, **Benin**, Bhutan, Bolivia, **Burkina Faso**, Burundi, **Cambodia**, **Cameroon**, Cape Verde, **Central African Republic**, **Chad**, **Comoros**, **Congo**, **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**, Democratic Republic of the Congo, **Djibouti**, **Egypt**, **El Salvador**, Eritrea, **Eswatini**, Ethiopia, **Gambia**, **Ghana**, **Guinea**, **Guinea-Bissau**, Haiti, **Honduras**, **India**, **Indonesia**, **Kenya**, Kiribati, **Kyrgyzstan**, **Lao People's Democratic Republic**, **Lesotho**, **Liberia**, **Madagascar**, **Malawi**, **Mali**, **Mauritania**, Micronesia (Federated States of), **Mongolia**, **Morocco**, **Mozambique**, Myanmar, Nepal, **Nicaragua**, **Niger**, **Nigeria**, Pakistan, **Papua New Guinea**, **Philippines**, **Republic of Moldova**, **Rwanda**, **Sao Tome and Principe**, **Senegal**, **Sierra Leone**, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, **Sudan**, **Syrian Arab Republic**, **Tajikistan**, Timor-Leste, **Togo**, **Tunisia**, **Uganda**, **Ukraine**, **United Republic of Tanzania**, **Uzbekistan**, Vanuatu, **Viet Nam**, Yemen, **Zambia**, **Zimbabwe**.

² The States in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is currently in force are as follows: Cambodia, Morocco, Republic of Moldova and Tunisia.

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the Office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

Norwegian Industrial Property Office

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 January 2020, it commenced operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of DAS.

The corresponding DAS Notification, which contains further information, is available at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11037

United Kingdom: Information Regarding the Status of the UK's Membership in the European Patent Organisation following the withdrawal from the European Union

In view of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom (UK) from the European Union (EU) on 31 January 2020, the following information has been issued by the European Patent Office (EPO) regarding the UK's membership in the European Patent Organisation, as well as the status of UK professional representatives and legal practitioners before the EPO.

The UK's membership of the European Patent Organisation

The UK's withdrawal from the EU has no impact on its status within the European Patent Organisation, an international organization independent from the EU, with 38 contracting states established on the basis of the European Patent Convention (EPC). Equally, the procedures under the EPC and the PCT remain unaffected. Consequently, the EP designation in the request form (Form PCT/RO/101) continues to include GB. Furthermore, applicants who are nationals and/or residents of the UK continue to be entitled to file international applications with the EPO as receiving Office (in addition to the UK Intellectual Property Office³ and the International Bureau).

Status of UK professional representatives and legal practitioners

The principles governing representation before the EPO also remain unaffected by the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

In particular, UK European patent attorneys who have been entered on the list of professional representatives before the EPO in accordance with Article 134(2) EPC remain fully entitled to represent their clients in proceedings before the EPO, including oral proceedings, without the need for a work permit in either of the states in which proceedings established by the EPC may be conducted, that is, Germany or the Netherlands. The UK's withdrawal from the EU also has no implications on any future requests for entry of UK candidates on this list of professional

³ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

representatives before the EPO. Similarly, legal practitioners qualified and having their place of business in the UK who are entitled to act as professional representatives in patent matters there, such as barristers and solicitors, may represent parties in proceedings before the EPO (Article 134(8) EPC).

Furthermore, UK professional representatives remain entitled, pursuant to Article 134(6) EPC, to establish a place of business in any contracting state of the EPC in which proceedings under the EPC may be conducted, but should bear in mind that any regulations governing entry to and residence in the territory of a given EU member state, such as regulations on visa requirements, will apply.

For further information, please refer to the Notice from the European Patent Office dated 29 January 2020, to be published in the February issue of the *Official Journal of the EPO*. An advance publication of the notice is available at:

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal.html

Ireland: New Legislation Concerning the Treatment of PCT Applications as National Patent Applications

The Intellectual Property Office of Ireland has notified the International Bureau (IB) that new legislation, effective from 2 December 2019, has been enacted to allow the applicant(s) of an international application designating Ireland to request that it be treated as an application for a patent in Ireland under Part II of the Patents Act 1992, under certain conditions. These conditions include circumstances where an international application designating Ireland:

- is refused an international filing date under the PCT, or
- is withdrawn or deemed withdrawn, or
- has ceased to be deemed to be an application for a European patent designating Ireland.

Where no PCT filing date was accorded, the applicant(s) must first petition the Controller for a filing date for the application. Such a request should be made within three months of the date of withdrawal of the international application or the date of the notification by the IB or receiving Office that the application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, where applicable, and no later than 31 months from the filing date or the priority date of the international application, whichever is earlier. The request must state the name and address of the applicant and be accompanied by:

- a copy of the international application as filed;
- a statement of the reasons for the request, if petitioning for a filing date;
- any document, information or evidence verifying the said statement, or verifying the withdrawal or deemed withdrawal of a duly filed PCT application; and
- the prescribed fee, if any.

Should the applicant, nevertheless, eventually succeed in obtaining a European Patent designating Ireland by the parallel Euro PCT route, then such a patent, when granted, would supersede the Irish patent granted via this new route.

For further details, please consult the legislation under Section 127A of the Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019 and Rule 87A of the Patents (Amendment) Rules 2019, S.I 589/2019 at, respectively:

www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2019/act/19/enacted/en/pdf

www.ipoi.gov.ie/en/law-practice/legislation/patents-and-spcs/rules-regulations/s-i-no-589-of-2019.pdf

PCT Information Update

AZ Azerbaijan (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees have changed with effect from 27 May 2019:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	[no change]	
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	7
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	AZN	7
Annual fee for the 3 rd year:	AZN	50
- or where all applicants are natural persons:	AZN	10

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (AZ))

CR Costa Rica (fee reduction)

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of changes to the conditions for reduction of the filing fee component of the national fee, applicable since 18 December 2019, as follows:

The filing fee is reduced by 70% where the international application has been filed by natural persons, micro or small enterprises, as defined in Law No. 8262 of Costa Rica, public institutions of higher education or public institutes for scientific or technology research.

For further information, including details about how to request the fee reduction, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CR), footnote 3.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CR), footnote 3)

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2020, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the EPO as designated (or elected) Office (other fees not indicated will not change):

Filing fee:		
- for online filings:	EUR	125

– for non-online filings:	EUR	260
Additional fee for pages in excess of 35 for the 36 th and each subsequent page:	EUR	16
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:	EUR	610
Claims fee:		
– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR	245
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	610
Search fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	920
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,350
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:	[No change]	
– other cases:	EUR	265
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	240
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,900
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,900
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,700
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR	490

There will also be a change in the amount of the reduction in the search fee payable in the following situation (other reductions not indicated will not change):

The search fee is reduced by EUR 1,150 for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on Centralization by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute.

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

ID Indonesia (means of telecommunication; fees)

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

The amounts of two components of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have changed. The new amounts, applicable since 3 May 2019, are as follows:

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	IDR	75,000
Substantive examination fee:	IDR	3,000,000

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (ID) and National Chapter, Summary (ID))

IT Italy (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name of the Advanced Biotechnology Center (ABC), an International Depository Authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed to IRCCS Ospedale Policlinico San Martino.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L)

KG Kyrgyzstan (fees)

The State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has notified the IB of the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount payable is KGS 4,000. Please note the following:

- the fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual;
- the amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (for example, DHL); and
- for non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (KG))

MA Morocco (fees)

The transmittal fee is no longer payable to the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) with effect from 1 October 2017, and the fee for priority document is no longer payable to the Office with effect from 1 January 2018.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (MA))

NL Netherlands (fax number)

The Netherlands Patent Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (NL))

RO Romania (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2020:

Transmittal fee:.....	RON	475
Fee for priority document:.....	RON	95

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (RO))

SA Saudi Arabia (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name, location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail and Internet addresses of the Saudi Patent Office (SPO) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)
Location and mailing address:	As Sahafah, Olaya St. 6531, 3059 Riyadh 13321 Saudi Arabia
Telephone:	(966-11) 280 59 76, 280 60 09
Fax:	(966-11) 280 60 02
E-mail:	pct@saip.gov.sa
Internet:	https://www.saip.gov.sa/

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (SA))

TN Tunisia (date of effect of fee – corrigendum)

The transmittal fee payable to the National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia) as receiving Office entered into effect on 2 January 2020, and not 25 December 2019, as was indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2020.

UG Uganda (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 April 2020, by the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

Search fee (European Patent Office, Israel Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 March 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office (changes in the equivalent amounts in other currencies were announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2020), and as from 1 April 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search

carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

For information about the reduction applicable, with effect from 1 April 2020, in respect of fees payable to the European Patent Office for an international search, see “EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees”, above.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex D (EP, IL and US))

Supplementary search fee (European Patent Office)

For information about the reduction applicable, with effect from 1 April 2020, in respect of fees payable to the European Patent Office for a supplementary international search, see “EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees”, above.

Preliminary examination fee (European Patent Office)

For information about the reduction applicable, with effect from 1 April 2020, in respect of fees payable to the European Patent Office for an international preliminary examination, see “EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees”, above.

New/Updated PCT Resources

Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States

With the aim of harmonizing the tables of information on the PCT website, the above-mentioned table, which was available in PDF format, has been prepared in HTML format in order to make it more user-friendly. Furthermore, the table has been updated with effect from 2 January 2020. The new link to this resource in English is:

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

PCT Applicant’s Guide (English, French and Russian versions)

The English, French and Russian versions of the “Introduction to the International Phase” of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, which contains detailed information on the international phase of the PCT, were updated on 13 January 2020, and have been published at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/guide/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/guide/index.html

The updated Spanish version is under preparation.

More resources available in Korean

A PowerPoint presentation and recording of a webinar in Korean on recent PCT developments and changes in 2020, which aired on 31 January 2020, is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ko/seminar/webinars/index.html

Practical advice index in Japanese

An index of the Practical Advice segments of the *PCT Newsletter* from January 2007 to December 2019 is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/newslett/practical_advice/pa_2007_2019.pdf

This index sets forth, on the left-hand side, the English version of each Practical Advice, and on the right-hand side, the Japanese translation thereof.

PATENTSCOPE News

PCT patent families

You can now find information related to patent families for PCT applications in PATENTSCOPE. A new option, under “Refine Options”, will give access to family members and the indication “PCT family” will appear in the documents in question.

Each of the more than 2.7 million unique PCT patent families available in PATENTSCOPE includes:

- a PCT member considered to be the main representative of the family;
- national applications that have specified a prior PCT application;
- national phase entry records; and
- the priority application of the PCT application when it is a unique and first publication.

New searchable CPC field

Also new in PATENTSCOPE is the searchable CPC (Cooperative Patent Classification⁴) field. PATENTSCOPE now contains more than 200 million CPC entries corresponding to more than 40 million distinct filings, under which 99% of PCT applications are classified.

National collection of Japan

The national collection of Japan has been expanded to include data as of 1964 (it previously held data published as of 1993), and is available in the PATENTSCOPE search system at:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/advancedSearch.jsf>

Furthermore, filing and publication numbers have been harmonized, thus removing any ambiguity in the identification of filing and application numbers that had previously been encountered with different representations of the year according to the Gregorian and Japanese calendars.

Improvement in search results

The stemming for many languages, including Arabic, Bulgarian, Danish, Estonian, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Romanian, Spanish, Swedish, has been improved and leads to more

⁴ A patent classification jointly developed by the European Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

relevant search results. It is recalled that stemming uses the root form of a keyword in order to find a word with the same root. For example, using the keyword “electrical” finds documents containing “electricity”, “electric”, etc.

These new features were described in a webinar, the recording of which is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=312&items=20

Survey on WIPO’s New Digital IP Service

WIPO will launch a new digital IP service later this year and would welcome your feedback in order to meet your needs more effectively.

The new service will help inventors and creators, individuals and businesses add an additional layer of safekeeping for their valuable digital IP assets. It will complement any existing IP strategy for your PCT applications, as well as your trademark applications (under the Madrid System) or design applications (under the Hague System).

The pre-launch survey, which is available in English only, takes about 10 minutes to complete. It seeks your opinion about the application of this type of IP service in your area, the main features of the service, and some marketing elements.

By completing the survey you will have a chance to help shape this new service. Thank you in advance for participating – your views are very important to us.

The survey is available at:

<https://surveys.ipsosinteractive.com/surveys/?pid=S20001884&Qsource=1&id=>

Practical Advice

Meeting the requirements for restoration of the right of priority under the “due care” criterion

Q: For reasons beyond my control, I failed to file an international application within the 12-month priority period, and was only able to file it two days after the expiration of that period. The designated Offices where I intend to enter the national phase require, in order to restore the right of priority, that the applicant’s failure to file within the priority period occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken. I would like to know what I need to submit to maximize the likelihood that the receiving Office, which checks that criterion, makes a positive finding as to the due care criterion. Also, could you give me some idea of the kind of circumstances in which due care could be considered to have been taken?

A: Full details on how to make a request for restoration of the right of priority were given in the Practical Advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2015 at:

www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2015/pct_news_2015_9.pdf

It is recalled that, in addition to requesting restoration of the right of priority, either under Box No. VI of the request form (PCT/RO/101) or by way of a letter to the receiving Office submitted

within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e)⁵, you must also furnish within that same time limit a “statement of reasons” explaining why you failed to file the international application within the priority period (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(ii)). The statement of reasons should take into consideration the restoration criterion which you seek to satisfy, and it should preferably be accompanied by a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(iii)).

In order to meet the “due care” criterion (as opposed to the less stringent criterion of “unintentionality”, for which a simple declaration is generally sufficient), the statement of reasons should describe in detail the specific facts and circumstances that led to the late filing, as well as any remedial or alternative steps taken to attempt a timely filing of the international application. Generally, the standard of having exercised “due care” within the meaning of PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(a)(i) can only be met if the applicant has taken all measures which a reasonably prudent applicant would have taken.

In determining whether the applicant exercised the “due care” of a reasonably prudent person, the receiving Office considers the facts and circumstances of each particular case. It is not sufficient for an applicant to demonstrate that, in general, he/she has taken all precautions to adhere to time limits for filing international applications. Instead, the applicant must show that he/she exercised all “due care” for the particular application in question. The receiving Office will engage in a factual analysis of the applicant’s specific acts related to the filing of the international application up to the expiration of the priority period.

Where the applicant is represented by an agent, both the applicant and the agent must show that they exercised “due care” in order to satisfy that criterion. As far as the applicant is concerned, the appointment of a qualified representative would, under normal circumstances, generally be sufficient to satisfy the criterion of “due care”.

While each receiving Office engages in its own case-by-case analysis, the *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines* (www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro.pdf) contain examples of circumstances where a receiving Office may find the “due care” criterion to be satisfied. The examples in the *Guidelines* will give you an idea of how detailed, in your situation, the statement of reasons would need to be and help you determine what, if any, evidence should be submitted to support your statement.

For example, in the case where the failure to meet the priority period was due to human error by the agent’s or applicant’s administrative staff (non-attorneys such as assistants or paralegals) who has been entrusted with the performance of certain administrative tasks:

“A prudent applicant or agent carefully chooses, trains and monitors the work of a reliable, experienced, adequately trained and supervised employee. A human error by an assistant in the docketing, monitoring, preparation or filing of the international application is not attributed to the applicant or agent if the applicant or agent can show that “due care” was exercised in the management of the assistant and the failure to file within the priority period in this particular case was an isolated human error. In the statement of reasons, the applicant or agent should usually outline the number of years the assistant has been entrusted with the particular task, the level of training and supervision provided to the

⁵ The time limit under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e) is two months from the expiration of the priority period, unless early international publication has been requested earlier than this, in which case it is prior to the completion of technical preparations for international publication.

assistant and whether the assistant has performed all his [or her] duties diligently in the past.” [*PCT Receiving Office Guidelines*, paragraph 166M(f)]

Further examples of common reasons for failure to file the international application within the priority period can be found at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ro/ro166a_166t.html#_166m

It should be noted that, while the same standard cannot be expected from an individual inventor or a small or medium-sized enterprise, any applicant or agent is expected to set up an efficient and reliable reminder, supervision and back-up system which corresponds to best practices in the field.

If the receiving Office finds that the statement of reasons and any evidence provided by the applicant is not sufficient to make a determination as to whether the relevant criterion would be fulfilled, it will, before refusing the request for restoration, inform the applicant of its intention to refuse restoration of the right of priority and give the applicant the opportunity to provide any observations, evidence or declarations within a (further) time limit set by the Office by issuing Form PCT/RO/158 (Notification of Intended Refusal of Request to Restore Right of Priority and/or Invitation to Furnish Declaration or Other Evidence). After the expiration of the applicable time limit, the Office will make a determination as to whether the criterion in question has been met or not, based on any reply received, and notify the applicant by issuing Form PCT/RO/159 (Notification of Decision on Request to Restore Priority).

Where a statement of reasons is not sufficient, it may be supplemented as described above, but if no statement of reasons was provided at all during the time limit indicated in PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e), please be aware that ***the receiving Office will normally refuse the request to restore the right of priority, indicating that the refusal is because the statement of reasons was missing.***

If you are concerned about any possible publication by the IB of confidential documents submitted to the receiving Office as evidence relating to your request for restoration, the receiving Office may, upon receipt of a reasoned request by the applicant, or on its own decision, not transmit to the IB such evidence where it is considered confidential, and that information would consequently not be made publicly available (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(h-*bis*)). Examples of information which might qualify under that Rule are private details of persons involved in the late filing of the international application, such as the name of a paralegal, or medical certificates stating the nature of an illness. You may even decide to already expunge from the document from the start such confidential information which is not necessary for the receiving Office to decide on the request for restoration.

For information on which Offices accept requests for restoration of the right of priority and which criterion (if they only apply one criterion) they apply, as well as information on any fees payable to the Office for making such a request, please refer to the table at:

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

Please note that applicants may also request restoration of priority rights in the national phase (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2), to the extent that the designated Office accepts such a request and applies the criterion concerned. Any such request must be filed with each designated Office concerned within one month from the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22. More information can be found in the restoration table at the above-mentioned link.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 18 February 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25-26 March 2020 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
21 April 2020 Bolzano (IT)	Italian/ English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Grazioli, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Cocorocchia	WIPO in cooperation with the Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Simona Marzetti) Tel: (39-06) 4705 5678 E-mail: simona.marzetti@mise.gov.it Internet: www.mise.gov.it www.uibm.gov.it/
29 April 2020 Nantes (FR)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Zikova, Mr. Germeil	WIPO in cooperation with the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Mr. Fabrice Perrono) Tel: (33-01) 71 08 71 63 E-mail: fperrono@inpi.fr Internet: http://www.inpi.fr
30 April 2020 Birmingham (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the CIPA Student Conference 2020 WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
4 May 2020 Istanbul (TR) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr
5 May 2020 Monaco (MC)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Zikova, Mr. Germeil	WIPO in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco) Tel: (377) 98 98 98 01 E-mail: mcipo@gouv.mc Internet: https://mcipo.gouv.mc/
15-16 June 2020 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl Other speaker: to be announced	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-703) 622 23 18 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
18-19 June 2020 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pablo Calvo Ramón and Ms. Ruth Sánchez Sánchez) E-mail: pcalvo@abg-ip.com; RSS@elzaburu.es
9 July 2020 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
24-25 September 2020 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
28 September 2020 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk

PCT Webinars

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html>)
(<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/>)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
10 March 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 12 March 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: PATENTSCOPE for experts WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2679514638585844748
21 April 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 23 April 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5651077853559297291
5 May 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 7 May 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Translation tools available in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/3224228092150857995
16 June 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 18 June 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: The result list in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4079833956025738763

Other IP events**International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 25-29 March 2020 [POSTPONED until 16-20 September 2020]**

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 25 to 29 March 2020 [POSTPONED until 16-20 September 2020]. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/

World IP Day, 26 April 2020

Celebrations of World IP Day will take place in various places. Further information is available at:

www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/

International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020

The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at:

www.iena.de/en/home.html

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona
IA	international application	BND	Brunei dollar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYN	Belarusian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISR	international search report	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish Lira
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	INR	Indian rupee	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	JPY	Japanese yen	PLN	Polish zloty	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DJF	Djibouti franc	KES	Kenyan shilling	QAR	Qatari riyal	XCD	East Caribbean Dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won (KP)	RON	New leu	ZAR	South African rand
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won (KR)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUB	Russian rouble		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,984	22	–	298	448	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 89.25	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,779	20	–	268	401	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,337	eq USD ⁹ 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none ¹⁰	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: USD 212 on paper: USD 289	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	406,200	4,600	–	61,100	91,600	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹³	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³	92	or EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	
	or USD ¹³	101	or USD	1,337	15	101	201	302	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	No fee for e-filings		IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)							
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)							
IS	ISK	17,300	ISK	166,200	1,900	–	25,000	37,500	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁶	JPY	143,200	1,600	–	–	32,300	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁷	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹⁹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD – ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²⁰	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CLEPESKRSESG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 12,210	140	–	1,840	2,750	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,126	24	–	320	479	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ¹⁹	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	ATAUEGEPUS
PA	USD 240	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	ATBRCLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR 10.77 (online filing) EUR 21.53 (paper filing)	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON 475	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,700 ²²	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD – ¹⁹	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,847	21	–	278	417	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²³	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV	None ²⁴	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD – ¹⁹	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
TJ	TJS	— ¹⁹	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	EP RU
TM	USD	— ¹⁹	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330		15	—	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330		15	—	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,337		15	—	—	—	EP RU UA
UG	UGX	— ¹⁹	UGX eq USD	1,337	eq USD	15	—	—	—	EP SG
US	USD	240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD	1,337		15	101	201	—	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS	306,830 ²⁸	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330		15	—	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available									
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	20,250		230	—	3,050	4,570	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,337	eq USD	15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹													
AT ²⁹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	KRW	2,334,000	SGD	2,693	USD	1,950	ZAR	29,530		
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,475	EUR	1,350	KRW	1,775,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	2,048		
	USD	1,483	ZAR	22,460										
BR ⁸	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	410	EUR	376	USD	413				
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	615	EUR	563	USD	618				
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,196	EUR	1,095	USD	1,203						
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,989	EUR	1,820								
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364				
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :				USD	300	CHF	298	EUR	273				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	292	EUR	267	USD	294						
EG ³¹	EGP	4,000	CHF	244	EUR	223	USD	245						
EP ³²	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	GBP	1,583	HUF	592,200	ISK	242,300		
	JPY	208,800	NOK	17,800	NZD	3,099	SEK	19,300	SGD	2,693	USD	1,950		
	ZAR	29,530												
ES ³²	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	USD	1,950								
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	USD	1,950								
IL	ILS*	3,567	CHF*	1,011	EUR*	925	USD*	1,016						
	*(from 1.3.20:		ILS	3,582	CHF	1,009	EUR	932	USD	1,036)				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	140	EUR	128	USD	141						
	In case of filing by an individual:													
	INR	2,500	CHF	35	EUR	32	USD	35						
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese:													
	JPY	70,000	CHF	650	EUR	595	KRW	783,000	USD	654				
	For IAs in English:													
	JPY	156,000	CHF	1,449	EUR	1,326	SGD	2,012	USD	1,457				
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean:													
	SGD	519	USD	376										
	For IAs in English:				KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,487	CHF	997	EUR	913	NZD	1,594
	SGD	1,385	USD	1,003										

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹													
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	994	EUR	910								
	Small entity or government ³⁵ :			USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364					
RU	For IAs in Russian:													
	RUB	8,500	CHF	130	EUR	119	USD	131						
For IAs in English:														
	RUB	40,000	CHF	613	EUR	561	USD	616						
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800		
	USD	1,950												
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,613	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600	USD	1,622				
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950						
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	109	USD	110				
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	328	USD	330				
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD*	3,306	ZAR	31,500				
	*(from 1.4.20:		NZD	3,135)										
	For small entity ²⁷ :				USD	1,040	CHF	1,034	EUR	947	NZD*	1,653	ZAR	15,750
	*(from 1.4.20:		NZD	1,567)										
For micro entity ²⁷ :				USD	520	CHF	517	EUR	473	NZD*	826	ZAR	7,870	
*(from 1.4.20:		NZD	784)											
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800	SEK	19,300		
	USD	1,950												
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF	592,200	USD	1,950						

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939 ³²	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 181	CHF 200
	CHF 289 ³⁷	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,613	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

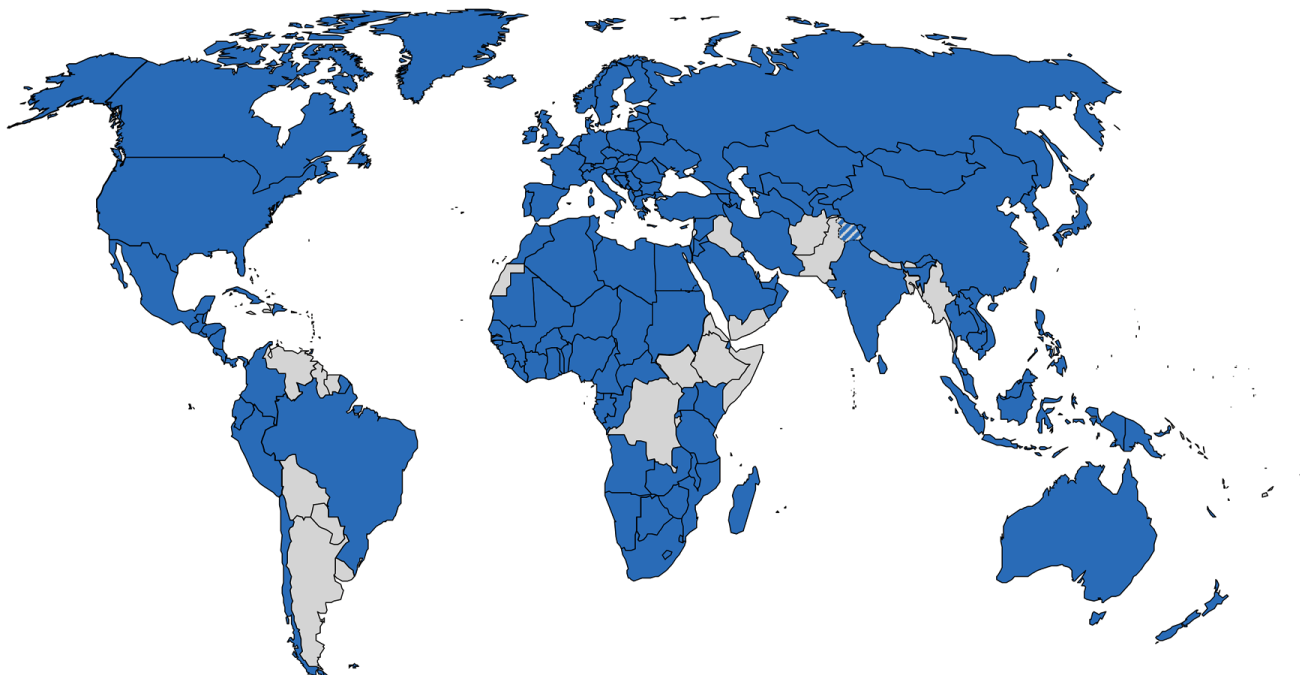
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁸		Handling fee^{2,38} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁹	EUR	183
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁹	AUD	298
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	800	CAD	268
CL	USD	1,500	USD	201
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400			
	in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300			
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	201
EP	EUR	1,830 ³²	EUR	183
ES	EUR	583.65 ³²	EUR	183
FI	EUR	600	EUR	183
IL	ILS	1,529 (from 1.3.20: ILS 1,535)	ILS	706
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000		USD	201
JP³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY	21,500
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	241,000
PH	USD	500	USD	201
	Small entity or government: ³⁵	USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴⁰ 6,750 ⁴¹	USD	201
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴⁰ 24,000 ⁴¹		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,990
SG	SGD	830	SGD	278
TR	TRY	1,000	CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70		EUR	183
US	USD	600 760 ⁴²	USD	201
	For small entity ²⁷ :	USD 300 380 ⁴²		
	For micro entity ²⁷ :	USD 150 190 ⁴²		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,370
XV	EUR	900	EUR	183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The collection of the CNY 500 transmittal fee was suspended by the Office as from 1 August 2018 and the applicant is not required to pay this fee from that date.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 12 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 17 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 24 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 26 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 29 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, (and with effect from 1 April 2020, the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO), are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 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).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DJ Djibouti	JO Jordan	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KH Cambodia ³	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros (OA) ²	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Eswatini (AP) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	KW Kuwait	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia ⁶
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro ⁵	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

² May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

³ Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2018.

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

⁵ Only extension of European patent possible. Applicants wishing to obtain patent protection in Montenegro should enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) and seek the extension of the European patent application and the granted European patent to Montenegro as there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro.

⁶ Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2017.

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

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Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2019). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.