

PCT NEWSLETTER

www.wipo.int/pct/en

January 2024 | No. 01/2024

PCT Text Processing Task Force

The first session of the newly created PCT Text Processing Task Force will take place as a virtual meeting from 29 to 31 January 2024. The aim of the Task Force is to advise the International Bureau on how to update the filing, processing and publication requirements within the PCT to facilitate more effective and widespread filing and processing of international applications in full text format in the international phase. The International Bureau believes that this should improve the quality of PCT publication, reduce formalities defects, bring about greater efficiency, provide more self-service options for applicants, and enable the delivery of new services, including the filing and publication of color drawings. To achieve these goals, the International Bureau has established this Task Force to seek expert input from Offices performing functions under the PCT and representatives of user organizations with observer status in the PCT working Group on changes to enable the further development of processing in full text format. Documents for the session are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=81130

Acceptance of Documents in Pre-Conversion Format

A new table, with information on the acceptance by receiving Offices of documents in pre-conversion format, is now available on the WIPO website. Under Section 706 of the PCT Administrative Instructions, receiving Offices may permit the applicant, when filing an international application electronically, to also submit the document in the original electronic format from which the body of the international application has been converted (the “pre-conversion document”), so that if the international application, as filed, is later found to contain errors due to the conversion, the pre-conversion document may be relied upon to correct the errors. The table sets out the current practices of the receiving Offices which have notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a)(iv) and is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/preconversion-format.html>

PCT Working Group Meeting Documents

It is recalled that the seventeenth session of the PCT Working Group will be held in Geneva from 19 to 21 February 2024. Documents are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=80912

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

New/Updated ISA and IPEA Agreements

State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations”

Further to the amendments approved at the 55th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023, an updated version of the Agreement between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as in force from 14 July 2023, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ua.pdf>

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/fr/docs/agreements/ag-ua.pdf>

Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Rules with National Laws

China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), in its capacity as designated Office (DO/CN) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the withdrawal, with effect from 20 January 2024, of the following notifications of incompatibility with its national law:

- the notification under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (concerning incorporation by reference of missing elements or parts);
- the notification under PCT Rule 20.8(b-bis) (concerning incorporation by reference of erroneously filed elements or parts);
- the notification under PCT Rule 49^{ter}.1(a) to (d) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office);
- the notification under PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2(a) to (g) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office).

Furthermore, the Office in its capacity as designated Office has notified the IB that PCT Rules 49^{ter}.1(a) to (d) and 49^{ter}.2(a) to (g) will apply to international applications if the two-month period from the date of entry into the Chinese national phase expires on or after 20 January 2024.

The information in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (CN), as well as the tables of “Restoration of the right of priority” and “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” will be updated accordingly at, respectively:

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

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

PCT Information Update

CA Canada (e-mail address; fees)

The e-mail address of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office has changed, as follows:

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

As from 1 January 2024, there has been a change in the amount of the transmittal fee payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office. The new amount is CAD 416.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (CA) and Annex C (CA))

EA (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing).....RUB	50,000
---	--------

Claim fee:

- | | |
|--|-------|
| - for each claim in excess of five.....RUB | 5,500 |
| - for each claim in excess of 20.....RUB | 6,000 |
| - for each claim in excess of 50.....RUB | 7,000 |

Examination fee:

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

The Office has also notified the International Bureau (IB) of the conditions for reductions in the national fee – the unitary procedural fee is reduced as follows:

- (i) by 40% where an international search report has been established by the EAPO; or
- (ii) by 25% where an international search report has been established by an Office acting as an International Searching Authority under the PCT.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (fees)

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the IB that, with effect from 15 January 2024, a fee of EUR 200 is payable to it as designated (or elected) Office for the validation of a European patent in Georgia, granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 15 January 2024.

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

FI Finland (fees)

The Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) has notified the IB of a change in the amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to the Office as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	500
--	-----	-----

There has also been a change in some of the components of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Basic fee:	EUR	540
------------------	-----	-----

Basic fee for an electronically-filed application:	EUR	430
--	-----	-----

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 15:	[No change]	
---	-------------	--

Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	EUR	140
--	-----	-----

Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR	135
--	-----	-----

For a utility model:

Registration fee	EUR	280
------------------------	-----	-----

for an application filed electronically:	EUR	230
--	-----	-----

Additional fee for each claim in excess of five:	EUR	25
--	-----	----

Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	EUR	120
--	-----	-----

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

GE Georgia (types of protection)

The National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI) has notified the IB that since 15 January 2024, it is possible to validate European patents in Georgia for international applications filed on or after that date. For further information, see:

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/12/a105.html>

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (GE) and the table of "Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States")

IB International Bureau (fees)

With effect from 1 January 2024, there has been a change in the equivalent amounts of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document in EUR, payable to the IB as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	104
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	52
- Supplement for airmail:	EUR	[no change]

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

PL Poland (provisions of national law)

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

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

RO Romania (fees)

As from 1 January 2024, there has been a change in the amount of the transmittal fee payable to the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) as receiving Office. The new amount is RON 497.

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

US United States of America (filing of documents in pre-conversion format)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that it does not accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application in accordance with Section 706 of the PCT Administrative Instructions.

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Egyptian Patent Office, Indian Patent Office, Israel Patent Office, Visegrad Patent Institute)

Further to information published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 21 September 2023 (page 180) (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/official-notices/officialnotices23.pdf#page=180>) concerning amendments to the agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) and the IB, the VPI has notified the IB of the following fees, with effect from 1 January 2024:

International-type search fee:

- | | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| - if requested in HU, PL, SK national application | EUR | 600 |
| - if requested in other national application | EUR | 800 |

With effect from the same date, the Office has also notified a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the search fee – where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States, 40% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier international search report or international-type search report, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

As from 1 March 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Egyptian Patent Office and the Indian Patent Office, and the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office. The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (EG, IL, IN and XV))

New/Updated PCT Resources

New ePCT video tutorials for applicants

The following new ePCT video tutorials have been added to the collection of [ePCT video tutorials for applicants](#):

- Access Rights (https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/access_rights.html):
 - What should I do before leaving the company?
 - What to do if the sole eOwner left the company
- WIPO Account (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/tutorials.html>):
 - Best practice with your WIPO Account
- ePCT Actions (https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/epct_actions.html):
 - Delete draft and remove new IA from Workbench

World Intellectual Property Day, 26 April 2024

IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity

World Intellectual Property Day 2024 is an opportunity to shine a light on how intellectual property (IP) supports our drive to build a better future and meet the United Nations [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

The theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2024 is “IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity”.

Join us in celebrating the change makers around the world who are helping to build our common future with innovation and creativity backed by IP rights.

If you want to get involved and are looking for inspiration, check out the suggested activities, resources, and promotional materials at:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2024-sdgs/index>

For more information, including information on how to develop your own customized World Intellectual Property Day campaign in line with your public awareness goals and to maximize impact among your target audiences, visit the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2024-sdgs/create-your-campaign>

Distance Learning Course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

It is recalled that the online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction and general overview of the PCT System, and is entirely self-study, with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. If you are interested in taking the course, which is free of charge and is available in all ten PCT publication languages, you can register on the WIPO Academy page at:

<https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf>

Enquiries should be addressed to:

PCT.DistanceLearning@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Best practices for managing your WIPO Account

Q: My company is currently assessing our security policy and evaluating where improvements can be made. Could you please advise me on how I can ensure the security and accessibility of my PCT applications in ePCT?

A: Maintaining the security and accessibility of your PCT applications in ePCT is crucial. For security and confidentiality reasons a WIPO Account can only be created in the name of individuals (not entities), so that each action taken by a WIPO Account holder is traceable to an

individual person. Please follow these best practices to safeguard your WIPO Account and ensure uninterrupted access to your international applications:

1. Keep your email address updated

Regularly update your email address within your WIPO Account. This email address serves multiple purposes, including for recovery of your username and password, receiving important ePCT notifications regarding the lifecycle of your PCT applications, staying informed about new releases, features and functionalities in ePCT and the availability of new webinars. Please note that each email address can only be associated with one WIPO Account.

2. Record a recovery email

It is important to set up a recovery email in case you lose access to the email address registered with your WIPO Account. This preemptive measure ensures that you can retrieve your username and/or password and regain control of your WIPO Account at all times. Visit [WIPO's Learn More](#) page for detailed information on recording a recovery email.

3. Use two strong authentication methods

In addition to your username and password, always set up at least two of our authentication methods for your WIPO Account. This ensures that you can log in securely to ePCT even if one authentication method becomes unavailable. Access our [strong authentication](#) page for more information, and make sure you maintain good security measures such as regularly updating your password and never sharing your password with others.

4. Have two eOwners for each application

Streamline access rights management by assigning at least two eOwners to each application in your workbench. This practice is particularly helpful if one eOwner leaves your company or is unable to access their WIPO Account, providing a smooth transfer of access rights to a new team member. Additionally, to enhance security further, regularly monitor who you have given access rights to and be sure to revoke access rights for those persons who have left your company. Further details are available [here](#).

5. Download your list of international applications as an Excel table

Download the list of all the international applications in your workbench and save it as an Excel table. This precautionary step ensures that you have access to this important information outside of ePCT. In the event of account access issues, having this data at hand is vital in case you need to request access rights again for your international applications. For detailed instructions, please refer to the [ePCT video tutorial](#).

These best practices contribute to the overall security and efficiency of managing your WIPO Account. This information can be found in the ePCT video tutorial at:

<https://multimedia.wipo.int/wipo/en/pct/epct-best-practice-wipo-account.mp4>

For additional guidance on making changes to your WIPO Account, please consult our [Change WIPO Account details](#) page.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf)
(situation on 22 January 2024)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
20 June 2024 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier E-mail : info@paulroubier.com Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08

Other IP events

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 17-21 April 2024

The 49th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 17 to 21 April 2019. Further information is available at:

<https://inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/>

World IP Day, 26 April 2024

World IP Day is celebrated globally. For information visit:

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

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 January 2024, 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—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYP	Syrian pounds
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISR	international search report	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		AMD	Armenian dram	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
		AUD	Australian dollar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
		AZN	Azerbaijani manat	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	SAT	Samoan tala		
		BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar		
		BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham		

Currencies:

ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2} (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
							Item 4(a) ⁴ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁵ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁶ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,454	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU	
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,454	16	–	219	328	AT EP SE	
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,274	26	–	342	513	AU KR	
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,454	16	–	219	328	EA EP RU	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,381	16	–	–	–	EP	
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU	
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,454	16	–	–	–	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 ⁷ online: on paper: ⁸	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US	
BW	USD	32	USD	1,454	16	–	–	–	EP	
BY	BYN	90.65	USD	1,454	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,454	16	–	–	–	CA EP	
CA	CA	416	CAD	1,979	22	–	298	446	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹	130	CLP eq USD ⁹	1,454	eq USD ⁹ 16	–	eq USD ⁹ 208	eq USD ⁹ 328	BR CL EP ES KR US	
CN	CNY	none	CNY	10,620	120	–	1,600	2,400	CN EP ¹⁰	
CO	COP online: on paper:	419,640 503,470	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU	
CR	USD online: on paper:	237 289	USD	1,454	16	–	219	328	CL EP ES	

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – ¹¹	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,300	120	–	1,550	2,320	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,454 or EUR 1,381	16 or 16	– or –	219 or 208	328 or 311	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 145	EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,197	13	–	180	270	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,454	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,454	16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 536,300	6,000	–	80,600	121,000	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 104 or USD ¹⁴ 109	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,381 or USD 1,454	15 or 16 or 16	100 or 104 or 109	200 or 208 or 219	300 or 311 or 328	Refer to footnote 15
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 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
IL	ILS 618	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 202,100	2,300	–	30,400	45,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,454	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁸	JPY 217,700	2,500	–	–	49,100	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	EA EP RU

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,454	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
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 ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,454	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,454	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
LY	LYD – ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,454	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87 ²² (natural persons) USD 375.50 ²² (legal persons)	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 550 ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,630	180	–	2,350	3,520	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,436	27	–	366	550	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ²¹	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,454	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	AT AU EGE P US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,454	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,454	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	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 online: 11.80 on paper: 23.59	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,454	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON 497	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD – ²¹	USD 1,454	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 15,990	180	–	2,410	3,610	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,995	23	–	300	450	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 66 ²⁵	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
SV	none ²⁶	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	CL EP ES

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
						Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
SY	SYP	5,000	USD	1,454	16	–	219	328	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²¹	USD	1,454	16	–	219	328	EA EP RU
TM	USD	– ²¹	USD	1,454	16	–	–	–	EA 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	1,454	16	–	219	328	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,454	16	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office		UGX eq USD	1,454	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD	260 ²⁸	USD	1,454	16	109	219	–	AU EP IL JP KR SG US
		small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸							
UZ	UZS	245,000 ³⁰	USD	1,454	16	–	219	328	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT	200	USD	1,454	16	–	219	328	EP PH
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	27,820	310	–	4,180	6,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,454	16	–	219	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,454	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ³¹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,710	KRW	2,536,000	SGD	2,565	USD	1,870	ZAR	35,770
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,287	EUR	1,336	KRW	1,913,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	1,930
	USD	1,407	ZAR	26,920								
BR ⁷	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	306	EUR	318	USD	335		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	459	EUR	476	USD	502		
CA	CAD	2,220	CHF	1,492	EUR	1,549	USD	1,631				
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,829	EUR	1,899						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD	400	CHF	366	EUR	380				
	In case of filing by a university ³² :		USD	300	CHF	274	EUR	285				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	263	EUR	273	USD	288				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:											
	RUB	9,000	CHF	83	EUR*	86	USD*	91				
	*(from 1.2.24:											
					EUR	91	USD	99)				
	For searches carried out in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF	370	EUR*	384	USD*	405				
	*(from 1.2.24:											
					EUR	406	USD	441)				
EG ³³	EGP	4,000	CHF*	118	EUR	123	USD	129				
	*(from 1.3.24:											
			CHF	110)								
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,710	DKK	13,240	GBP	1,538	HUF	690,700	ISK	259,900
	JPY	280,000	NOK	20,090	NZD	3,132	SEK	20,560	SGD	2,565	USD	1,870
	ZAR	35,770										
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,710	USD	1,870						
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,710	USD	1,870						
IL	ILS*	3,820	CHF*	912	EUR*	946	USD	997				
	*(from 1.3.24:											
	ILS	3,962	CHF	907	EUR	974)						

[continued on next page]

Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	110	EUR	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120		
	*(from 1.3.24:		CHF	102)								
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF*	28	EUR	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30		
	*(from 1.3.24:		CHF	26)								
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	143,000	CHF	874	EUR	907	KRW	1,304,000	USD	955		
	For IAs in English:											
	JPY	169,000	CHF	1,033	EUR	1,072	SGD	1,549	USD	1,129		
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552		
	SGD	452	USD	330								
	For IAs in English:											
	KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473		
	SGD	1,206	USD	879								
PH	USD	600	CHF	549	EUR	570						
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :		USD	200	CHF	183	EUR	190				
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF	79	EUR*	82	USD*	86				
	*(from 1.2.24:					EUR	86	USD	94)			
	For IAs in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF	370	EUR*	384	USD*	405				
	*(from 1.2.24:					EUR	406	USD	441)			
SE	SEK	20,560	CHF	1,710	DKK	13,240	EUR	1,775	ISK	259,000	NOK	20,090
	USD	1,870										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY	244,300	KRW	2,218,000	USD	1,633
TR	TRY	51,340	CHF	1,710	EUR	1,775	USD	1,870				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:											
					EUR	100	CHF	96	USD	105		
	For IAs in English, French or German:											
					EUR	300	CHF	289	USD	316		
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,994	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR	41,680		
	For small entity ²⁹ :		USD	872	CHF	798	EUR	828	NZD	1,461	ZAR	16,670
	For micro entity ²⁹ :		USD	436	CHF	399	EUR	414	NZD	730	ZAR	8,340
XN	DKK	13,240	CHF	1,710	EUR	1,775	ISK	259,900	NOK	20,090	SEK	20,560
	USD	1,870										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,710	HUF	690,700	USD	1,870				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	CHF 819	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,146
	CHF 1,638	
EP	CHF 1,710 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,710	CHF 200
RU	CHF 109	CHF 200
	CHF 175 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,710	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,493	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,710
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 17

[continued on next page]

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 40}
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 87	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 87	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 67	
	– 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 58	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,710	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 517	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,710	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 530	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴¹	Handling fee ^{2, 41} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 208
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴²	AUD 342
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁷	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL 945 ^{7,8}	
CA	CAD 1,110	CAD 298
CL	USD 1,500	USD 219
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400	
	in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,600
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB 6,750	USD 219
	Examination carried out in English: RUB 24,000	
	Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office:	
	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB 4,500	
Examination carried out in English: RUB 16,000		
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 219
EP	EUR 1,840 ³⁴	EUR 208
ES	EUR 595.37 ³⁴	EUR 208
FI	EUR 650	EUR 208
IL	ILS 1,637 (from 1.3.24 : ILS 1,698)	ILS 838
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500	USD 219
	If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000	
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000	JPY 32,700
	For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 299,000
PH	USD 300	USD 219
	Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 150	
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴³ 6,750 ⁴⁴	USD 219
	For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴³ 24,000 ⁴⁴	
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 2,410

[continued on next page]

Table II — Preliminary examination fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 January 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

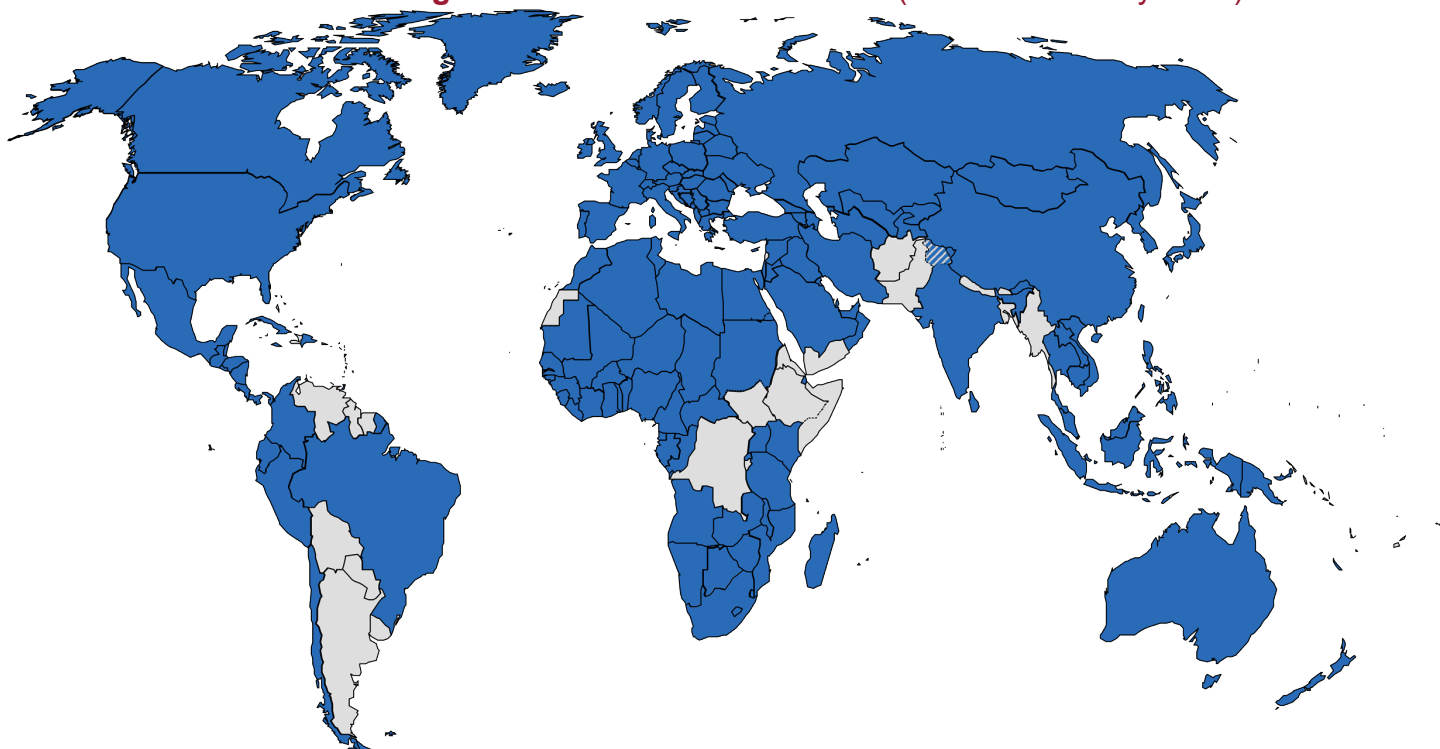
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁵				Handling fee^{2, 41}(CHF 200)	
SG	SGD	830			SGD	300
TR	TRY	1,000			CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA:				EUR	208
				– for IAs in English, French or German:	EUR	160
				– for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian:	EUR	50
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA:					
				– for IAs in English, French or German:	EUR	180
				– for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian:	EUR	70
US	USD	640	800 ⁴⁶		USD	219
				For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	256
				For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	128
						320 ⁴⁶
						160 ⁴⁶
XN	DKK	5,000			DKK	1,550
XV	EUR	900			EUR	208

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

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 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 4 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 7 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, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 8 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 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 EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html. The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026.
- 11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 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. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 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.
- 19 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.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 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.
- 27 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%.
- 28 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.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 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.
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>.
- 31 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).
- 32 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, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 33 This fee 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>.
- 35 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 refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 36 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: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 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.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 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).
- 40 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 41 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 43 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 44 In all cases where footnote 43 does not apply.
- 45 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 46 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—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (157 on 1 January 2024)



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

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 Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

4 Validation of European patent possible (GE from 15 January 2024).

5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.

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).

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 2022). 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

www.wipo.int/pct/en

February 2024 | No. 02/2024

WIPO 2023/2024 PCT User Survey

The latest PCT User Survey was conducted in 2023/2024 in an effort to mainly assess customer satisfaction with the PCT-related services provided directly by WIPO, and to help determine which areas of our PCT services should be improved upon.

The survey, which was available in the 10 PCT publication languages, was duly completed by more than 1,700 respondents.

Respondents were also given the opportunity to provide textual comments and identify areas of suggested improvement. The survey results and the detailed textual comments are being analyzed and will be the basis for an action plan to make improvements in WIPO's PCT services.

Overall, 90% of PCT users indicated they were either "very satisfied" (39%) or "satisfied" (51%) with PCT-related services provided by WIPO. A summary of the results of the survey is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/activity/pct-user-survey-2023-2024.pdf>

We would like to thank those of you who took the time to complete the survey. If you missed the opportunity to take part in the survey, please note that PCT users may send comments and feedback at any time to the e-mail address of the PCT Legal and User Relations Division:

pct.legal@wipo.int

The next PCT User Survey will take place in 2025/2026.

Upcoming 30th Anniversary of the PCT Newsletter

Next month we will be celebrating 30 years of the *PCT Newsletter* – the first issue was published in March 1994. Readers of the *PCT Newsletter* are very welcome to send us their thoughts on the contents and usefulness of the *Newsletter* as well as any ideas on how we can improve it in the future, and we plan to include excerpts from any such submissions in the anniversary issue. Please send us your contributions before the end of February 2024 at the following e-mail address:

pct.newsletter@wipo.int

Please write "PCT Newsletter: 30 years" as the title of your e-mail.

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

It is recalled that, since 1 July 2020, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search or International Preliminary Examining Authority may participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a “participating Office”, in which PCT fees are transferred from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (IB). For further information, please refer to PCT/WG/12/20 at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=436911.

The IB has published a list of the PCT fee transfers that are part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office as of 31 December 2023. The list is available in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 25 January 2024 (from page 25) at:

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

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New two-way PCT-PPH pilot program (Canadian Intellectual Property Office – National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil (INPI))

On 1 February 2024, a new two-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase in one country is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued by the Office of the other country in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH agreement is available at:

<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office/en/new-cipo-inpi-pph-pilot-bilateral-agreement>

https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br/servicos/patentes/pph/arquivos/parceiros/canada/memorando-de-entendimento-entre-o-inpi-e-canada_portugues.pdf

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on this new pilot (https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html).

Exceptional Non-working Days

In the context of the Office closures mentioned below, please note that, 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 an Office fell on a day on which the Office is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business on 9 February 2024, as that day was declared an additional special (non-working) day throughout the country.

United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

Due to inclement weather conditions, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purpose of the transaction of official business on 16 January 2024.

The notice concerning the Office closure has been published on the USPTO website at:

<https://www.uspto.gov/patents/laws/patent-related-notices/patent-related-notices-2024>

This information updates the list of closed dates, as furnished to the IB by Offices, which is available at:

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

PCT Information Update

International filing fee and handling fee payable in US dollars (various Offices)

On 1 March 2024, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in USD of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables. These changes have been reflected in the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/):

- - **Annex C** (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AZ, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CL, CR, DJ, DO, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, HN, IB, IL, IN, IQ, JM, JO, KE, KG, KH, KZ, LR, MD, MW, MX, NI, OM, PA, PE, PG, PH, QA, RU, SA, SC, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, WS, ZM, ZW;
- - **Annex E** (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): CL, EA, EG, IN, PH, RU, US.

BY Belarus (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2024:

Transmittal fee:.....	BYN	98
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:.....	BYN	200

There has also been a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from the same date:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	98
-------------------	-----	----

- Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:.....	BYN	42
Examination fee:	BYN	476
- Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:.....	BYN	280
Annual fee for the third year:.....	BYN	98
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	BYN	196
- Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:.....	BYN	98

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2024, there will be a change in the following fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	100
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	120
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	750

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

Filing fee:		
– for online filings:	EUR	135
– for non-online filings:	EUR	285
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:	EUR	685
Claims fee:		
– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:.....	EUR	275
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:.....	EUR	685
Search fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,040
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,520
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:	[No change]	
– other cases:.....	EUR	300

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	265
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:.....	EUR	2,135
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005, for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	2,135
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,915
Renewal fee for the third year:.....	EUR	690

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 1,300 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 Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute.

There will also be new conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

There has also been a change to footnote 3 (concerning the filing fee) in the National Chapter, Summary (EP), which indicates the reference to the relevant EPO publication relating to that matter.

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

Please note that changes to certain fees relating to the international search, the supplementary international search and the international preliminary examination are published under those categories, below.

For further information about the changes that will enter into force on 1 April 2024 in respect of fees payable to the EPO, please refer to the Decisions of the EPO's Administrative Council of 14 December 2023 and 15 January 2024 at, respectively:

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2024/01/a3.html>

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2024/01/a5.html>

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 March 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document in USD, payable to the IB as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	USD	117
Fee for priority document:.....	USD	59
Supplement for airmail:	USD	12

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 March 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ISK to the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in ISK of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

US United States of America (fees)

For information on the change, with effect from 1 March 2024, in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, please refer to "International filing fee and handling fee payable in US dollars (various Offices)", above.

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

Search fee and other fees relating to international search (European Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Israel Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO))

As from 1 March 2024, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	CHF
Israel Patent Office	USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	CHF
United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	CHF

The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 April 2024, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office. The new amount is indicated below (the equivalent amounts in CHF and USD will be established shortly), together with other fees that will also change:

Search fee:	EUR	1,845
Additional search fee:	EUR	1,845
Protest fee:	EUR	1,020
Review fee:	EUR	1,020
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	265

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

Supplementary search fee (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2024, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for a supplementary international search carried out by the European Patent Office. The new amount is EUR 1,845.

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2024, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable in EUR to the European Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Preliminary examination fee:	EUR	1,915
Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	1,915
Protest fee:	EUR	1,020
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	265

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

Upcoming Webinar on New System to be Implemented by the Japan Patent Office

A webinar addressing the “non-disclosure of selected patent applications” newly implemented by the Japan Patent Office will be hosted by the International Bureau on 13 March 2024. The webinar will explore the newly introduced system and its impact on PCT applications, in light of the new system. The Director General of the Patent Application Non-Disclosure Project from the Japan Patent Office will be present to offer an in-depth explanation of the system’s procedures, its implications for PCT applications, and essential considerations for applicants and agents alike.

The webinar, which will be provided in Japanese only, will take place from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm Japan time (9.00 am to 10.00 am central European time). Registration is free and is available at:

https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/4217079163200/WN_jfFW6GwaTc2z6ZCqwbeAnw

New/Updated PCT Resources

New ePCT video tutorials

ePCT video tutorials for applicants

The following ePCT video tutorials for applicants are now available:

- Upload documents to IB without access rights to application
- Upload documents to IB with access rights to application

The videos provide step-by-step demonstrations of how to upload documents to the International Bureau using ePCT and are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/epct_actions.html

Practical Advice

Where an applicant can file a PCT application and who is entitled to act as agent

Q: As a US intellectual property agent, I am assisting a US client with German nationality who wishes to submit a PCT application. Can my client’s PCT application be filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) and can I represent the applicant as agent?

A: The question of where, or with which receiving Office (RO), an applicant can file a PCT application and who may represent him/her, is primarily determined by the applicant’s nationality and country of residence.

In accordance with Rule 19 of the Regulations under the PCT, the applicant can choose to file an international application with:

- (i) the national Office of (or the Office acting for) the Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident;
- (ii) the national Office of (or the Office acting for) the Contracting State of which the applicant is a national; or

(iii) the International Bureau, irrespective of the applicant's nationality or residence.

Under PCT Article 2(xii), “national Office” includes any intergovernmental authority which several States have entrusted with the task of granting regional patents. If there are multiple applicants, these conditions must apply to at least one of them.

Assuming that your US client is a resident in the United States, this means that your client may file a PCT application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (RO/US), the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (RO/DE) or the European Patent Office (RO/EP) in connection with his or her nationality, or with the International Bureau (RO/IB). However, for inventions that are made in the United States of America, national security measures may apply. This will require you either to obtain a foreign filing license from the USPTO before filing the international application at any of the other three receiving Offices, or to have first filed a patent application for the same invention at the USPTO and six months to have elapsed without any national security order being placed on that earlier application (refer to <https://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s140.html>).

The determination of who is entitled to represent the applicant as an agent during the international phase is dependent on the receiving Office where the application is filed (see PCT Rule 90.1). Each receiving Office establishes its own criteria for representation and we reflect this data in Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>). Where the IB is the receiving Office, only persons with the right to practice before the national or regional Office of the applicant's residence or nationality can be appointed as an agent under PCT Rule 83.1*bis*.

In your case, unless you are registered to practice before the EPO or the German Office, you would only be entitled to represent the applicant for applications filed with the USPTO or the IB. This being said, although you may be restricted from handling the application process as an agent before RO/EP and RO/DE (assuming you are not registered to practice before them), this does not prevent you from filing the PCT application with these Offices on behalf of your client. In cases where an agent cannot be recorded as such, there is the option of being recorded as an “address for correspondence” under PCT Rule 4.4(d). This allows you to receive correspondence which would normally be addressed to the applicant or his/her agent and enables you to make payments on behalf of the applicant. However, as “address for correspondence” you cannot sign the Request form (or any subsequent submissions) as an agent for the applicant. If you are not able to obtain the applicant's signature, any missing or invalid signature in the application would be considered a defect under Article 14 of the PCT (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide* at https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/ip06.html#_correction_defects). This defect will not prevent the applicant from obtaining an international filing date but a replacement sheet with a valid signature must be submitted subsequently. Furthermore, if there is more than one applicant and no agent is acting for them, the order in which applicants are named in the Request form is important since the first named applicant who is entitled to file an international application with the particular receiving Office selected will be considered to be the common representative under Rule 90.2(b) (unless the applicants have themselves appointed one of them as common representative, as highlighted in a Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* 07-08/2014 entitled “The importance of the order in which applicants are named in the request form where no common agent has been appointed”).

A convenient way for you to file the international application would be to use ePCT. By default, the user who creates the new PCT application is set as eOwner and can manage the PCT application process via ePCT. The “external signature” feature allows an authorized signatory

(in this instance, the applicant) to apply a signature to draft documents that are held in ePCT without requiring access to the system. You would also have the option of assigning access rights directly to the applicant so that they can access the application even prior to filing, and apply their signature where required. In this way, you would be able to draft any correspondence necessary for the applicant (for example, a letter requesting a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*, a letter requesting any amendments under Article 19 or a withdrawal of the application) and the applicant could then apply their signature to the correspondence, either as an external signature or directly within ePCT.

For information on the filing of international applications with RO/IB, please refer to:

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

For detailed information on filing using ePCT, please consult:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=567>

Further information on this topic can be found in the “Practical Advice” published in the following issues of the *PCT Newsletter*:

[No. 04/2015](#): Indicating an address for correspondence where a person is not entitled to represent the applicant before the receiving Office;

[No. 03/2019](#): Filing strategies: factors to consider when deciding whether to file an international application with a national (or, where applicable, regional) Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office – an example of a US resident who is a national of Canada; and

[No. 06/2020](#): Entitlement to practice before the International Bureau as receiving Office (when an international application is assigned to an applicant from a different country).

PCT Seminar Calendar

(https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf)
(situation on 21 February 2024)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
25-26 April 2024 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	P-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Mr. Farhadi) Tel: (46-76) 097 18 40 E-mail: info@ipakademien.se Internet: www.ipakademien.se
20 June 2024 Lyon (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier E-mail : info@paulroubier.com Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08
26 September 2024 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 20 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (26-27 September) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Toms) E-mail: sophie.toms@management-forum.co.uk
30 September 2024 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Dieter) E-mail: alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch

PCT Webinars

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)
(www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
22 February 2024 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE Overview WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WG9p4FhQFWNCQLmMVc0qA#/registration
27 February 2024 09:00 – 11:00 CET	Russian	Introduction to the PCT System and the Latest Updates: Online Regional PCT Webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC) WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov and Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/6217062600335/WN_YE7JRVmNrtE0gz61EjPIfA
13 March 2024 17:00 – 18:00 Tokyo time (9:00 – 10:00 CET)	Japanese	New system “Non-Disclosure for patent applications (in certain technical fields)” and PCT applications WIPO speakers: Mr. Senbon and Ms. Mohri	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/4217079163200/WN_jfFW6GwaTc2z6ZCqwbeAnw
14 March 2024 09:00 – 12:30 CEST	Russian	PCT System: Filing an International Application via ePCT – Live Demonstration: Online Regional PCT Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov and Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/8317062600928/WN_O-TuQEtSR_KT_qP3mnTVeg

[continued on next page]

PCT Webinars [continued]

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)
 (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
18 April 2024 10:00 – 12:30 CEST	Russian	Introduction to Intellectual Property and the PCT System: Online Regional Webinar for Students from CACEEC WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov, Ms. Dolotbaeva and Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/5917062604785/WN_VS28RfdTTnyzvzzCagNrPA

Other IP events**International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 17-21 April 2024**

The 49th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 17 to 21 April 2024. Further information is available at:

<https://inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/>

World IP Day, 26 April 2024

World IP Day is celebrated globally. For information visit:

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

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 February 2024, 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—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYP	Syrian pounds
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISR	international search report	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu
		AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar
		AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble
		BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala
		BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound
		BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona
		BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar

Currencies:

ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
					Item 4(a) ⁴ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁵ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁶ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	USD	50 <i>(or eq in local currency)</i>	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 2,274	26	–	342	513	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	EA EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	–	–	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 ⁷ online: on paper: ⁸	175 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN	98	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CA	416	CAD 1,979	22	–	298	446	CA

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	eq USD ⁹ 16 (18)	–	eq USD ⁹ 219 (235)	eq USD ⁹ 328 (352)	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY 10,620	120	–	1,600	2,400	CN EP ¹⁰
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 237 on paper: 289	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	CL EP ES
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – ¹¹	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,300	120	–	1,550	2,320	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562) or EUR 1,381	16 (18) 16	– –	219 (235) 208	328 (352) 311	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 145 (from 1.4.24: 150)	EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,197	13	–	180	270	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 536,300	6,000	–	80,600	121,000	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	Refer to footnote 15
	or EUR ¹⁴ 104	or EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	
	or USD ¹⁴ 109	or USD 1,454	16	109	219	328	
	(from 1.3.24: 117)	(1,562)	(18)	(117)	(235)	(352)	
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 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
IL	ILS 618	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	EP IL US

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
IN	Paper filings:	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
	INR 3,500 ¹⁶	(from 1.3.24: 1,562)	(18)		(235)	(352)	
IQ	INR 17,600 ¹⁷						AU CA EG EP TR
	No fee for e-filings						
IR	IQD 77,075	USD 1,454	16	–	219	328	CN EP IN RU
	or USD 55	(from 1.3.24: 1,562)	(18)		(235)	(352)	
IS	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP SE XN
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
IT	ISK 18,200	ISK 202,100 (from 1.3.24: 213,100)	2,300 (2,400)	–	30,400 (32,100)	45,600 (48,100)	EP
JM	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	
JO	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	eq USD 16 (18)	–	eq USD 219 (235)	eq USD 328 (352)	AT AU CA EP
	JOD 100	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁸	JPY 217,700	2,500	–	–	49,100	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	AT AU CN EP SE
	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
	KN XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
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 ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
LY	LYD – ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87 ²² (natural persons)	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
	USD 375.50 ²² (legal persons)						
MY	MYR 550 ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2}	Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
NI	USD	200	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK 15,630	180	–	2,350	3,520	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD 2,436	27	–	366	550	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ²¹	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	eq USD 16 <i>(18)</i>	–	eq USD 219 <i>(235)</i>	eq USD 328 <i>(352)</i>	AT AU EGE PUS
PA	USD	240	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	eq USD 16 <i>(18)</i>	–	eq USD 219 <i>(235)</i>	eq USD 328 <i>(352)</i>	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	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 online: on paper:	11.80 23.59	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	eq USD 16 <i>(18)</i>	–	eq USD 219 <i>(235)</i>	eq USD 328 <i>(352)</i>	EG EP US
RO	RON	497	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
RS	RSD	8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available							
SA	USD	100	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD	– ²¹	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 15,990	180	–	2,410	3,610	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,995	23	–	300	450	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper:	66 ²⁵	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
SV	none ²⁶		USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	CL EP ES
SY	SYP	5,000	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²¹	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	219 <i>(235)</i>	328 <i>(352)</i>	EA EP RU
TM	USD	– ²¹	USD 1,454 <i>(from 1.3.24: 1,562)</i>	16 <i>(18)</i>	–	–	–	EA EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
TR	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office	UGX eq USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	eq USD 16 (18)	–	eq USD 219 (235)	eq USD 328 (352)	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	109 (117)	219 (235)	–	AU EP IL JP KR SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 27,820	310	–	4,180	6,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	16 (18)	–	219 (235)	328 (352)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,454 (from 1.3.24: 1,562)	eq USD 16 (18)	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,710	KRW 2,536,000	SGD 2,565	USD 1,870	ZAR 35,770		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,407	CHF 1,287 ZAR 26,920	EUR 1,336	KRW 1,913,000	NZD 2,357	SGD 1,930		
BR ⁷	Online: On paper:	BRL 1,685 BRL 2,525	CHF 306 CHF 459	EUR 318 EUR 476	USD 335 USD 502			
CA	CAD 2,220	CHF 1,492	EUR 1,549	USD 1,631				
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.3.24: In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.3.24: In case of filing by a university ³² : *(from 1.3.24:	CHF* 1,829 CHF 1,703)	EUR 1,899	USD 400	CHF* 366 CHF 341)	EUR 380		
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 263	EUR 273	USD 288				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: RUB 9,000 For searches carried out in English: RUB 40,000	CHF 83 CHF 370	EUR 91 EUR 406	USD 99 USD 441				
EG ³³	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.3.24:	CHF* 118 CHF 110)	EUR 123	USD 129				
EP ³⁴	EUR* 1,775 JPY 280,000 ZAR 35,770 *(from 1.4.24:	CHF 1,710 NOK 20,090 EUR 1,845)	DKK 13,240 NZD 3,132	GBP 1,538 SEK 20,560	HUF 690,700 SGD 2,565	ISK 259,900 USD 1,870		
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,710	USD 1,870					
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,710	USD 1,870					

[continued on next page]

Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
IL	ILS*	3,820	CHF*	912	EUR*	946	USD*	997				
	*(from 1.3.24: ILS 3,962 CHF 907 EUR 974 USD 1066)											
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	110	EUR	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120		
	*(from 1.3.24: CHF 102)											
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF*	28	EUR	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30		
*(from 1.3.24: CHF 26)												
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	143,000	CHF	874	EUR	907	KRW	1,304,000	USD	955		
For IAs in English:												
JPY	169,000	CHF	1,033	EUR	1,072	SGD	1,549	USD	1,129			
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552		
	SGD	452	USD	330								
	For IAs in English:											
KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473			
SGD	1,206	USD	879									
PH	USD	600	CHF*	549	EUR	570						
	*(from 1.3.24: CHF 511)											
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :											
	USD	200	CHF*	183	EUR	190						
*(from 1.3.24: CHF 170)												
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF	79	EUR	826	USD	94				
For IAs in English:												
RUB	40,000	CHF	370	EUR	406	USD	441					
SE	SEK	20,560	CHF	1,710	DKK	13,240	EUR	1,775	ISK	259,000	NOK	20,090
	USD	1,870										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY	244,300	KRW	2,218,000	USD	1,633
TR	TRY	51,340	CHF	1,710	EUR	1,775	USD	1,870				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:											
	EUR	100	CHF	96	USD	105						
For IAs in English, French or German:												
EUR	300	CHF	289	USD	316							
US	USD	2,180	CHF*	1,994	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR	41,680		
	*(from 1.3.24: CHF 1,856)											
	For small entity ²⁹ :											
	USD	872	CHF*	798	EUR	828	NZD	1,461	ZAR	16,670		
*(from 1.3.24: CHF 742)												
For micro entity ²⁹ :												
USD	436	CHF*	399	EUR	414	NZD	730	ZAR	8,340			
*(from 1.3.24: CHF 371)												
XN	DKK	13,240	CHF	1,710	EUR	1,775	ISK	259,900	NOK	20,090	SEK	20,560
	USD	1,870										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,710	HUF	690,700	USD	1,870				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	CHF 819	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,146
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,638
EP	CHF 1,710 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,710	CHF 200
RU	CHF 109	CHF 200
	CHF 175 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,710	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,493	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 200
	CHF 1,710	
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 17

[continued on next page]

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 40}
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 87	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 87	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 67	
	– 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 58	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,710	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 517	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,710	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 530	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴¹	Handling fee ^{2, 41} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 208
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴²	AUD 342
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁷ On paper: BRL 945 ^{7,8}	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 1,110	CAD 298
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 219 *(from 1.3.24: USD 235)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,600
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB : 6,750 Examination carried out in English: RUB : 24,000 Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office: Examination carried out in Russian: RUB : 4,500 Examination carried out in English: RUB : 16,000	USD 219 *(from 1.3.24: USD 235)
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 219 *(from 1.3.24: USD 235)
EP	EUR 1,840 ³⁴ *(from 1.4.24: EUR 1,915)	EUR 208
ES	EUR 595.37 ³⁴	EUR 208
FI	EUR 650	EUR 208
IL	ILS 1,637 (from 1.3.24 : ILS 1,698)	ILS 838
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 219 *(from 1.3.24: USD 235)
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 32,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 299,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 150	USD 219 *(from 1.3.24: USD 235)
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 43 6,750 44 For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 Error! Bookmark not defined. 24,000 Error! Bookmark not defined.	USD 219 *(from 1.3.24: USD 235)

[continued on next page]

Table II — Preliminary examination fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 February 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

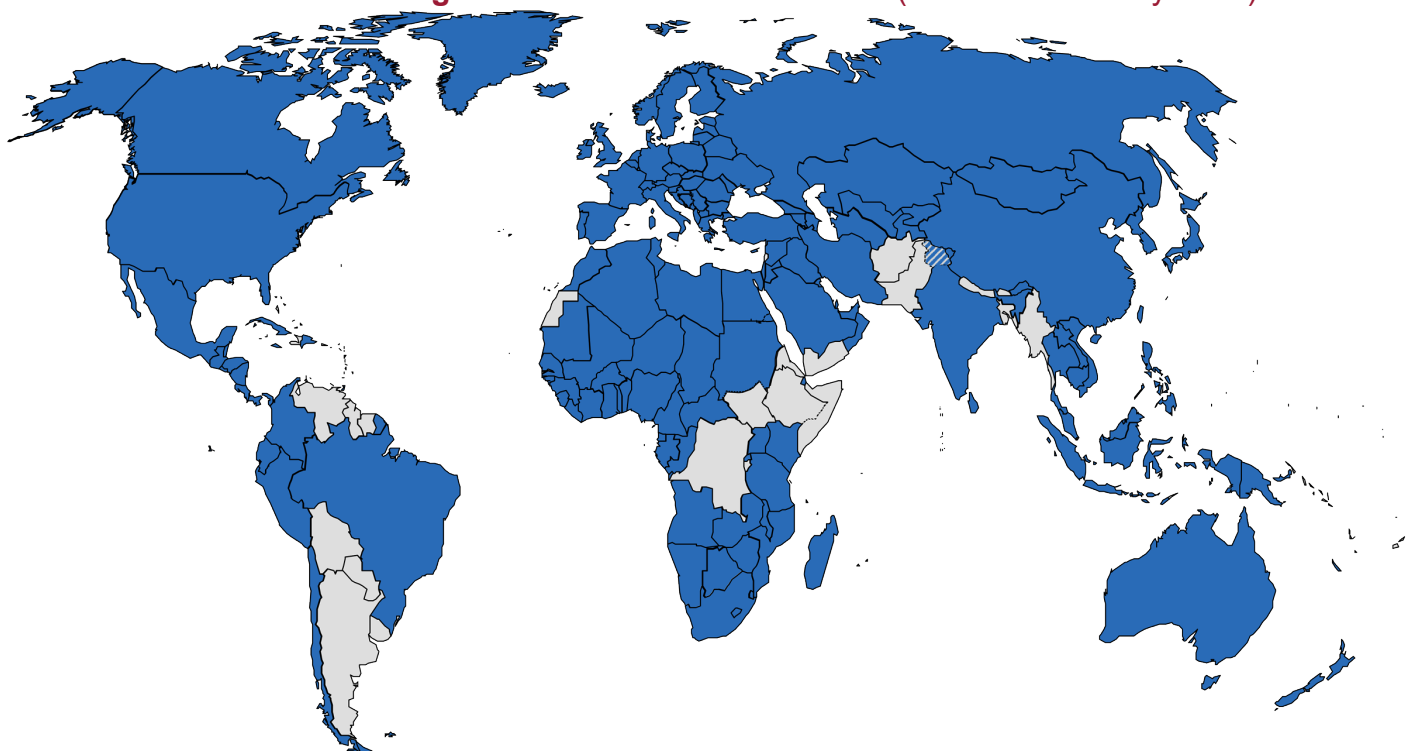
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁵				Handling fee^{2, 41}(CHF 200)			
SE	SEK	5,000			SEK	2,410		
SG	SGD	830			SGD	300		
TR	TRY	1,000			CHF	200		
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA:				EUR	208		
	– for IAs in English, French or German:			EUR			160	
	– for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian:			EUR			50	
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA:							
US	– for IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	180			
	– for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian:			EUR	70			
US	USD	640	800 ⁴⁶		USD	219 *(from 1.3.24: USD 235)		
		For small entity ²⁹ :		USD			256	320 ⁴⁶
		For micro entity ²⁹ :		USD			128	160 ⁴⁶
XN	DKK	5,000			DKK	1,550		
XV	EUR	900			EUR	208		

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

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 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 4 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 7 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, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 8 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 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 EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html. The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026.
- 11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 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
- 15 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. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 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
- 19 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.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 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.
- 27 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%.
- 28 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.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 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
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 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).
- 32 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, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 This fee 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>
- 35 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 refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 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: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 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.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 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).
- 40 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 41 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 43 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 44 In all cases where footnote **Error! Bookmark not defined.** does not apply.
- 45 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 46 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—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (157 on 1 February 2024)



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

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 Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

4 Validation of European patent possible.

5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.

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).

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 2022). 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

www.wipo.int/pct/en

March 2024 | No. 03/2024

PCT Filings in 2023

In 2023, PCT filings decreased by 1.8% over 2022, totaling 272,600. China continued to be the largest origin of PCT filings, with 69,610 applications filed (-0.6% growth over 2022), followed by the United States of America (U.S.), with 55,678 applications (-5.3%). Japan (48,879, -2.9%), the Republic of Korea (22,288, +1.2%) and Germany (16,916, -3.2%) again held the third, fourth and fifth rankings, respectively. The top 10 countries of origin, followed by their respective percentage share of all PCT filings in 2023, were as follows:

1.	China	69,610	25.5%
2.	United States of America	55,678	20.4%
3.	Japan	48,879	17.9%
4.	Republic of Korea	22,288	8.2%
5.	Germany	16,916	6.2%
6.	France	7,916	2.9%
7.	United Kingdom	5,586	2.0%
8.	Switzerland	5,382	1.9%
9.	Sweden	4,323	1.6%
10.	Netherlands	4,258	1.5%

Beyond the top 10, India (#11) saw strong growth (3,791 applications, +44.6%) in PCT filings.

For information on the number of filings from all countries, including a comparison with filings in 2022, please refer to Annex 1 of WIPO Press Release PR/2024/914 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pressroom/en/documents/pr-services2024-annexes.pdf#page=1>

It is important to note that this total, as well as the filing figures which follow, are provisional because not all PCT applications that were filed with national and regional Offices in 2023 have

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

been received at the International Bureau, and the final figures for filings will only be available later in the year.

China-based telecommunications company Huawei Technologies was the top PCT applicant for the seventh year running, with 6,494 applications published in 2023, followed by Samsung Electronics of the Republic of Korea (3,924), Qualcomm Inc. of the U.S. (3,410), Mitsubishi Electric Corp. of Japan (2,152) and BOE Technology of China (1,988). Of the top 10 applicants, Contemporary Amperex Technology of China recorded the most significant increase (+576.3%) in the number of published applications in 2023, and as a result moved up from ninety-second position in 2022 to eighth in 2023, followed by Beijing Zitiao Network Technology Co., Ltd. of China (+191.3%), which rose from eighty-fifth position in 2022 to twenty-seventh in 2023.

The top ten applicants are listed below, with the number of PCT applications published in 2023 in which they were named as applicant:

1.	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd (CN)	6,494
2.	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd (KR)	3,924
3.	Qualcomm Incorporated (US)	3,410
4.	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (JP)	2,152
5.	BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd (CN)	1,988
6.	LG Electronics Inc. (KR)	1,887
7.	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (Publ) (SE)	1,863
8.	Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CN)	1,799
9.	Guangdong OPPO Mobile Telecommunications Corp., Ltd (CN)	1,766
10.	Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (JP)	1,760

A list of the top 50 PCT applicants is available in Annex 2 of the press release.

In terms of filings by educational institutions, the University of California maintained its position held since 1993 as the largest user of the PCT System with 531 published applications in 2023. The top 10 list consists of five universities from the U.S., two universities from China, and one university each from the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Japan. For more detailed information on PCT filings by educational institutions, please refer to Annex 3 of the press release.

Computer technology once again accounted for the largest share of published PCT applications in 2023 (10.2% of the total), followed by digital communication (9.4%), electrical machinery (7.9%), medical technology (6.7%), and pharmaceuticals (4.7%). Only four of the top 10 technologies recorded growth in 2023, with electrical machinery (+8.8%) and transport (+7.7%) reporting the fastest rate of growth, followed by semiconductor (+5.6%) and biotechnology (+3.8%). For detailed information regarding the distribution of fields of technology of published applications, please refer to Annex 4 of the press release.

The publication of the final figures for 2023 filings (in the form of the Patent Cooperation Treaty Yearly Review – 2024) will be reported in the *PCT Newsletter* later in the year.

PCT Working Group

The seventeenth session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 19 to 21 February 2024 in hybrid format. The following topics were considered by the Working Group.

Filing Medium of International Applications and Related Documents

The Working Group agreed to submit proposed amendments to Rule 89*bis* of the PCT Regulations for approval by the Assembly at its session in July 2024 (see document PCT/WG/17/15). The proposed amendments will allow receiving Offices the option of requiring the filing of international applications and the submission of subsequently filed documents to be performed only in electronic form and not on paper, or optionally requiring the applicant to follow the submission of a document on paper with the filing of an electronic version of the document. Where a receiving Office selects either of these options, applicants will nonetheless be able to file applications on paper at the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

Languages of Communication for the International Bureau

The Working Group agreed to submit amendments to Rule 92 of the PCT Regulations for approval by the Assembly at its session in July 2024, to enable the International Bureau to expand the languages of communication with applicants and national Offices to any of the 10 languages of international publication, instead of being limited to only English or French as at present (see document PCT/WG/17/6). The International Bureau indicated that this service would be introduced gradually and would not apply to correspondence copied to many different national Offices (notably Forms that are copied to all designated Offices) but that improved translation tools were under development that would allow the viewing of IB forms in any of the languages of publication on demand through ePCT.

Color Drawings

The Working Group invited the International Bureau to consider how to amend Rule 11 to permit the filing and processing of international applications containing color drawings taking into account a variety of factors, including the need to distinguish between drawings, photographs and other forms of image, and the different circumstances in which they might be appropriate (see document PCT/WG/17/12).

Citation of Non-written Disclosures

The Working Group agreed to submit amendments to Rules 33 and 64 of the PCT Regulations for approval by the Assembly at its session in July 2024 that will broaden the definition of relevant prior art for both international search and international preliminary examination to include non-written disclosures (see document PCT/WG/17/10).

Further Amendment to Rule 26.3*ter* – Invitation to Correct Defects Under Article 3(4)(i)

The Working Group agreed to submit amendments to close a loophole in Rule 26.3*ter* that does not allow the receiving Office to issue invitations to furnish a translation of the abstract or text matter of the drawings into the language of international publication where the language of the abstract and text matter of drawings is filed in a language different from that of international publication but accepted by the International Searching Authority for carrying out the international search (see document PCT/WG/17/7).

Criteria for Fee Reductions to Certain Applicants from Certain Countries, Notably Developing and Least Developed Countries

The Working Group agreed to recommend to the Assembly at its session in July 2024 that the criteria under Item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees be maintained, and that the Assembly should review the criteria again in five years' time. The Working Group also agreed to recommend to the Assembly to adopt the proposed modifications to the Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees (see document PCT/WG/17/5 Rev).

Other Issues

The Working Group also considered the following:

- coordination of patent examiner training (see document PCT/WG/17/11);
- coordination of technical assistance under the PCT (see document PCT/WG/17/19);
- legal measures to support electronic processing (see document PCT/WG/17/9);
- global identifier and the PCT (see document PCT/WG/17/13);
- personal data protection and the PCT (see document PCT/WG/17/8);
- a report of a survey on search strategies (see document PCT/WG/17/14);
- a status report of the PCT minimum documentation task force (see document PCT/WG/17/16);
- PCT online services (see document PCT/WG/17/20);
- sequence listings (see documents PCT/WG/17/3, PCT/WG/17/4 and PCT/WG/17/18);
- a final report of the IP5 PCT collaborative search and examination pilot project (see document PCT/WG/17/17);
- a report on the thirtieth session of the Meeting of the International Authorities under the PCT (see document PCT/WG/17/2).

The Working Group also held a sharing session on the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) and the PCT. Presentations made during the sharing session are available from the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=80912

Summary and Documents

The Summary by the Chair (document PCT/WG/17/21) is available on the WIPO website with the working documents and a link to the webcast videos and speech-to-text transcripts of the session at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=80912

30th Anniversary of the PCT Newsletter

“Since its inception in March 1994, the PCT Newsletter has been an indispensable resource for the PCT user community. Over the past 30 years, the Newsletter has offered essential updates, insights, and the invaluable Practical Advice column on a monthly basis to PCT users around the world. In more recent times, we have added translations of the Newsletter in Chinese, Japanese and Korean, so that even more users could benefit from its content.

I would like to celebrate this milestone for the PCT Newsletter and express my gratitude to my PCT colleagues here at WIPO for their work and dedication in bringing you the Newsletter every month, and to you, its readers, for your unwavering support and engagement with us in the PCT at WIPO. Here’s to the next chapter of bringing you more information and more value.”

(Lisa Jorgenson, Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector, WIPO)

This month we are proud to mark the 30th anniversary of the PCT Newsletter. Since March 1994, 335 issues have been published.

Here are some of the comments that readers have kindly shared with us on this occasion:

“The PCT Newsletter is useful for our work at the JPO in the following ways:

- Practical advice: We sometimes gain valuable insights on topics discussed during recent meetings of the PCT Working Groups and PCT International Organizations, etc., which is helpful for us as an Office to manage practical situations related to the topic. The Q&A format is easy to understand, and the specific cases that we may encounter in our daily work are also shown, which is very useful.*
- The archive is open to the public, so it is very convenient when searching for actual cases.*
- The information is consolidated and easy to use.*
- The Japanese translation is also provided, which helps speed up our understanding.*
- We hope you will continue to provide us with useful information in a timely manner through newsletters and other means.”*

(Japan Patent Office)

“We particularly look forward to the 'Practical Advice' section in the PCT Newsletter. The Practical Advice is explained in a Q&A format, making it very easy to understand. We also find it very interesting that the questions are written in such specific detail.”

(Anonymous PCT user)

“Congratulations on the 30th anniversary of the first issue of the PCT Newsletter.

I have been a regular reader since around 2014.

I have learned a great deal from your advice, especially your practical advice, which is given from a comprehensive viewpoint that reflects agreements, guides, and the current status of applications, etc., for cases that are difficult to determine from the treaty rules alone. For me, the Newsletter has become a valuable source of information that I always refer to in addition to the Rules, AI, and guides.

We did not previously have the archive search function that we have today, so I used to take notes of the titles of the practical advice every month, but now I can easily access the information with the newly created search function, and I very much appreciate the improved convenience.

I also appreciate the fact that the PCT system and the background surrounding it are changing day by day, and you always cover topics based on the latest circumstances and ongoing discussions in the international arena. As a substantial user of your newsletter, I will continue to read it every month and wish for its further development.”

(Anonymous PCT user)

Reflections and Perspective on 30 years of the *PCT Newsletter* —Matthew Bryan, Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division

In the early 1990s, the overall PCT system was a much more modest proposition than it is today: for example, in 1994 there were 67 PCT Contracting States, and just over 34,000 PCT applications were filed (while today we have 157 States and more than 270,000 PCT applications filed annually).

The leaders of the PCT area within WIPO in the early 1990s realized that they did not possess effective mechanisms for communicating with PCT users, and providing them with updated information about developments relating to the PCT. The only sources of PCT-related information being published were either not published sufficiently frequently to provide effective updates to users (the content of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* was only updated two times per year) or they were not aimed at informing users about practical PCT issues.

It became clear to WIPO’s PCT leaders at that time that another information resource aimed at updating the experienced users of the PCT system was needed, and the Director of the then PCT Legal Division, Busso Bartels, decided that we should publish a monthly *PCT Newsletter*. In March 1994, the first issue of the *Newsletter* was published, giving the latest news about the PCT as well as practical advice to users of the system.



The first issue of the *PCT Newsletter*, March 1994

During its first three years, the *Newsletter* was available only as a paper publication, and was subject to an annual subscription fee to cover its printing and mailing costs. In those early years the *Newsletter* was also used as a mechanism for users to update their copies of the *Applicant's Guide* by including in the paper issues of the *Newsletter* provisional replacement or additional sheets for the loose-leaf *Guide*; it was also used to disseminate new versions of the paper PCT Request Form.

Although the option of subscribing to the paper version continued for a further ten years until the end of 2007, the arrival of online publication in January 1997 meant that the *Newsletter* could be accessed without having to subscribe, and could reach many more users. It also meant that the content of the *Newsletter* was available within a few hours of its being finalized, instead of the relatively long lead time needed to print and distribute it by postal mail, with the result that that users could be even more up-to-date with PCT news and developments.

Looking back now, it seems clear that the *PCT Newsletter* was an innovative development when it was first published, and met an important need. Predating e-mail and websites by a number of years, it was, for a significant period, the only means by which WIPO's PCT staff could regularly communicate with the PCT user community.

We in the PCT at WIPO have indeed come a long way since then – with PCT webinars, videos, Zoom, our website content and our ePCT platform. But even with all of the new information resources and new means of communication, we continue to publish the monthly *PCT Newsletter*, having had it confirmed to us over the years that PCT users continue to find it useful, and rely on it for important information and education.

The 2023/2024 PCT User Survey responses showed that 93% of readers of the *PCT Newsletter* were either satisfied or very satisfied with the consistency and accuracy of information it contained. And we received, as part of the most recent Survey responses, a number of textual

comments which are similar to the following two examples:

“I enjoy reading the PCT Newsletter. It is informative, keeps me up-to-date on what's happening, and I usually learn something new. I like the Practical Advice section.”

“The PCT Newsletter is an excellent source of information involving policy and proceedings of the PCT.”

As I am sure you are all aware, the *PCT Newsletter's* development and endurance has resulted from a collective effort on the part of many WIPO colleagues, including the former WIPO colleagues who had the vision of creating the *Newsletter* in the early 1990s. Without question, the name of longtime *PCT Newsletter* Editor Debra Collier will forever be associated with it: Debbie managed and oversaw the *Newsletter* for more than 28 years, from its first issue in 1994 until her retirement from WIPO in September 2022.

Since her retirement, responsibility for the *Newsletter* has been shouldered by several other likewise talented and dedicated colleagues, including Katyana Norris Levy (who served as Assistant Editor since 2005) and most recently by Nathalie Beard, both of whom have been very ably supported by our colleagues Corinne Julliard and Geraldine Rodriguez, and all of the other staff members of the PCT Legal and User Relations Division. We are also indebted to a number of very dedicated colleagues who have managed the monthly translation of the *Newsletter* content into Chinese, Japanese and Korean languages, since it was added to the service.

While reflecting on 30 years of the *PCT Newsletter* and having been involved with it from its origin, I want to express my gratitude to my dedicated colleagues who have ensured that the *Newsletter* has been made available to PCT users month in and month out for these 30 years. And on behalf of my colleagues and WIPO, I would also like to thank the community of PCT users—the readership of the *PCT Newsletter*—for their support over the many years of its existence. Since its inception, we have received a great deal of feedback, questions and comments, which have helped to improve it. And we look forward to continuing to receive more feedback on how we can make the *Newsletter* better meet your PCT information needs.

We welcome ideas for articles, other feedback and “Practical Advice” suggestions; please e-mail us at:

pct.legal@wipo.int

PCT Information Update

CN China (criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(g) that, with effect from 20 January 2024, in its capacity as designated Office, it applies the “unintentional” criterion in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority filed with it as a designated Office. The Office has also notified the IB that the time limit for filing such a request is two months from the date of entry into the national phase before that Office, and that the fee it charges for such requests is CNY 1,000.

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

LV Latvia (name of Office; location and mailing address)

The name, location and mailing address of the Latvian Patent Office have changed as follows:

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

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

NO Norway (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as designated (or elected) Office have changed with effect from 1 March 2024:

Basic fee, including examination fee:	NOK	6,050 (1,100) ¹
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	NOK	330
Annual fee for the first three years:.....	NOK	910

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

OM Oman (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: paof@tejarah.gov.om

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

RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) (provisions concerning international-type search)

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has notified the IB that its national law now permits the applicant who files a national application with it to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)). The relevant provision in the national law of the Russian Federation is contained in Appendix 1 of the *Regulation on Patent and other fees for committing legally significant actions related to a patent for an invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to appellation of origin, as well as state registration of alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, granting the right to use such result or such means under a contract, non-contracted transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means*, under paragraph 14.13 of the List of legally significant actions related to a patent for invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and a service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to an appellation of origin, state registration of

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is a physical person or a legal entity with less than 20 permanent employees.

alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, grant of a right of use of such result or such means under a contract, transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means without concluding a contract, subject to patent or other fees.

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

Search fee and other fees relating to international search (European Patent Office, Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI))

As from 1 April 2024, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR, as well as in the applicable equivalent amounts in other currencies, for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) and the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from the same date, there will also be a corresponding change in the amount of the additional search fee payable to those Offices, as follows:

European Patent Office, Finnish Patent and Registration Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Visegrad Patent Institute:.....	EUR	1,845
Nordic Patent Institute	DKK	13,750
Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	SEK	20,750
Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	TRY	61,090

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (EP, ES, FI, SE, TR, XN and XV))

Supplementary search fee (European Patent Office, Finnish Patent and Registration Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent))

As from 1 April 2024, there will be a change in the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the European Patent Office, Finnish Patent and Registration Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent). The new amount will be CHF 1,751.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (EP, FI, SE, TR and XN))

European Patent Office – Updated PCT EPO Guidelines

The European Patent Office (EPO) has announced that the *Guidelines for Search and Examination at the EPO as PCT Authority* (PCT EPO Guidelines) have been amended with effect from 1 March 2024. These Guidelines relate to the practice and procedure to be followed in the various aspects of the handling of international applications before the EPO as ISA and IPEA.

Amendments have been made to all parts of the PCT-EPO Guidelines with a view to providing up-to-date information. Among other changes, Part A has been expanded and now contains two new sections on the form and the signature of documents.

For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2024/01/a10.html>

The updated PCT-EPO Guidelines have been published as a complete March 2024 edition that supersedes the March 2023 edition, available in English, French and German at:

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/guidelines-pct>

The latest amendments can be viewed by selecting the “show modifications” box in the HTML version of the dedicated PDF version highlighting them.

New/Updated PCT Resources

New ePCT video tutorials

ePCT video tutorials for applicants – Access Rights

The following ePCT video tutorial for applicants is now available:

- Manage Access Rights Following a Rule 92*bis* Change Request

The video provides a step-by-step guide on how to manage ePCT access rights following a request for change under PCT Rule 92*bis*, which automatically suspends access to the application in ePCT². The video is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/access_rights.html

New webinar recordings

Webinars in Russian

A recording of the following webinars in Russian:

- Introduction to the PCT System and the Latest Updates (27 February 2024);
- Exploring the PCT” webinar series: Entry into the National Phase (16 November 2023)

as well as the supporting documents, can now be accessed at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/seminar/webinars/index.html>

Webinar in Japanese

A recording of the following webinar in Japanese:

- New "Non-Disclosure System for Patent Applications (in Specific Fields of Technology)" and PCT Applications (13 March 2024)

² Effective with the release of ePCT version 4.13 (planned beginning of April)

as well as the supporting documents, can now be accessed at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/seminar/webinars/index.html>

Practical Advice

Consequences of an international application being considered withdrawn and potential remedial procedures in the national phase

Q: We failed to pay the fees for a new PCT application in time after receiving the 'Invitation to Pay Prescribed Fees Together with a Late Payment Fee' (Form PCT/RO/133). Now, the receiving Office has issued a decision to consider the application withdrawn (PCT/RO/117). Does the PCT provide for any possibility of revival of the application?

A: Other than the legal safeguard in PCT Rule 16bis.1(e) which allows for the late payment of fees after the expiration of the initial time limit but before the issuance of the declaration that the application is considered withdrawn, the PCT does not provide any general procedure for reviving an application in the international phase once it has been declared to be considered withdrawn by the receiving Office. When the receiving Office has made that declaration, the application loses its legal effect (see PCT Article 11(3)) in each designated State with the same consequences as the withdrawal of any national application in that State (PCT Article 24(1)).

To address this issue, you may first wish to investigate whether your having missed the time limit to pay the fees can be excused thus providing you with an opportunity to still pay the fees, in which case your application could potentially be reinstated. For more information about the excusable causes for the delay in meeting time limits, please refer to the Practical Advice of *PCT Newsletter* 03/2020: Possible remedies where time limits under the PCT have been missed due to unforeseen events.

You may also want to check if the Office acting as receiving Office has any national procedures to review a decision to consider the application withdrawn, taking into account the particular circumstances of your case.

If those investigations do not lead to a positive outcome for you, any attempt to reinstate rights can only be pursued directly with each designated Office where you still wish to enter the national phase and seek patent protection.

PCT Article 25 and Rule 51 provide that the applicant may ask the national Office concerned to review an unfavorable decision in certain situations, including where the receiving Office has considered an international application withdrawn. The time limit to make such a request is two months from the date of the notification of withdrawal (Form PCT/RO/117) and the applicant can request that the International Bureau send copies of relevant documents from the file of the application to the Offices specified by the applicant. Within the same time limit, the applicant must fulfil the requirements to enter the national phase in each of the Offices concerned, that is, pay the national fee and furnish any required translation.

Each Office will review the case, as far as it is concerned. If the Office finds that the declaration was the result of an error or omission on the part of the receiving Office, it will treat the international application as if it had not been considered withdrawn. Even if the Office finds the decision of the receiving Office to consider the application withdrawn justified under the PCT, the Office may, nevertheless, maintain the effect of the international application if the application of its national law would result in a more favorable outcome (see PCT Articles 24(2) and 27(4)).

For cases of delays in meeting PCT time limits, there are further provisions under which excuse of those delays can be sought. Article 48(2) and Rule 82*bis* provide that any Contracting State must, as far as that State is concerned, excuse any delay in meeting a time limit for reasons acceptable under its national law. You should therefore check whether the Office where the applicant wishes to continue seeking patent protection applies any national or regional provisions to excuse delays. If there are, the Office must apply the provisions in question to PCT applications in the same manner and under the same conditions as it would apply them to patent applications filed directly before that Office. Examples of such provisions are those that allow for the reinstatement of rights, restoration, *restitutio in integrum*, revival of abandoned applications, continuation of proceedings or “further processing” (for example Article 121 of the European Patent Convention). Any such remedies must also be available to PCT applicants and Article 48(2)(b) further clarifies that the PCT would not prevent any Contracting State from excusing, for reasons other than those admitted under its national law, any delay in meeting any time limit.

For specific procedures applied by each designated Office, information on remedial procedures can be found in the National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/>

and for further details, the national Office concerned should be contacted directly.

For national or regional case law on PCT Article 25 or Article 48, please refer to the WIPO PCT Case Law Database (<https://www.wipo.int/pctcaselawdb/en/list.jsp>). Please also do not hesitate to inform the International Bureau (pct.legal@wipo.int) about any legal and administrative decisions from courts and administrative bodies in and operating for PCT Contracting States which interpret or demonstrate the application of PCT provisions and which might be helpfully included in our database.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>)
(situation on 22 March 2024)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
25-26 April 2024 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Schumm and Ms. Kang	P-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Mr. Farhadi) Tel: (46-76) 097 18 40 E-mail: info@ipakademien.se Internet: www.ipakademien.se
20 June 2024 Lyon (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier E-mail : info@paulroubier.com Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08
26 September 2024 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 20 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (26-27 September) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Toms) E-mail: sophie.toms@management-forum.co.uk
30 September 2024 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Dieter) E-mail: alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch
27-29 November 2024 Augsburg (DE)/Hybrid	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 14th PAFA-Tagung conference (hybrid) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com/14-pafa-tagung/

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
16 April 2024 9:00 – 10:00 CEST	English	What's New for Applicants in ePCT (for Australia, Asia and Europe time zones) WIPO speakers: Ms. Mo and Mr. Piriou	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KjvdFD9QQ26cT6mqKFhqww
18 April 2024 16:30 – 17:30 CEST	English	What's New for Applicants in ePCT (for North and South America time zones) WIPO speakers: Ms. Mo and Mr. Piriou	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LosolhwAQXyozQzGBEi_nA
18 April 2024 10:00 – 12:30 CEST	Russian	Introduction to Intellectual Property and the PCT System: Online Regional Webinar for Students from CACEEC WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov, Ms. Dolotbaeva and Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/5917062604785/WN_VS28RfdTTnyzvzzCaqNrPA

[continued on next page]

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 March 2024, 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—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYP	Syrian pounds
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISR	international search report	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
		EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
		GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
		HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Currencies:

ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2} (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
							Item 4(a) ⁴ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁵ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁶ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EA EP RU	
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EP SE	
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,274	26	–	342	513	AU KR	
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	EA EP RU	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,381	16	–	–	–	EP	
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU	
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	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 ⁷ online: on paper: ⁸	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US	
BW	USD	32	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EP	
BY	BYN	98	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EA EP RU	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	CA EP	
CA	CA	416	CAD	1,979	22	–	298	446	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹	130	CLP eq USD ⁹	1,562	eq USD ⁹ 18	–	eq USD ⁹ 235	eq USD ⁹ 352	BR CL EP ES KR US	
CN	CNY	none	CNY	10,620	120	–	1,600	2,400	CN EP ¹⁰	
CO	COP online: on paper:	419,640 503,470	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU	
CR	USD online: on paper:	237 289	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	CL EP ES	

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – ¹¹	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,300	120	–	1,550	2,320	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,562 or EUR 1,381	18 or 16	– or –	235 or 208	352 or 311	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 145 (from 1.4.24: 150)	EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,197	13	–	180	270	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 536,300	6,000	–	80,600	121,000	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 104 or USD ¹⁴ 117	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,381 or USD 1,562	15 or 16 or 18	100 or 104 or 117	200 or 208 or 235	300 or 311 or 352	Refer to footnote 15
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 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
IL	ILS 618	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 213,100	2,400	–	32,100	48,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁸	JPY 217,700	2,500	–	–	49,100	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EA EP RU

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
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 ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
LY	LYD – ²¹	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87 ²² (natural persons)	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
	USD 375.50 ²² (legal persons)						
MY	MYR 550 ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,630	180	–	2,350	3,520	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,436	27	–	366	550	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ²¹	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	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 online: 11.80 on paper: 23.59	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	EG EP US
RO	RON 497	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD – ²¹	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 15,990	180	–	2,410	3,610	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,995	23	–	300	450	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 66 ²⁵	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
SV	none ²⁶	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CL EP ES

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
						Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
SY	SYP	5,000	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²¹	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	EA EP RU
TM	USD	– ²¹	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EA 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	1,562	18	–	235	352	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,562	18	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX	refer to Office	UGX eq USD	1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	AT EP SG
US	USD	260 ²⁸	USD	1,562	18	117	235	–	AU EP IL JP KR SG US
		small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸							
UZ	UZS	245,000 ³⁰	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT	200	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	EP PH
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	27,820	310	–	4,180	6,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,562	eq USD 18	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ³¹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,710	KRW	2,536,000	SGD	2,565	USD	1,870	ZAR	35,770
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,287	EUR	1,336	KRW	1,913,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	1,930
	USD	1,407	ZAR	26,920								
BR ⁷	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	306	EUR	318	USD	335		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	459	EUR	476	USD	502		
CA	CAD	2,220	CHF	1,492	EUR	1,549	USD	1,631				
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,703	EUR	1,899						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD	400	CHF	341	EUR	380				
	In case of filing by a university ³² :		USD	300	CHF	255	EUR	285				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	263	EUR	273	USD	288				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:		RUB	9,000	CHF	83	EUR	91	USD	99		
	For searches carried out in English:		RUB	40,000	CHF	370	EUR	406	USD	441		
EG ³³	EGP	4,000	CHF	110	EUR	123	USD	129				
EP ³⁴	EUR*	1,775	CHF*	1,710	DKK*	13,240	GBP*	1,538	HUF*	690,700	ISK*	259,900
	JPY*	280,000	NOK*	20,090	NZD*	3,132	SEK*	20,560	SGD*	2,565	USD*	1,870
	ZAR*	35,770										
	*(from 1.4.24:											
	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	GBP	1,570	HUF	715,100	ISK	274,600
JPY	297,100	NOK	20,880	NZD	3,253	SEK	20,750	SGD	2,675	USD	1,989	
ZAR	37,470)											
ES ³⁴	EUR*	1,775	CHF*	1,710	USD*	1,870						
	*(from 1.4.24:											
EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989)							

[continued on next page]

Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
FI	EUR*	1,775	CHF*	1,710	USD*	1,870						
	*(from 1.4.24:											
	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989)						
IL	ILS	3,962	CHF	907	EUR	974	USD	1,066				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	102	EUR	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120		
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	26	EUR	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30		
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	143,000	CHF	874	EUR	907	KRW	1,304,000	USD	955		
For IAs in English:												
	JPY	169,000	CHF	1,033	EUR	1,072	SGD	1,549	USD	1,129		
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552		
	SGD	452	USD	330								
	For IAs in English:											
	KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473		
	SGD	1,206	USD	879								
PH	USD	600	CHF	511	EUR	570						
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :											
	USD	200	CHF	170	EUR	190						
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF	79	EUR	826	USD	94				
For IAs in English:												
	RUB	40,000	CHF	370	EUR	406	USD	441				
SE	SEK*	20,560	CHF*	1,710	DKK*	13,240	EUR*	1,775	ISK*	259,000	NOK*	20,090
	USD*	1,870										
	*(from 1.4.24:											
	SEK	20,750	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880
	USD	1,989)										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY	244,300	KRW	2,218,000	USD	1,633
TR	TRY*	51,340	CHF*	1,710	EUR*	1,775	USD*	1,870				
	*(from 1.4.24:											
	TRY	61,090	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	USD	1,989)				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:											
	EUR	100	CHF	96	USD	105						
For IAs in English, French or German:												
	EUR	300	CHF	289	USD	316						
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,856	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR	41,680		
	For small entity ²⁹ :											
	USD	872	CHF	742	EUR	828	NZD	1,461	ZAR	16,670		
For micro entity ²⁹ :												
	USD	436	CHF	371	EUR	414	NZD	730	ZAR	8,340		
XN	DKK*	13,240	CHF*	1,710	EUR*	1,775	ISK*	259,900	NOK*	20,090	SEK*	20,560
	USD*	1,870										
	*(from 1.4.24:											
	DKK	13,750	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880	SEK	20,750
	USD	1,989)										
XV	EUR*	1,775	CHF*	1,710	HUF*	690,700	USD*	1,870				
	*(from 1.4.24:											
	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	HUF	715,100	USD	1,989)				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	CHF 819	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,146
	CHF 1,638	
EP		CHF 200
	(from 1.4.24:	CHF 1,710 ³⁴ CHF 1,751)
FI		CHF 200
	(from 1.4.24:	CHF 1,710 CHF 1,751)
RU		CHF 200
		CHF 109 CHF 175 ³⁹

[continued on next page]

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 40}
SE	CHF 1,710 (from 1.4.24: CHF 1,751)	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,493	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,710 (from 1.4.24: CHF 1,751) – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 47	CHF 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 87 – for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 87 – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 67 – 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 58	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,710 (from 1.4.24: CHF 1,751) – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 517	CHF 200
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,710 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 530	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴¹	Handling fee ^{2, 41} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 208
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴²	AUD 342
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁷ On paper: BRL 945 ^{7,8}	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 1,110	CAD 298
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 235
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,600
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 6,750 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 24,000 Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office: Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 4,500 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 16,000	USD 235
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 235
EP	EUR 1,840 ³⁴ *(from 1.4.24: EUR 1,915)	EUR 208
ES	EUR 595.37 ³⁴	EUR 208
FI	EUR 650	EUR 208
IL	ILS 1,698	ILS 838
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 235

[continued on next page]

Table II — Preliminary examination fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 March 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

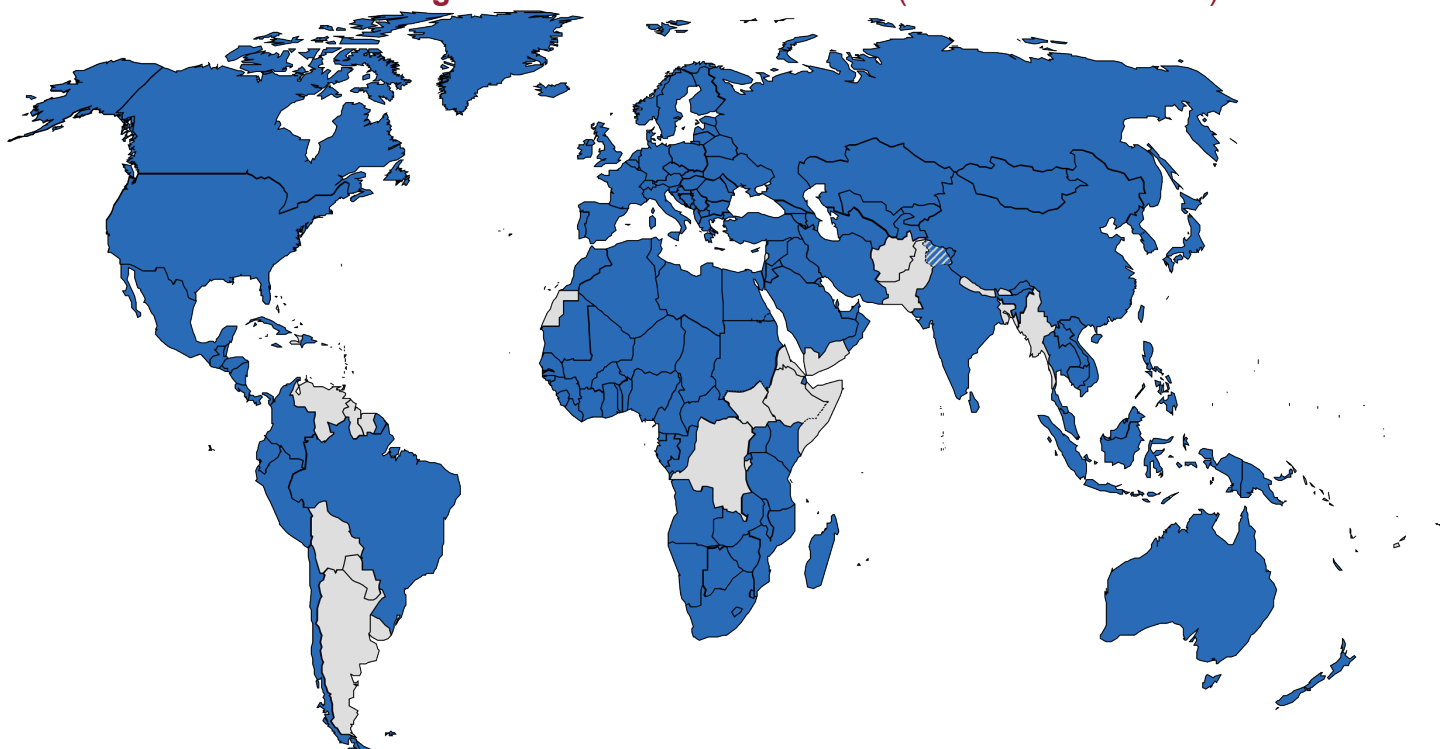
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴³	Handling fee^{2, 41}(CHF 200)
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 32,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 299,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 150	USD 235
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴⁴ 6,750 ⁴⁵ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴⁵ 24,000 ⁴³	USD 235
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 2,410
SG	SGD 830	SGD 300
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 208
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁶ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 256 320 ⁴⁶ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 128 160 ⁴⁶	USD 235
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,550
XV	EUR 900	EUR 208

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

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 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 4 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 7 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, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 8 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 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 EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html. The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026.
- 11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 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
- 15 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. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 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
- 19 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.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 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.
- 27 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%.
- 28 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.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 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
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 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).
- 32 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, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 This fee 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>
- 35 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 refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 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: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 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.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 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).
- 40 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 41 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 43 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 44 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 45 In all cases where footnote **Error! Bookmark not defined.** does not apply.
- 46 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—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (157 on 1 March 2024)



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

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 Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

4 Validation of European patent possible.

5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.

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).

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 2022). 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.

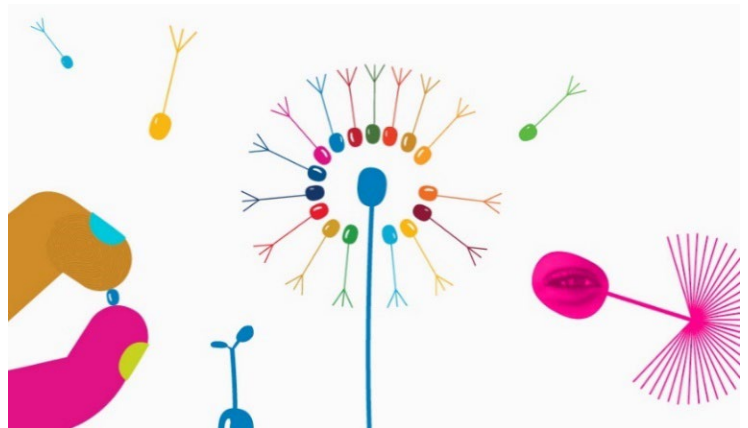
PCT NEWSLETTER

www.wipo.int/pct/en

April 2024 | No. 04/2024

World Intellectual Property Day, 26 April 2024 – Reminder

As already mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2024, [World Intellectual Property Day \(World IP Day\)](#) will be held on 26 April 2024. This year's theme, "IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity", explores how intellectual property (IP) supports our drive to build a better future and meet the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).



To publicize all World IP day events, please enter details of World IP Day events you are organizing on the World IP Day events page at:

<https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/2024/events-calendar.html>

and feel free to enter your details or nominate a colleague or a friend for the World IP Day Changemaker's Gallery at:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/wipd-2024-gallery>

Also, don't forget to take part in the online public vote to select the winners of the People's Choice Prize at:

<https://wipo-wipd-2024-video-competition.wipo.int/entry/vote/EoeeKmdd>

A chronological evolution of the filing of PCT applications relating to the SDGs can be found at:

<https://public.flourish.studio/visualisation/17033752/>

More information on the PCT and the SDGs (including several representative examples of published PCT applications which relate to specific SDGs) is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/pct-sdg.html>

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!



New WIPO Report Mapping Innovations: Patents and the Sustainable Development Goals

In conjunction with the 2024 World IP Day theme, the new WIPO report “Mapping Innovations: Patents and the Sustainable Development Goals” provides an extensive analysis of patents mapped to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and highlights the role of patents in advancing toward the achievement of the SDGs. This comprehensive guide serves to illuminate the path forward in a world where innovation and sustainability are intertwined. The report is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/web/patent-analytics/mapping-innovations-patents-sustainable-development-goals>

Change to Publication Schedule

Publication of 9 May 2024

Due to the fact that Thursday, 9 May 2024, will be a non-working day at WIPO, PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 10 May 2024. The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will, however, remain unchanged, and any changes that should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight (Central European Summer Time (CEST)) on Tuesday, 23 April 2024.

Revised Version of WIPO Standard ST.26

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

In practice, because the differences between versions 1.6 and 1.7 of the Standard are editorial in nature, applicants should continue to use WIPO Sequence to prepare sequence listings as it is compliant with both versions 1.6 and 1.7 of the Standard.

For further information please refer to:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

It is recalled that, since 1 July 2020, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search or International Preliminary Examining Authority may participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a “participating Office”, in which PCT fees are transferred from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (for further information, please refer to PCT/WG/12/20 at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=436911).

On 11 April 2024 the International Bureau (IB) published information on the Offices that have notified the IB of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* (from page 77) at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

United States of America: EFS-Web no longer available

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has informed the International Bureau that, since 16 November 2023, in its capacity as receiving Office, it no longer accepts the filing of international applications in electronic form using EFS-Web. Applicants may continue to use Patent Center to file and manage international applications.

ePCT Update

A new version of the ePCT system was deployed on 15 April 2024. For full details on the new features of this version for applicants and for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities, please refer, respectively, to:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1710> and

<https://www.wipo.int/ipportal-support/epct-office-user-guide/faq>

A summary of the main new features follows.

What’s new in ePCT for applicants?

- Management of access rights following a request for change under PCT Rule 92*bis* is now an applicant self-service: more information can be found in the Practical Advice of this issue and the new ePCT video tutorial “Manage Access Rights following a Rule 92*bis* change request” available at <https://multimedia.wipo.int/wipo/en/pct/suspended-access-rights-2024-02-26-720p.mp4>;
- Signature requirements: only the common representative, deemed common representative (first named applicant who has the right to file the international application before the receiving Office according to nationality and residence) and appointed agent (Chapter I) are available to be selected to sign on most post-filing online actions in ePCT;

In the signature section, the “signatory” drop-down list showing the applicant, the agent (Chapter I) or the common representative, will continue to be displayed but only the parties authorized to sign will be active for selection. Parties not authorized to sign are

still displayed but are greyed-out with an indication next to the name and capacity as “[not authorized to sign]”;

- A new checkbox to confirm the authorization to sign on behalf of the Applicant (legal entity) or Agent (legal entity) must now be checked: this improvement concerns most ePCT post-filing online actions submitted to the IB;

When the selected signatory is an applicant (legal entity) or agent (legal entity), the signatory “capacity” field has been replaced with the aforesaid mandatory checkbox to confirm the authorization to sign on behalf of the applicant (legal entity) or agent (legal entity). For ePCT filings to RO/IB, the checkbox was already available for applicants (legal entities) to confirm their authorization to sign, and this feature has now been added for the agents (legal entities);

- Filing with RO/US – agent must be a natural person: when the selected receiving Office is RO/US, any agent to be added must be a natural person and the legal entity option is now greyed out;
- Business Continuity Service (BCS) Filing – change receiving Office to RO/IB before filing: when preparing an application in the BCS, it is now possible to change the selected receiving Office to RO/IB when another receiving Office had previously been selected; and
- The function “View document as it will be rendered at the IB” has been renamed to “Preview rendering of document after submission” for clarity – there is no change in the way the button/link works.

What’s new in ePCT for Offices?

In this version of ePCT, improvements have been implemented for the following features:

- RO:
 - It is now possible to attach documents to Forms PCT/RO/123 and PCT/RO/136 from the IA Documents section;
 - New ePCT Actions to generate Forms PCT/RO/158 and PCT/RO/159;
- ISA:
 - Import of citations data into Form PCT/ISA/237;
 - Save draft for Form PCT/ISA/212;
 - New task ‘Start international search’;
 - Automatic addition of E and P category patent documents into Form PCT/ISA/237;
 - Addition of “NONE” checkbox in Box V of Form PCT/ISA/237;
 - IPC format on Form PCT/ISA/210 aligned with Form PCT/ISA/237;
- ISA/IPEA:
 - New feature to import the text of the claims into Forms PCT/ISA/237, PCT/IPEA/408 and PCT/IPEA/409;

- Simple free-text field upgraded to an embedded text editor;
- Addition of new Unity clauses.

More details are available under “What’s New?” of the ePCT Office User Guide and FAQs at:

<https://www.wipo.int/ipportal-support/epct-office-user-guide/faq?selected=0>

As usual, Offices are encouraged to provide their feedback and to discuss their needs with the PCT International Cooperation Division at: pcticd@wipo.int.

Questions about the current ePCT system can be sent to the PCT eServices Help Desk via the ‘Contact Us’ link at:

<https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/direct.aspx?UG=4&T=en&N=769>

Exceptional Non-working Days

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified the International Bureau that, due to the upgrade of its electronic filing system, it is extending the days on which it will not be open to the public for the transaction of official business. The additional dates are from Thursday 2 May 2024 to Monday 13 May 2024, inclusive (Wednesday 1 May 2024 was already scheduled as a closed date for the Office).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of those days, that period will be extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day, which is, Tuesday 14 May 2024.

For further information, please refer to the information published on the IPOS website at:

<https://www.ipos.gov.sg/news/updates/ViewDetails/circular--excluded-days-from-1-may-2024-to-13-may-2024-for-business-under-ip-acts-and-rules/>

Unavailability of the ePCT System

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a), the International Bureau (IB) informs PCT users of the unavailability of the ePCT system during the following period:

28 March 2024, from 2:50 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. Central European Time.

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations due to this particular unavailability may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions announced in the notification of the IB published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 16 November 2023 (p.217 et seq.).

PCT Information Update

FI Finland (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC), an International Depositary Authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed as follows:

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
Tekniikantie 21
Espoo
Finland

Furthermore, the Office has specified the following storage conditions regarding the kind of microorganisms that may be deposited:

Bacteria (including actinomycetes) and fungi (including yeasts) that can be preserved without significant damage to or loss of their properties or viability in liquid nitrogen or by freeze-drying.

India (fee reductions)

The Indian Patent Office has notified changes with effect from 15 March 2024 to the conditions of eligibility for the reduction in the search fee, additional search fee, protest fee and late furnishing fee for sequence listings payable to it as International Searching Authority, as well as in the conditions of eligibility for reduction in the preliminary examination fee, additional fee, protest fee, and late furnishing fee for sequence listings payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority – the fees are reduced by 75% where the applicant is a natural person, startup, small entity, or an educational institution.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (IN) and Annex E (IN))

Search fee (Egyptian Patent Office, Israel Patent Office)

As from 1 May 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office. The new amount will be CHF 964.

As from 1 June 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, EUR and USD for an international search carried out by the Egyptian Patent Office. The new amounts will be CHF 76, EUR 78 and USD 84.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (EG and IL))

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitation

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO (IB) and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from “EPTP – European Patent & Trademark Protection”. To view an example of the invitation, as well as the many other examples that have

been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, please refer to:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.html

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the IB alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to share this information with the persons responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests. In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, please do not hesitate to contact the IB at:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

We also encourage PCT applicants, agents or inventors (PCT users) to take action with their governments or consumer protection associations. A suggested text for making complaints and a list of “Government authorities/consumer protection associations receiving complaints” are available at the above-mentioned web page.

New entries for publication in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*

Following consultation with Offices via PCT Circular C. PCT 1659 (<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/circulars/2023/1659.pdf>) the International Bureau is pleased to announce the inclusion in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* of the new questions referred to in the Circular, in order to enhance the overall utility and comprehensiveness of the *Guide*.

The International Bureau is currently collecting answers to these questions from Offices of Contracting States and will publish them in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* once they are available. A number of Offices have already provided the answers which have been published accordingly.

For further information on a particular State or Office, please refer to the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, at:

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

New webinar recordings

Webinars in Russian

A recording of the following webinar in Russian:

- PCT System: Filing an International Application via ePCT – Live Demonstration (14 March 2024)

as well as the supporting documents, can now be accessed at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/seminar/webinars/index.html>

Practical Advice

Access rights management in ePCT following a change of agent

Q: I am taking over representation of an international application and plan to submit the request for recording the change under PCT Rule 92bis, along with the power of attorney from the applicant, via ePCT. I have heard that the processing of access rights in ePCT has changed. As the new agent, how can I now get access rights to the application in ePCT?

A: Ideally, when making changes to an applicant or agent who has access rights to an international application in ePCT, it is recommended that someone with "eOwner" status in ePCT modifies the access rights *before* submission of the request for change under PCT Rule 92bis. This way, in the case of a change of agent, the outgoing agent with eOwner access rights in ePCT can assign access rights to the new agent in ePCT, provided that the new agent has a WIPO account with a strong authentication method and has a connection with the original agent. This will save you from having to submit a new online Access Rights request via the ePCT system and allow you to submit the request for change directly as an 'Action'.

Detailed procedures are available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=527>

However, if this is not the case and the previous agent has not provided you with access rights to the application in ePCT, and if the application has not yet been published, you will need to use the normal upload function in ePCT to submit your letter requesting the change of agent under PCT Rule 92bis, making sure that you include your email address and the new file reference (if applicable), and a power of attorney signed by the first-named applicant or common representative, in order to appoint you as the new agent (please refer to "Upload Documents" at <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=820> for more information). Note that if the application has already been published, you will be able to change the agent of record using an ePCT 'Action' (instructions can be found at <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=854>).

As soon as a PCT Rule 92bis change request is submitted to the International Bureau (IB) using either the upload function or using a "Rule 92bis change request" action for a change of agent, ePCT online access to that application is automatically suspended. Previously, user access rights following a PCT Rule 92bis change were managed by the IB, but the applicant is now able to remove or reinstate access rights without IB intervention.

Once the IB has processed the change request, a new email notification entitled "Confirm ePCT access rights" is sent to the new agent (provided that you included your email address in the request for change). This notification outlines all the existing access rights as eOwner, eEditor, or eViewer and provides a link to an external page from which you, as new representative, must verify these rights and make any necessary removals.

The external page entitled "Confirm ePCT access rights" displays the names of those with current access rights and from the "Access rights" button, offers you two options:

- "Remove all access rights" removes all current access rights in ePCT, making the application eligible for a new access rights request (from you, in this case) via ePCT.
- "Keep current access rights" which reactivates access for the listed individuals.

As soon as you confirm the decision by clicking "I confirm the decision regarding access rights," access in ePCT will be updated and ePCT access to the application will be restored. For more detailed information, please refer to the video tutorial "Manage access rights following a Rule 92*bis* change request" available at:

<https://multimedia.wipo.int/wipo/en/pct/suspended-access-rights-2024-02-26-720p.mp4>

For security reasons, the link to confirm ePCT access rights expires after seven days. If no action is taken within this period, a new link can be requested from the email notice of expiry by clicking "Resend new link". ePCT access to the international application will remain suspended until the new agent has confirmed or denied the existing access rights in ePCT (please refer to <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=525> for further information).

As the new agent, if you have received the Form PCT/IB/306 (Notification of the Recording of a Change) and have removed the existing access rights for the application concerned, you can submit your request for access rights. Full instructions can be found at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1637>)

and in the video tutorial "Request Access Rights after Filing" available at:

<https://multimedia.wipo.int/wipo/en/pct/request-access-rights-after-filing-2023-01-23-720p.mp4>

Note that, if the e-mail address of the new agent recorded by the IB corresponds with the e-mail address associated with your WIPO Account which will be used to request the access rights, your access rights request will be automatically approved by the system.

If the application has not yet been published, the code indicated on PCT Form/IB/301 will be required as part of the process for requesting access rights to the application. If you do not have access to this form, please refer to "I'm the new agent and I don't have access to the IB/301 code to request access rights before publication" at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=938>

It is important to ensure you always have two eOwners per application to facilitate the management of access rights.

More information on access rights in ePCT can be found at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=693> and

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=694>

and from the ePCT video tutorials at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/access_rights.html

For more details on submitting change requests under PCT Rule 92*bis*, please refer to the "Practical advice" in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02/2012 and 03/2012 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>)
(situation on 22 April 2024)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
25 – 26 April 2024 Stockholm (SE) <i>[cancelled]</i>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Schumm and Ms. Kang	P-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Mr. Farhadi) Tel: (46-76) 097 18 40 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
9 – 10 May 2024 (Online)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic training course in European patent law WIPO speakers: Ms. Schumm	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.edu@elzaburu.es
20 June 2024 Lyon (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre Paul Roubier E-mail : info@paulroubier.com Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08
26 September 2024 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 20 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (26-27 September) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Toms) E-mail: sophie.toms@management-forum.co.uk
30 September 2024 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Dieter) E-mail: alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch
27 – 29 November 2024 Augsburg (DE)/Hybrid	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 14th PAFA-Tagung conference (hybrid) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com/14-pafa-tagung/

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
23 May 2024 10:00 – 13:30 CEST	Russian	“PCT System: Priority Corrections and other Corrections in PCT International Applications” Regional Webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC) WIPO speaker: Ms. Kryanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/2917083219499/WN_42oEvhr9QkCv3o-Xzq1Hbw
6 June 2024 10:00 – 12:30 CEST	Russian	“PCT system: Amendment of the Claims in the international phase” Regional Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speakers: Mr. Jazairy and Ms. Kryanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/6117083219910/WN_z6o2lwXGTw2mb1zroBFbFA

[continued on next page]

PCT Webinars [continued]

20 June 2024 10:00 – 12:30 CEST	Russian	“PCT system: Safeguard Mechanisms in the PCT: Restoration of Priority Rights and Reinstatement of Rights when Entering the National Phase” Regional Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3817083220301/WN_-xEUJpWeQzGzIz4EkqTvPw
2 July 2024 10:00 – 13:30 CEST	Russian	“PCT System: International Search and International Preliminary Examination” Regional Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: invited speakers from Offices	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/7517083220670/WN_80751lp7T9aOECqJp4WsSQ

Other IP events**World IP Day, 26 April 2024**

World IP Day is celebrated globally. For information visit:
www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 2024, 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—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYP	Syrian pounds
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	TJB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISR	international search report	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
		EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
		GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
		HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Currencies:

ALL	Albanian lek
AMD	Armenian dram
AUD	Australian dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat
BAM	Convertible mark
BGN	Bulgarian lev
BHD	Bahraini dinar
BND	Brunei dollar

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 April 2024, 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	–	200	300	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,274	26	–	342	513	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	EA EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	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: on paper: ⁹	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN	98	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CA	416	CAD	1,979	22	–	298	446	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,562	eq USD ¹⁰ 18	–	eq USD ¹⁰ 235	eq USD ¹⁰ 352	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	none	CNY	10,620	120	–	1,600	2,400	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: on paper:	419,640 503,470	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: on paper:	237 289	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	CL EP ES

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 April 2024, 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	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – ¹²	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,300	120	–	1,550	2,320	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,562 or EUR 1,381	18 16	– –	235 208	352 311	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 150	EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,197	13	–	180	270	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 536,300	6,000	–	80,600	121,000	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 104 or USD ¹⁵ 117	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,381 or USD 1,562	15 16 18	100 104 117	200 208 235	300 311 352	Refer to footnote 16
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 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
IL	ILS 618	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁷ INR 17,600 ¹⁸ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 213,100	2,400	–	32,100	48,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁹	JPY 217,700	2,500	–	–	49,100	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ²⁰	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EA EP RU

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 April 2024, 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	
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
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 ²¹ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹²	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
LY	LYD – ¹²	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87 ²² (natural persons) USD 375.50 ²² (legal persons)	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 550 ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,630	180	–	2,350	3,520	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,436	27	–	366	550	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ¹²	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	AT AU EGEPU S
PA	USD 240	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	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 online: 11.80 on paper: 23.59	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	EG EP US
RO	RON 497	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD – ¹²	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 15,990	180	–	2,410	3,610	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,995	23	–	300	450	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 66 ²⁵	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
SV	none ²⁶	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CL EP ES

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 April 2024, 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	
SY	SYP	5,000	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹²	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	EA EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹²	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EA 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	1,562	18	–	235	352	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,562	18	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX	refer to Office	UGX eq USD	1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	AT EP SG
US	USD	260 ²⁸	USD	1,562	18	117	235	–	AU EP IL JP KR SG US
		small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸							
UZ	UZS	245,000 ³⁰	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT	200	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	EP PH
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	27,820	310	–	4,180	6,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,562	eq USD 18	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 April 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ³¹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,710	KRW	2,536,000	SGD	2,565	USD	1,870	ZAR	35,770
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,287	EUR	1,336	KRW	1,913,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	1,930
	USD	1,407	ZAR	26,920								
BR ⁸	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	306	EUR	318	USD	335		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	459	EUR	476	USD	502		
CA	CAD	2,220	CHF	1,492	EUR	1,549	USD	1,631				
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,703	EUR	1,899						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF	341	EUR	380		
	In case of filing by a university ³² :				USD	300	CHF	255	EUR	285		
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	263	EUR	273	USD	288				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:											
	RUB	9,000	CHF	83	EUR	91	USD	99				
	For searches carried out in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF	370	EUR	406	USD	441				
EG ³³	EGP	4,000	CHF*	110	EUR*	123	USD*	129				
	*(from 1.6.24:		CHF	76	EUR	78	USD	84)				
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	GBP	1,570	HUF	715,100	ISK	274,600
	JPY	297,100	NOK	20,880	NZD	3,253	SEK	20,750	SGD	2,675	USD	1,989
	ZAR	37,470										
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989						
FI	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989						
IL	ILS	3,962	CHF*	907	EUR	974	USD	1,066				
	*(from 1.5.24:		CHF	964)								
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	102	EUR	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120		
	In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	26	EUR	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30		

[continued on next page]

Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 April 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	143,000	CHF	874	EUR	907	KRW	1,304,000	USD	955		
	For IAs in English:											
	JPY	169,000	CHF	1,033	EUR	1,072	SGD	1,549	USD	1,129		
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552		
	SGD	452	USD	330								
	For IAs in English:											
	KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473		
	SGD	1,206	USD	879								
PH	Small entity or government ³⁷ :											
	USD	600	CHF	511	EUR	570						
	USD		USD	200	CHF	170	EUR	190				
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF	79	EUR	826	USD	94				
	For IAs in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF	370	EUR	406	USD	441				
SE	SEK	20,750	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880
	USD	1,989										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY	244,300	KRW	2,218,000	USD	1,633
TR	TRY	61,090	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	USD	1,989				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:											
	EUR	100	CHF	96	USD	105						
	For IAs in English, French or German:											
	EUR	300	CHF	289	USD	316						
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,856	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR	41,680		
	For small entity ²⁹ :											
	USD	872	CHF	742	EUR	828	NZD	1,461	ZAR	16,670		
	For micro entity ²⁹ :											
	USD	436	CHF	371	EUR	414	NZD	730	ZAR	8,340		
XN	DKK	13,750	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880	SEK	20,750
	USD	1,989										
XV	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	HUF	715,100	USD	1,989				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 April 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	CHF 819	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,146
	CHF 1,638	
EP	CHF 1,751 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,751	CHF 200
RU	CHF 109	CHF 200
	CHF 175 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,751	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,493	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	CHF 47
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 87
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 87
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 67
	– 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 58
	CHF 58	

[continued on next page]

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees *[continued]*

(amounts on 1 April 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee^{2, 38}
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,751	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 517	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,710	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 530	

[continued on next page]

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 April 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

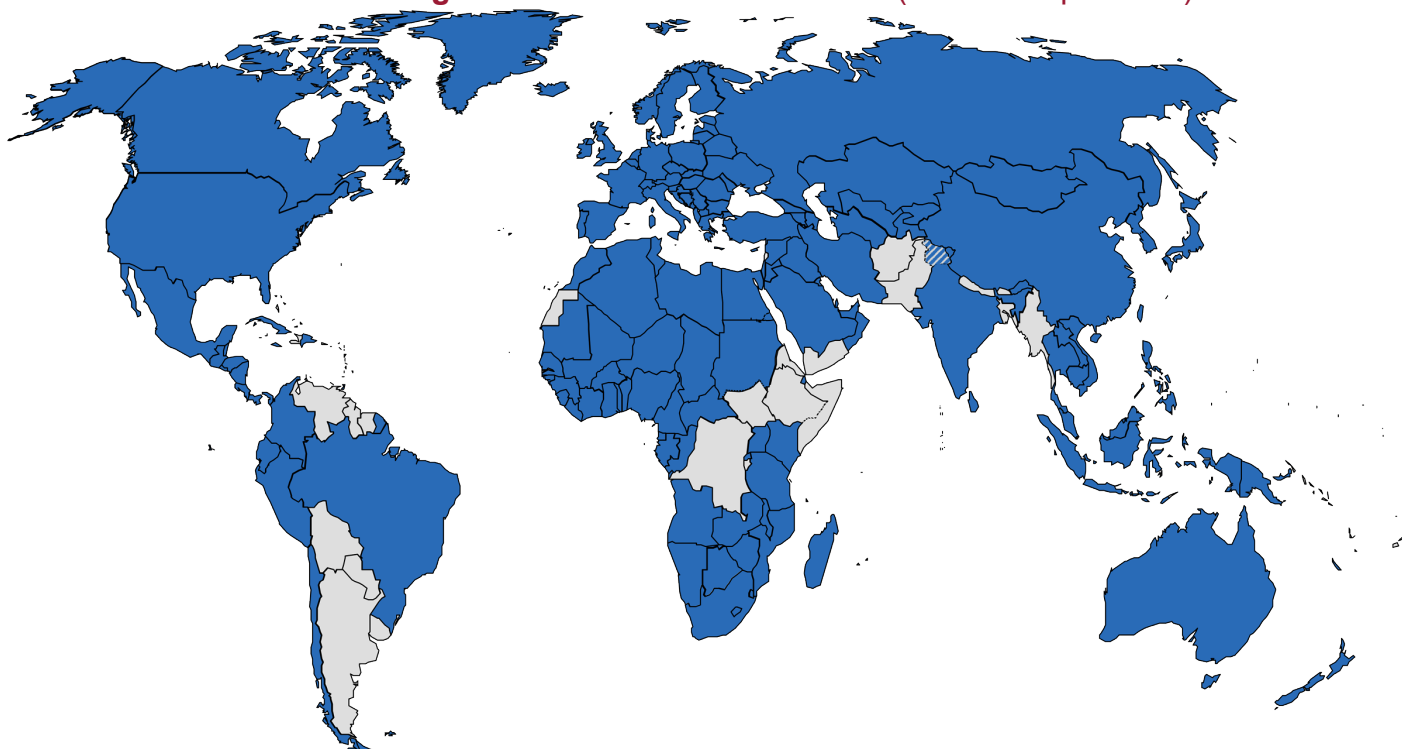
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴⁰	Handling fee ^{2, 40} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 208
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴¹	AUD 342
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ^{9, 9}	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 1,110	CAD 298
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 235
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,600
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 6,750 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 24,000 Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office: Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 4,500 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 16,000	USD 235
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 235
EP	EUR 1,915 ³⁴	EUR 208
ES	EUR 595.37 ³⁴	EUR 208
FI	EUR 650	EUR 208
IL	ILS 1,698	ILS 838
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 3,000	USD 235
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 32,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 299,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 150	USD 235
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³	USD 235
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 2,410
SG	SGD 830	SGD 300
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 208
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁴ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 256 320 ⁴⁴ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 128 160 ⁴⁴	USD 235
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,550
XV	EUR 900	EUR 208

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

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 be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4(a)(ii-bis)).
- 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, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 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.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html. The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026.
- 12 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 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
- 16 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. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 18 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 19 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
- 20 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.
- 21 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 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.
- 27 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%.
- 28 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.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 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
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 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).
- 32 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, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 This fee 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>
- 35 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 refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 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: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 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.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 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).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 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—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (157 on 1 April 2024)



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

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 Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

4 Validation of European patent possible.

5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.

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).

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 2022). 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

www.wipo.int/pct/en

May 2024 | No. 05/2024

Extension of the Pilot XML Rendering Arrangement for Publication of International Applications

As already announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2023, the International Bureau has launched a pilot XML rendering arrangement for the publication of international applications, with an aim to better display modifications made to international applications and make more effective use of the XML data. It is recalled that this arrangement replaces the stamping of modified sheets in the bottom margin with indications using a black line in the right-hand margin and an annotation noting the relevant rule and date. This rendering with modifications may result in differences in pagination compared with the application as originally filed in XML format but it enhances the consistency of layout when original pages generated from the XML as filed are combined with replacement sheets provided as PDF documents.

The pilot has been applied since October 2023 to international applications filed with the receiving Office of China (RO/CN) in XML format or converted into XML format. Based on the experience gained and after further discussion with relevant Offices, the International Bureau has decided to extend the pilot to international applications filed in XML format with the receiving Offices of Japan (RO/JP) and the International Bureau (RO/IB) from June 2024.

For further information about the pilot, please refer to PCT Circular C. PCT 1656 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/circulars/2023/1656.pdf>

Possible Legal Remedies for Applicants Affected by Flooding in Brazil

The National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Brazil) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, due to severe flooding in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul, and in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), it will waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a) where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it, between 24 April and 28 October 2024, is not met by an interested party residing, having a place of business or staying in the State of Rio Grande do Sul.

For additional information, please refer to Ordinance No. 23 published in the INPI Gazette of 21 May 2024, at:

<https://revistas.inpi.gov.br/rpi/>

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), the IB (including in its capacity as receiving Office) will also waive the need for evidence for requests for excuse of delay in

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

meeting time limits under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a) if it is stated that the delay is due to the flooding in Rio Grande do Sul.

Affected PCT applicants who are unable to file their PCT applications within the priority period because of the flooding, but who are able to file them within 2 months from the expiration of the 12-month period, can request restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3 before receiving Offices which apply this provision. Because INPI still maintains a notice of incompatibility in relation to this Rule, affected applicants in Brazil may choose to file such PCT applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits due to Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication (PCT Rule 82*quater*.2)

Notification under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2 (European Patent Office)

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of any of the permitted electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of the unavailability of Online Filing version 5.15, one of its permitted electronic means of communication, during the following period:

27 March 2024 at 19:20 Central European Time (CET) to 28 March 2024 at 10:04 CET.

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

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/official-notices/officialnotices20.pdf#page=253>

Information on the outage has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/en/service-support/availability-online-services/technical-fault-online-filing-services-reference-no>

and on the WIPO website at:

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

Exceptional Non-working Days

In the context of the Office closures mentioned below, please note that, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach an Office falls on a day on which the Office is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Indian Patent Office (Chennai)

The Indian Patent Office (Chennai) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it was closed for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 4 December 2023 due to inclement weather conditions.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the IB by the Offices, is available at:

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

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified the International Bureau that, due to the upgrade of its electronic filing system, it added three days to the period of Wednesday 1 May 2024 to Monday 13 May 2024 on which it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business. The additional dates were from Tuesday 14 May 2024 to Thursday 16 May 2024, inclusive.

For further information, please refer to the information published on the IPOS website at:

<https://www.ipos.gov.sg/news/updates/ViewDetails/circular--excluded-days-from-1-may-2024-to-16-may-2024>

PCT Information Update

International filing fee and handling fee payable in US dollars (various Offices)

On 1 July 2024, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in USD of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables. These changes have been reflected in the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/):

- Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AZ, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CL, CR, DJ, DO, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, HN, IB, IL, IN, IQ, JM, JO, KE, KG, KH, KZ, LR, MD, MW, MX, NI, OM, PA, PE, PG, PH, QA, RU, SA, SC, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, WS, ZM, ZW;
- Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): CL, EA, EG, IN, PH, RU, US.

EP European Patent Organisation (discontinuance of use of fax machine)

With effect from 1 July 2024, the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it will discontinue the use of its facsimile machine and will no longer accept the filing of documents by fax.

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

ES Spain (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has changed, as follows:

Location: Paseo de la Castellana 75
28046 Madrid
Spain

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 July 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document in USD, payable to the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....	USD	110
Fee for priority document:.....	USD	55
Supplement for airmail:	USD	11

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

PT Portugal (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The following depository institution acquired the status of International Depository Authority (IDA) under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with effect from 25 April 2024:

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

US United States of America (location and mailing address; fees; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Patent Customer Service Window of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has changed location, as follows:

Location: Customer Service Window
Knox Building, Room 1D80
501 Dulany Street
Alexandria
VA 22314
United States of America

The Office has specified, with effect from 6 March 2024, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the USPTO, as competent International Searching and

Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed in English by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO (or with the IB) as receiving Office.

This specification will apply for a period of eight years, until 5 March 2032. During this eight-year period, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines will act as International Searching Authority provided that it has not received more than 75 international applications from the USPTO during any fiscal quarter, and as International Preliminary Examining Authority provided that the above conditions have been met and it has carried out the international search.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (US) and C (US))

Search fees (various Offices)

As from 1 July 2024, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Eurasian Patent Office.....	CHF
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).....	CHF
Indian Patent Office	CHF
Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	CHF
National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	CHF
United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	CHF

The above-mentioned amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (CL, EA, IN, PH, RU and US))

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

As from 1 July 2024, there will be a change in the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by Rospatent. The new amount is indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

World Intellectual Property Report 2024

The 2024 edition of WIPO's World Intellectual Property Report – "Making Innovation Policy Work for Development" – probes the intersection of human innovation, economic diversification and industrial policy and finds that the key to sustainable growth for countries is to focus policy making on developing local innovation capabilities. It documents a recent resurgence in industrial policy making, including in many developing and least developed countries, aimed at ensuring a wide and growing economic structure base and the innovation, creativity and technology required to achieve it. The Report, as well as further information, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/web/world-ip-report>

New/Updated PCT Resources

Publications in Chinese

The consolidated text of the following publications, as in force from 1 July 2022, are now available on the PCT Resources page in Chinese:

- Administrative Instructions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
(<https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/docs/texts/ai.pdf>)
- PCT Receiving Office Guidelines:
(<https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/docs/texts/ro.pdf>)
- International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines:
(<https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/docs/texts/ispe.pdf>)

New webinar recordings

Webinars in English

A recording of the following webinars in English (which took place on the dates indicated below):

- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: What's New for Applicants in ePCT (16 and 18 April 2024)
- Overview of ePCT for ISAs (30 April 2024)

as well as the supporting documents, can now be accessed at:

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

Practical Advice

Third-party observations and their effects

Q: I have a positive international search result and my PCT application has been published but I have now received, from the International Bureau, an observation from a third party whose name is not mentioned. What does this imply? Will I have any possibility to comment on the observation?

A: Third party observations refer to observations or comments made by any interested party, including other applicants, competitors, or the public, regarding a published PCT application where they believe that the claimed invention is either not new (lacks novelty) or is obvious (lacks an inventive step).

After publication of an international application, third parties have the opportunity to submit observations to the International Bureau (IB) through the ePCT system up until 28 months from the priority date. Each person may only make a single observation on any particular application. Ten observations may be submitted on any given application.

Each observation must include at least one citation, up to a maximum of ten citations, referring to documents published before the international filing date or patent documents having a priority date before the international filing date. The citations should be accompanied by a brief

explanation of how each document is relevant to the novelty and/or inventive step of the claimed invention. The observation should preferably be accompanied by a copy of each cited document. The person submitting the observation may choose to remain anonymous.

The third-party observation service can be accessed either directly in ePCT without strong authentication or while browsing a published international application in PATENTSCOPE (available at: <https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/>). Its legal basis is in Part 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. Further details relating to this service concerning the format, length of observations, language, etc. can be found in a user guide available at:

https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/epct/docs/epct_observations.pdf

The IB checks each observation but only to ensure that it concerns the question of novelty and/or inventive step. It does not check the validity of the observation in substance. If the observation concerns issues such as ownership of the invention, industrial applicability or sufficiency of the disclosure, the IB may reject it and notify the third party accordingly. If accepted, the observations are made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE in the same section as the international search report. Only the observation is visible to the general public. For reasons of copyright, any prior art document uploaded with the observation is made available only to the applicant, International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority (where relevant) and designated or elected Offices.

The IB immediately notifies the applicant of the submission of any such observations and sends a copy of the uploaded prior art document to both the applicant and the designated Offices. The IB also sends a copy of the observations and cited documents for consideration to the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), but only if the application is still pending before the Authority concerned.

In your case, the international search has already been completed. The ISA will therefore not be informed about the third-party observation and the search results will not be reviewed. If you file a Chapter II demand, the IB will make a copy of the observation available to the IPEA which, unless it has already started drawing up the International Preliminary Examination Report, will take the observations into account.

You have the option of commenting on the observation during the international phase until the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. Your comments must be submitted to the IB, preferably by uploading a PDF document of type “Applicant Comments on Third Party Observation” via ePCT when signed in with strong authentication. Comments must be submitted in English, French or the language of publication of the international application. Any comments submitted will be made available to the public on PATENTSCOPE. As third parties can submit observations until 28 months following the priority date, the 30-month time limit to reply ensures that you have time to react before entering the national phase and to have your response made publicly available within that period. If you miss this time limit, you might still have the opportunity to submit further arguments in the national phase as described below.

There is no requirement to submit a Chapter II demand for you to be able to comment on the observation. In any event, the IB will make the observation and the prior art documents available to the designated Offices promptly after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. Applicants entering the national phase in the United States of America are obliged to indicate in the Information Disclosure Statement relevant documents which they have been made aware of. It is then up to the designated Offices to decide whether or not to take the document into account for national phase processing. You may, in addition, submit further

arguments in the national phase under the applicable national laws and procedures, including any similar third-party observation systems.

For further information on third party observations please refer to the PCT FAQ at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/third_party_observations.html

and the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2012 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/practical_advice/pa_082012.html

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>) (situation on 27 May 2024)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
20 June 2024 Lyon (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier E-mail : info@paulroubier.com Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08
26 September 2024 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 20 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (26-27 September) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Toms) E-mail: sophie.toms@management-forum.co.uk
30 September 2024 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. Dieter) E-mail: alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch
27 – 29 November 2024 Augsburg (DE)/Hybrid	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 14th PAFA-Tagung conference (hybrid) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com/14-pafa-tagung/

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
6 June 2024 10:00 – 12:30 CEST	Russian	"PCT system: Amendment of the Claims in the international phase" Regional Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speakers: Mr. Jazairy and Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/6117083219910/WN_z6o2lwXGTw2mb1zroBFbfA
20 June 2024 10:00 – 12:30 CEST	Russian	"PCT system: Safeguard Mechanisms in the PCT: Restoration of Priority Rights and Reinstatement of Rights when Entering the National Phase" Regional Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3817083220301/WN_-xEUJpWeQzGzIz4EkqTvPw
2 July 2024 10:00 – 13:30 CEST	Russian	"PCT System: International Search and International Preliminary Examination" Regional Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: invited speakers from Offices	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/7517083220670/WN_80751lp7T9aOECqJp4WsSQ

[continued on next page]

PATENTSCOPE Webinars

(https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
25 June 2024 17:30 – 18:15 CEST	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_O78Uu2NtRa-8wAGFA2VQNg
27 June 2024 8:30 – 9:15 CEST	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x8_ccCy0SUCLcmdQ4Zb-FA

PCT Events Without WIPO Speakers¹

(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of event; Speakers	Organizer and registration
25 – 27 June 2024 Dillon, Colorado (US)	English	PCT Seminar (2 ½ day program) Speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl (WIPO Consultant)	Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC https://pctseminar.com/ \$100 reduction if booked by 31 May 2024 – coupon code RDTLISV1 \$140 reduction if booked by 31 May 2024 together with Seminar on PCT Docketing of 27 June 2024 – coupon code VMMSDKSU
27 June 2024 Dillon, Colorado (US) (13:00 – 17:00 US MT time)	English	Seminar on PCT Docketing (half day program) Speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl (WIPO Consultant)	Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC https://pctseminar.com/ \$40 reduction if booked by 31 May 2024 – coupon code EE2GCEZT \$140 reduction if booked by 31 May 2024 together with PCT Seminar of 25 – 27 June 2024 – coupon code VMMSDKSU

¹ Views and opinions of speakers at these events do not necessarily represent the views of WIPO.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2024, 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—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYP	Syrian pounds
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISR	international search report	CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
RO	receiving Office	CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum

Currencies:

ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 May 2024, 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	–	200	300	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,562 <i>(from 1.7.24: 1,457)</i>	18 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EA EP RU
AP	USD (or eq in local currency)	50	USD 1,562 <i>(from 1.7.24: 1,457)</i>	18 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	235 <i>(219)</i>	352 <i>(329)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 2,274	26	–	342	513	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD 1,562 <i>(from 1.7.24: 1,457)</i>	18 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	235 <i>(219)</i>	352 <i>(329)</i>	EA EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,562 <i>(from 1.7.24: 1,457)</i>	18 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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: on paper: ⁹	175 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD 1,562 <i>(from 1.7.24: 1,457)</i>	18 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BY	BYN	98	USD 1,562 <i>(from 1.7.24: 1,457)</i>	18 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EA EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,562 <i>(from 1.7.24: 1,457)</i>	18 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	CA EP
CA	CA	416	CAD 1,979	22	–	298	446	CA

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 May 2024, 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	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD ¹⁰ 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD ¹⁰ 235 (219)	eq USD ¹⁰ 352 (329)	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY 10,620	120	–	1,600	2,400	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 237 on paper: 289	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CL EP ES
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – ¹²	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,300	120	–	1,550	2,320	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457) or EUR 1,381	18 (16) 16	– (–) –	235 (219) 208	352 (329) 311	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 150	EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,197	13	–	180	270	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 536,300	6,000	–	80,600	121,000	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 104 or USD ¹⁵ 117 (from 1.7.24: 110)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,381 or USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	15 16 18 (16)	100 104 117 (110)	200 208 235 (219)	300 311 352 (329)	Refer to footnote 16
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 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
IL	ILS 618	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EP IL US

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 May 2024, 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	
IN	Paper filings:	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
	INR 3,500 ¹⁷	(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
IQ	INR 17,600 ¹⁸						AU CA EG EP TR
	No fee for e-filings						
IR	IQD 77,075	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CN EP IN RU
	or USD 55	(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
IS	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP SE XN
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
IT	ISK 18,200	ISK 213,100	2,400	–	32,100	48,100	EP
	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 235 (219)	eq USD 352 (329)	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁹	JPY 217,700	2,500	–	–	49,100	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ²⁰	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CN EP JP KR SG
	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	
KN	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²¹ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹²	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
LY	LYD – ¹²	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MX	USD 93.87 ²²	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
	(natural persons)						
	USD 375.50 ²² (legal persons)						
MY	MYR 550 ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 May 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
NI	USD	200	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK 15,630	180	–	2,350	3,520	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD 2,436	27	–	366	550	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹²	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 235 (219)	eq USD 352 (329)	AT AU EGE P US
PA	USD	240	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 235 (219)	eq USD 352 (329)	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	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 online: on paper:	11.80 23.59	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 235 (219)	eq USD 352 (329)	EG EP US
RO	RON	497	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
RS	RSD	8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available							
SA	USD	100	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD	– ¹²	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 15,990	180	–	2,410	3,610	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,995	23	–	300	450	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper:	66 ²⁵	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
SV	none ²⁶		USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CL EP ES
SY	SYP	5,000	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹²	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EA EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹²	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EA EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 May 2024, 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	
TR	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office	UGX eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 235 (219)	eq USD 352 (329)	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	117 (110)	235 (219)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 27,820	310	–	4,180	6,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,710	KRW 2,536,000	SGD 2,565	USD 1,870	ZAR 35,770		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,407	CHF 1,287 ZAR 26,920	EUR 1,336	KRW 1,913,000	NZD 2,357	SGD 1,930		
BR ⁸	Online: On paper:	BRL 1,685 BRL 2,525	CHF 306 CHF 459	EUR 318 EUR 476	USD 335 USD 502			
CA	CAD 2,220	CHF 1,492	EUR 1,549	USD 1,631				
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.7.24:)	CHF* 1,703 CHF 1,826)	EUR 1,899					
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.7.24:)		USD 400	CHF* 341 CHF 365)	EUR 380			
	In case of filing by a university ³² : *(from 1.7.24:)		USD 300	CHF* 255 CHF 285)	EUR 285			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 263	EUR 273	USD 288				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: RUB 9,000 *(from 1.7.24:)	CHF* 83 CHF 88)	EUR 91	USD 99				
	For searches carried out in English: RUB 40,000 *(from 1.7.24:)	CHF* 370 CHF 391)	EUR 406	USD 441				
EG ³³	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.6.24:)	CHF* 110 CHF 76	EUR* 123 EUR 78	USD* 129 USD 84)				
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,845 JPY 297,100 ZAR 37,470	CHF 1,751 NOK 20,880	DKK 13,750 NZD 3,253	GBP 1,570 SEK 20,750	HUF 715,100 SGD 2,675	ISK 274,600 USD 1,989		
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,845	CHF 1,751	USD 1,989					
FI	EUR 1,845	CHF 1,751	USD 1,989					
IL	ILS 3,962	CHF 964	EUR 974	USD 1,066				

[continued on next page]

Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 May 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	102	EUR	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120	
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	109)							
In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution:											
	INR	2,500	CHF*	26	EUR	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30	
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	27)							
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:										
	JPY	143,000	CHF	874	EUR	907	KRW	1,304,000	USD	955	
For IAs in English:											
	JPY	169,000	CHF	1,033	EUR	1,072	SGD	1,549	USD	1,129	
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:										
	KRW	450,000	AUD	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552	
	SGD	452	USD	330							
	For IAs in English:										
	KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473	
	SGD	1,206	USD	879							
PH	USD	600	CHF*	511	EUR	570					
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	548)							
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :										
				USD	200	CHF*	170	EUR	190		
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	183)							
RU	For IAs in Russian:										
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	79	EUR	826	USD	94			
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	83)							
For IAs in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF*	370	EUR	406	USD	441			
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	391)							
SE	SEK	20,750	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	
	USD	1,989	NOK	20,880							
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY	244,300	KRW	2,218,000	
TR	TRY	61,090	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	USD	1,989			
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:										
				EUR	100	CHF	96	USD	105		
For IAs in English, French or German:											
				EUR	300	CHF	289	USD	316		
US	USD	2,180	CHF*	1,856	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR	41,680	
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	1,990)							
	For small entity ²⁹ :										
		USD	872	CHF*	742	EUR	828	NZD	1,461	ZAR	16,670
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	796)							
For micro entity ²⁹ :											
	USD	436	CHF*	371	EUR	414	NZD	730	ZAR	8,340	
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	398)							
XN	DKK	13,750	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880	
	USD	1,989	SEK	20,750							
XV	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	HUF	715,100	USD	1,989			

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 May 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
		CHF 819
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,146
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,638
EP		CHF 1,751 ³⁴
FI		CHF 1,751
RU		CHF 109
	(from 1.7.24:	CHF 115)
		CHF 175 ³⁹
	(from 1.7.24:	CHF 184)
SE		CHF 1,751
SG		CHF 1,493
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,751
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	CHF 47

[continued on next page]

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 May 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee^{2, 38}
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 87	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 87	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 67	
	– 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 58	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,751	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 517	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,710	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 530	

[continued on next page]

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

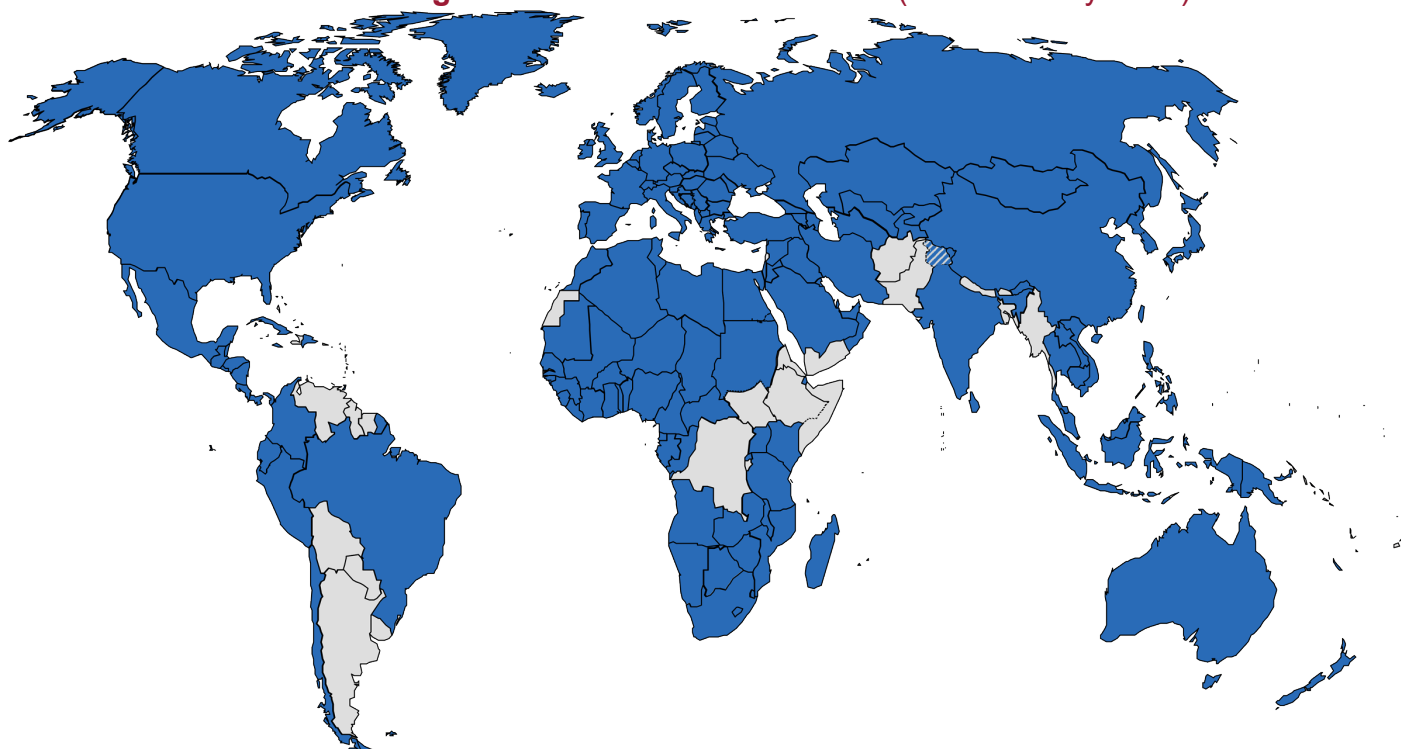
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴⁰	Handling fee ^{2, 40} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 208
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴¹	AUD 342
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ^{9, 9}	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 1,110	CAD 298
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,600
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 6,750 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 24,000 Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office: Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 4,500 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 16,000	USD 235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
EP	EUR 1,915 ³⁴	EUR 208
ES	EUR 595.37 ³⁴	EUR 208
FI	EUR 650	EUR 208
IL	ILS 1,698	ILS 838
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 3,000	USD 235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 32,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 299,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 150	USD 235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³	USD 235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 2,410
SG	SGD 830	SGD 300
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 208
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁴ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 256 320 ⁴⁴ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 128 160 ⁴⁴	USD 235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,550
XV	EUR 900	EUR 208

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

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 be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4(a)(ii-b/s)).
- 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, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 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.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html. The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026.
- 12 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 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
- 16 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. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 18 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 19 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
- 20 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.
- 21 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 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.
- 27 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%.
- 28 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.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 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
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 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).
- 32 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, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 This fee 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>
- 35 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 refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 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: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 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.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 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).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 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—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (157 on 1 May 2024)



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

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 Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

4 Validation of European patent possible.

5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.

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).

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 2022). 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

www.wipo.int/pct/en

June 2024 | No. 06/2024

The New WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge: PCT Implications

The new WIPO Treaty

As you may be aware, WIPO member states on 24 May 2024 approved a new [Treaty](#) related to intellectual property (IP), genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge. It is the first WIPO Treaty to address the interface between intellectual property, genetic resources and traditional knowledge and the first WIPO Treaty to include provisions specifically for Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities.

Once it enters into force (which will be after 15 Contracting Parties have acceded to or ratified it), the new Treaty will establish in international law a new disclosure requirement for patent applicants whose inventions are based on genetic resources and/or associated traditional knowledge. This will mean that where a claimed invention in a patent application is based on genetic resources, each Contracting Party will require applicants to disclose the country of origin or source of the genetic resources. And where a claimed invention in a patent application is based on traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, each Contracting Party will require applicants to disclose the Indigenous Peoples or local community, as applicable, who provided the traditional knowledge.

Implications for the PCT

An Agreed Statement contained in Footnote 4 of the new Treaty (under Article 7) states:

“The Contracting Parties request the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union to consider the need for amendments to the Regulations under the PCT and/or the Administrative Instructions thereunder with a view towards providing an opportunity for applicants who file an international application under the PCT designating a PCT Contracting State which, under its applicable national law, requires the disclosure of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, to comply with any formality requirements related to such disclosure requirement either upon filing of the international application, with effect for all such Contracting States, or subsequently, upon entry into the national phase before an Office of any such Contracting States.”

The International Bureau will monitor developments related to the new Treaty and, when appropriate, support the PCT Contracting States in implementing the new Treaty obligations, as referred to in the footnote, in the PCT. In the meantime, the International Bureau stands ready

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

to respond to any questions and requests for further information that PCT Contracting States and PCT users may have.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations – Entry into Force on 1 July 2024 (Reminder)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) that was held from 6 to 14 July 2023 adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2024. The amendments are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rules 26 and 29, relating to the procedure when an international application contains parts in different languages and all such languages are accepted by the competent receiving Office;
- Amendments to the French text of Rule 82^{quater}.3(c) to resolve an inconsistency between the English and French texts of this Rule.

A PowerPoint presentation showing the amendments to the PCT Regulations is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rule_changes_archive.html

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations

The publication containing the text of both the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations (WIPO Publication 274), updated as of 1 July 2024 in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, will be available as from that date, in PDF format, at:

<https://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4739>

Separate PDF versions of the texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT are already available in those languages at:

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

You can select languages other than English and Italian at the top right-hand side of the page.

PCT Statistics 2024

The PCT Yearly Review, 2024 edition

The 2024 edition of the *PCT Yearly Review* summarizes PCT activities and developments in 2023. It contains a comprehensive set of statistics relating to PCT filings and the performance of the international patent system in 2023 (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technological fields, as well as statistics on participation of women inventors in PCT applications), and also contains statistics relating to national phase entries in 2022 (the latest available year). The *PCT Yearly Review* also features information on the special theme mentioned below, and includes a summary of the advantages of the PCT.

The special theme in this year's edition of the *PCT Yearly Review* provides a descriptive analysis of "The technological composition of PCT applications". The use of the PCT System has expanded considerably over the past two decades, with substantial shifts in the technological composition of PCT applications. These changes have important implications for the patent system, primarily by increasing the demand for patent drafting and examination skills

in certain technology fields more than in others. More broadly, the evolving technological composition of PCT filings reflects changes in the direction of innovation. These changes have taken place globally, driven largely by emerging technological opportunities. However, they have also occurred at the level of individual countries, with some economies aligning more closely with global trends than others, depending on their technological specialization.

The *PCT Yearly Review* is available in English at:

<https://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4740&plang=EN>, and

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

An Executive Summary will be available shortly in the following nine languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish.

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New two-way PCT-PPH pilot program (National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) – EPO)

On 1 June 2024, a new two-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) and the European Patent Office (EPO). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase in one Office is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued by the other Office in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH agreement is available at:

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2024/05/a56.html>

[https://www.inapi.cl/docs/default-source/2023/patentes/guias-pph/guia_pph_epo_20231124-\(1\).pdf](https://www.inapi.cl/docs/default-source/2023/patentes/guias-pph/guia_pph_epo_20231124-(1).pdf)

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on this new pilot at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html)

Change to Publication Schedule

Publication of 1 August 2024

Due to the fact that Thursday, 1 August 2024, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 2 August 2024. The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will, however, remain unchanged, and any changes that should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight (Central European Summer Time (CEST)) on Tuesday, 16 July 2024.

Combined July-August Issue

The next issue of the *PCT Newsletter* will be a joint July-August issue that will be published at the beginning of August. If, between the publication of this issue and the July-August issue, there is important PCT news that users should be aware of, we will announce it by way of the PCT e-mail updating service and in the News section of the main PCT webpage. If you have not already subscribed to this service, which notifies PCT users when each issue of the *PCT Newsletter* becomes available and makes important ad hoc announcements when necessary, you can subscribe to it, free of charge at:

https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/en/#pct_newsletter

Please note that if there are any changes to the PCT Seminar Calendar or the PCT Fee Tables before the publication of the July-August issue, they will be updated at, respectively:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/fees.pdf>

PCT Information Update

BR Brazil (location and mailing address; number of copies of the international application)

The location and mailing address of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has changed, as follows:

Location: Rua Mayrink Veiga, 9
20° andar
Centro
Rio de Janeiro
RJ – CEP 20.090-910
Brazil

The Office has also notified the International Bureau (IB) that it now requires one paper copy of the international application, instead of three, if the application is filed on paper.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B and Annex C (BR))

CA Canada (fees)

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

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

QA Qatar (e-mail address)

The e-mail addresses of the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar) have changed, as follows:

E-mail: malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa
falmotawa@moci.gov.qa
patent-ip@moci.gov.qa

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Austrian Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 July 2024, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b) (the equivalent amounts in CHF, KRW, SGD, USD and ZAR will be established shortly). There will also be a change in the amount of the following fee payable from the same date:

Additional search fee:EUR 1,845

Furthermore, as from 1 August 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in JPY for an international search carried out by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, and the equivalent amounts payable in EUR and SGD for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office. The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, JP and SG))

Modified Administrative Instructions under the PCT

With effect from 1 July 2024, Sections 305*bis*, 308, 707 and 804 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been modified.

The revised Administrative Instructions containing these modifications are available in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, in PDF format, on the right-hand side of the page at, respectively:

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

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

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

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

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

The texts in English and French are also available in HTML format.

The revised text in Japanese will be available shortly, at:

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

The above-mentioned changes are explained in more detail in Circular C. PCT 1668 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/>

Modified PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

The *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines* have been modified with effect from 1 July 2024. For further details please refer to Circular C. PCT 1674 available shortly at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/>

The consolidated version of the *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines* will be available shortly on the WIPO website at:

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

Modified PCT Regulations (July 2024)

For further information on the new consolidated version of the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2024, please refer to “Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations”, above.

PowerPoint presentation about amendments to the PCT Regulations

As mentioned in “Amendments to the PCT Regulations”, above, a PowerPoint presentation showing the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2024 is now available in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rule_changes_archive.html

PCT resources available in Chinese

The following PCT resources have been translated into Chinese, and are available on the PCT website:

- *PCT Applicant’s Guide – Introduction to the International Phase:*

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/zh/docs/guide/gdvol1.pdf>

- *PCT Applicant’s Guide – Introduction to the National Phase:*

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/zh/docs/guide/gdvol2.pdf>

New ePCT video tutorials

ePCT video tutorials for IP Offices

The collection of ePCT video tutorials for IP Offices is now available in French.

The videos provide step-by-step demonstrations of how to use the main ePCT Office functionalities and are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/epct/tutorials_offices.html

WIPO Webinar – IP & Women: Patents, the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

A training session organized by WIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPIL) will be held online 27 June 2024. The webinar, which is free, is designed specifically for women innovators and entrepreneurs and aims to provide insights into the patent system, the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), and how these can be leveraged to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Participants will gain valuable knowledge to navigate the intellectual property landscape and contribute to sustainable innovation.

Although this webinar is mainly aimed at women in the Philippines and all member States of ASEAN, registration is open to all women everywhere who are interested in innovation & intellectual property.

Further information and registration for the webinar is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=83768

Practical Advice

Naming of the inventor

Q: I am a European Patent Agent. My client filed a European patent application in which he waived his right to be mentioned as an inventor. Now he intends to file a PCT application and again does not wish to be mentioned. Is it equally possible in a PCT application to indicate the name of the inventor but keep it confidential?

A: As a general matter, Article 4^{ter} of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property guarantees inventors the right to be acknowledged in the patent document and many national or regional patent systems require that the name of the inventor be indicated when the application is filed. Occasionally, inventors wish that their names remain confidential. However, unlike, for example, the European patent system where your client was able to waive his right to be mentioned (Rule 20.1 of the Implementing Regulations to the European Patent Convention) that is, to have his name included in the application and simply request that it remains confidential without any further conditions to be met, the PCT system does not provide a similar mechanism for inventors to request that their name not be made publicly accessible.

Under the PCT system, the only way to ensure that the name of the inventor is not disclosed would be to omit the inventor's name from the international application. And doing so would then oblige the applicant to provide the name of the inventors to each designated Office upon entry into the national phase. Although Contracting States, in their capacity as designated States, do not generally require that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing, most designated Offices would require that the names of the inventors be provided at least upon national phase entry (please refer to PCT Rules 4.1(a)(iv), 4.1(c) and 4.6 for further information).

Therefore, to avoid any problems or delays in the national phase, it is strongly recommended to furnish this information in the international phase, noting that in most Contracting States, the inventors' names will in any event be required and made publicly available during the national phase, subject to any national data protection laws which might apply.

Where indications concerning the inventor are included or added in time under PCT Rule 92^{bis} (before technical preparations for international publication are completed), they will appear in

the international publication in accordance with PCT Rule 48.2(b)(i) and Section 406(c) and Annex D, item 4, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. Where inventor data is added later (after publication but before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date) under PCT Rule 92*bis*, the bibliographic data tab on PATENTSCOPE will be updated accordingly and this information will be publicly accessible under Rule 94 as part of the application file held at the International Bureau. Any notice requesting that the name of the inventor not be disclosed will not have any effect if submitted in relation to a PCT application.

Under current procedures, privacy considerations are taken into account to some extent in relation to the inventors' postal addresses and email addresses, in so far as they are excluded from the text-form data displayed in the "PCT Biblio. Data" tab of PATENTSCOPE (as opposed to the published application which is accessible only in image format). As a consequence, these addresses are not searchable by Internet search engines. It should also be noted that the PCT does not require that the address indicated for the inventor in the request form be the inventor's "home" address (PCT Rule 4.4(c)). Instead, the employer's address may be indicated as the inventor's address.

As previously mentioned, most PCT Contracting States mandate that the inventor be indicated in the patent application process. Therefore, it is strongly advised to provide the inventor's name during the international phase.

For further information on the requirement of each designated Office regarding the furnishing of the name and address of the inventor, please refer to Annex B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html).

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>)
(situation on 24 June 2024)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
24-25 September 2024 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	P-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Mr. Farhadi) Tel: (46-76) 097 18 40 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
26 September 2024 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 20 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (26-27 September) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Toms) E-mail: sophie.toms@management-forum.co.uk
30 September 2024 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. Dieter) E-mail: alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch
27 – 29 November 2024 Augsburg (DE)/Hybrid	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 14th PAFA-Tagung conference (hybrid) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com/14-pafa-tagung/

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
27 June 2024 08:00 – 11:00 CEST	English	IP & Women: Patents, the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) WIPO speakers: Ms. Jorgenson, Mr. Ong, Ms. Aeri, Ms. Supriya, Ms. Belbl, Ms. Hayrapetyan and Ms. Kanellia	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=83768
2 July 2024 10:00 – 13:30 CEST	Russian	“PCT System: International Search and International Preliminary Examination” Regional Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: invited speakers from Offices	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/7517083220670/WN_807511p7T9aOECqJp4WsSQ

[continued on next page]

PATENTSCOPE Webinars

(https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
25 June 2024 17:30 – 18:15 CEST	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_O78Uu2NtRa-8wAGFA2VQNg
27 June 2024 8:30 – 9:15 CEST	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x8_ccCy0SUCLcmdQ4Zb-FA
9 July 2024 17:30 – 19:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 1 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xfV6zf7fSgaVplaaud_lw#/registration
11 July 2024 8:30 – 10:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 1 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p7Jl1nKWToEFvqnJspHvgQ
20 August 2024 17:30 – 19:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fHBODJAyTlejBool_gvDnA
22 August 2024 8:30 – 10:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EH_1zkcXRgG2D2jcz_6fAQ
24 September 2024 17:30 – 18:15 CEST	English	Non-Patent Literature in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wWiaZzSbT86uG_mk0agNpw
26 September 2024 8:30 – 9:15 CEST	English	Non-Patent Literature in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vlO2U2xFRVaeL7QwZbZaOw

PCT Events Without WIPO Speakers¹

(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of event; Speakers	Organizer and registration
25 – 27 June 2024 Dillon, Colorado (US)	English	PCT Seminar (2 ½ day program) Speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl (WIPO Consultant)	Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC https://pctseminar.com/
27 June 2024 Dillon, Colorado (US) (13:00 – 17:00 US MT time)	English	Seminar on PCT Docketing (half day program) Speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl (WIPO Consultant)	Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC https://pctseminar.com/

¹ Views and opinions of speakers at these events do not necessarily represent the views of WIPO.

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 June 2024, 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—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYP	Syrian pounds
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISR	international search report	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgys som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
		EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
		GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
		HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Currencies:

ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SAT	Samoan tala		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		
						SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 June 2024, 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	–	200	300	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EA EP RU
			(from 1.7.24:	1,457)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 1.7.24:	1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,274	26	–	342	513	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,562	18	–	235	352	EA EP RU
			(from 1.7.24:	1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	AT EP US
			(from 1.7.24:	1,457)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
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: on paper: ⁹	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.7.24:	1,457)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BY	BYN	98	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	EA EP RU
			(from 1.7.24:	1,457)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,562	18	–	–	–	CA EP
			(from 1.7.24:	1,457)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
CA	CA	416	CAD	1,979	22	–	298	446	CA

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 June 2024, 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	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD ¹⁰ 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD ¹⁰ 235 (219)	eq USD ¹⁰ 352 (329)	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY 10,620	120	–	1,600	2,400	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 237 on paper: 289	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CL EP ES
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – ¹²	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,300	120	–	1,550	2,320	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457) or EUR 1,381	18 (16) 16	– (–) –	235 (219) 208	352 (329) 311	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 150	EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,197	13	–	180	270	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 536,300	6,000	–	80,600	121,000	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100 or EUR ¹⁵ 104 or USD ¹⁵ 117 (from 1.7.24: 110)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,381 or USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	15 16 18 (16)	100 104 117 (110)	200 208 235 (219)	300 311 352 (329)	Refer to footnote 16
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 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
IL	ILS 618	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EP IL US

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 June 2024, 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	
IN	Paper filings:	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
	INR 3,500 ¹⁷	(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
IQ	INR 17,600 ¹⁸						AU CA EG EP TR
	No fee for e-filings						
IR	IQD 77,075	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	CN EP IN RU
	or USD 55	(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
IS	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP SE XN
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
IT	ISK 18,200	ISK 213,100	2,400	–	32,100	48,100	EP
	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,562	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 235	eq USD 352	AT AU CA EP
		(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT AU EP US
		(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁹	JPY 217,700	2,500	–	–	49,100	EP IN JP SG
	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	
KE		(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	AT AU CN EP SE
	KGS 4,000 ²⁰	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
		(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²¹ KR SG
	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	
LR		(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	EP RU
	USD 50	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	
LS	LSL – ¹²	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
	EUR 92	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	AT EP
	EUR 70	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	
LY	LYD – ¹²	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	EP RU
		(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
	MN None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,562	18	–	–	–	AU EP
		(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
MX	USD 93.87 ²²	USD 1,562	18	–	235	352	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
		(from 1.7.24: 1,457)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(329)	
MY	(natural persons)						AU EP JP KR
	USD 375.50 ²² (legal persons)	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 June 2024, 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	
NI	USD	200	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP	
NO	NOK	800	NOK 15,630	180	–	2,350	3,520	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	207	NZD 2,436	27	–	366	550	AU EP KR US	
OA	XAF	– ¹²	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 235 (219)	eq USD 352 (329)	AT AU EG EP US	
PA	USD	240	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	BR CL EP ES US	
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 235 (219)	eq USD 352 (329)	AT BR CL EP ES KR US	
PG	PGK	250	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU	
PH	PHP	4,200	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	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 online: on paper:	11.80 23.59	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP	
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 235 (219)	eq USD 352 (329)	EG EP US	
RO	RON	497	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU	
RS	RSD	8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV	
RU	RUB	1,700	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EA EP RU	
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US	
SC	USD	– ¹²	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP	
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 15,990	180	–	2,410	3,610	EP SE XN	
SG	SGD	150	SGD 1,995	23	–	300	450	AT AU EP JP KR SG	
SI	EUR	91	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP	
SK	EUR on paper:	66 ²⁵	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV	
SV	none ²⁶		USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	CL EP ES	
SY	SYP	5,000	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT EG EP RU	
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US	
TJ	TJS	– ¹²	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EA EP RU	
TM	USD	– ¹²	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EA EP RU	
TN	TND	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 June 2024, 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	
TR	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office	UGX eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 235 (219)	eq USD 352 (329)	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	117 (110)	235 (219)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 27,820	310	–	4,180	6,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	18 (16)	– (–)	235 (219)	352 (329)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,562 (from 1.7.24: 1,457)	eq USD 18 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ³¹	EUR* 1,775 *(from 1.7.24: 1,775)	CHF 1,710 EUR 1,845	KRW 2,536,000	SGD 2,565	USD 1,870	ZAR 35,770			
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,407	CHF 1,287 ZAR 26,920	EUR 1,336	KRW 1,913,000	NZD 2,357	SGD 1,930			
BR ⁸	Online: On paper:	BRL 1,685 BRL 2,525	CHF 306 CHF 459	EUR 318 EUR 476	USD 335 USD 502				
CA	CAD 2,220	CHF 1,492	EUR 1,549	USD 1,631					
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.7.24: 1,826)	CHF* 1,703 CHF 1,826	EUR 1,899						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.7.24: 400)		USD 400	CHF* 341 CHF 365	EUR 380				
	In case of filing by a university ³² : *(from 1.7.24: 300)		USD 300	CHF* 255 CHF 285	EUR 285				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 263	EUR 273	USD 288					
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: RUB 9,000 *(from 1.7.24: 83)	CHF* 83 CHF 88	EUR 91	USD 99					
	For searches carried out in English: RUB 40,000 *(from 1.7.24: 370)	CHF* 370 CHF 391	EUR 406	USD 441					
EG ³³	EGP 4,000	CHF 76	EUR 78	USD 84					
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,845 JPY 297,100 ZAR 37,470	CHF 1,751 NOK 20,880	DKK 13,750 NZD 3,253	GBP 1,570 SEK 20,750	HUF 715,100 SGD 2,675	ISK 274,600 USD 1,989			
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,845	CHF 1,751	USD 1,989						
FI	EUR 1,845	CHF 1,751	USD 1,989						
IL	ILS 3,962	CHF 964	EUR 974	USD 1,066					

[continued on next page]

Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 June 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	102	EUR	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120	
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	109)							
In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution:											
	INR	2,500	CHF*	26	EUR	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30	
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	27)							
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:										
	JPY	143,000	CHF	874	EUR*	907	KRW	1,304,000	USD	955	
*(from 1.8.24:		EUR 841)									
For IAs in English:											
JPY	169,000	CHF	1,033	EUR*	1,072	SGD*	1,549	USD	1,129		
*(from 1.8.24:		EUR 994 SGD 1,454)									
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:										
	KRW	450,000	AUD	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552	
SGD	452	USD	330								
For IAs in English:											
KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473		
SGD	1,206	USD	879								
PH	USD	600	CHF*	511	EUR	570					
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	548)							
Small entity or government ³⁷ :											
				USD	200	CHF*	170	EUR	190		
*(from 1.7.24:		CHF 183)									
RU	For IAs in Russian:										
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	79	EUR	826	USD	94			
*(from 1.7.24:		CHF 83)									
For IAs in English:											
RUB	40,000	CHF*	370	EUR	406	USD	441				
*(from 1.7.24:		CHF 391)									
SE	SEK	20,750	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	
	USD	1,989									
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY*	244,300	KRW	2,218,000	
	*(from 1.8.24:		JPY 260,200)								
TR	TRY	61,090	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	USD	1,989			
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:										
					EUR	100	CHF	96	USD	105	
For IAs in English, French or German:											
					EUR	300	CHF	289	USD	316	
US	USD	2,180	CHF*	1,856	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR	41,680	
	*(from 1.7.24:		CHF	1,990)							
	For small entity ²⁹ :										
	USD	872	CHF*	742	EUR	828	NZD	1,461	ZAR	16,670	
*(from 1.7.24:		CHF 796)									
For micro entity ²⁹ :											
USD	436	CHF*	371	EUR	414	NZD	730	ZAR	8,340		
*(from 1.7.24:		CHF 398)									
XN	DKK	13,750	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880	
	USD	1,989									
XV	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	HUF	715,100	USD	1,989			

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 June 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}	
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200	
	CHF 819		
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,146	
	CHF 1,638		
EP	CHF 1,751 ³⁴	CHF 200	
FI	CHF 1,751	CHF 200	
RU	CHF 109	CHF 200	
	(from 1.7.24:	CHF 115)	
	CHF 175 ³⁹		
	(from 1.7.24:	CHF 184)	
SE	CHF 1,751	CHF 200	
SG	CHF 1,493	CHF 200	

[continued on next page]

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 June 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee^{2, 38}
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,751	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 47	
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 87	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 87	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 67	
	– 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 58	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,751	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 517	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,710	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 530	

[continued on next page]

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 June 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

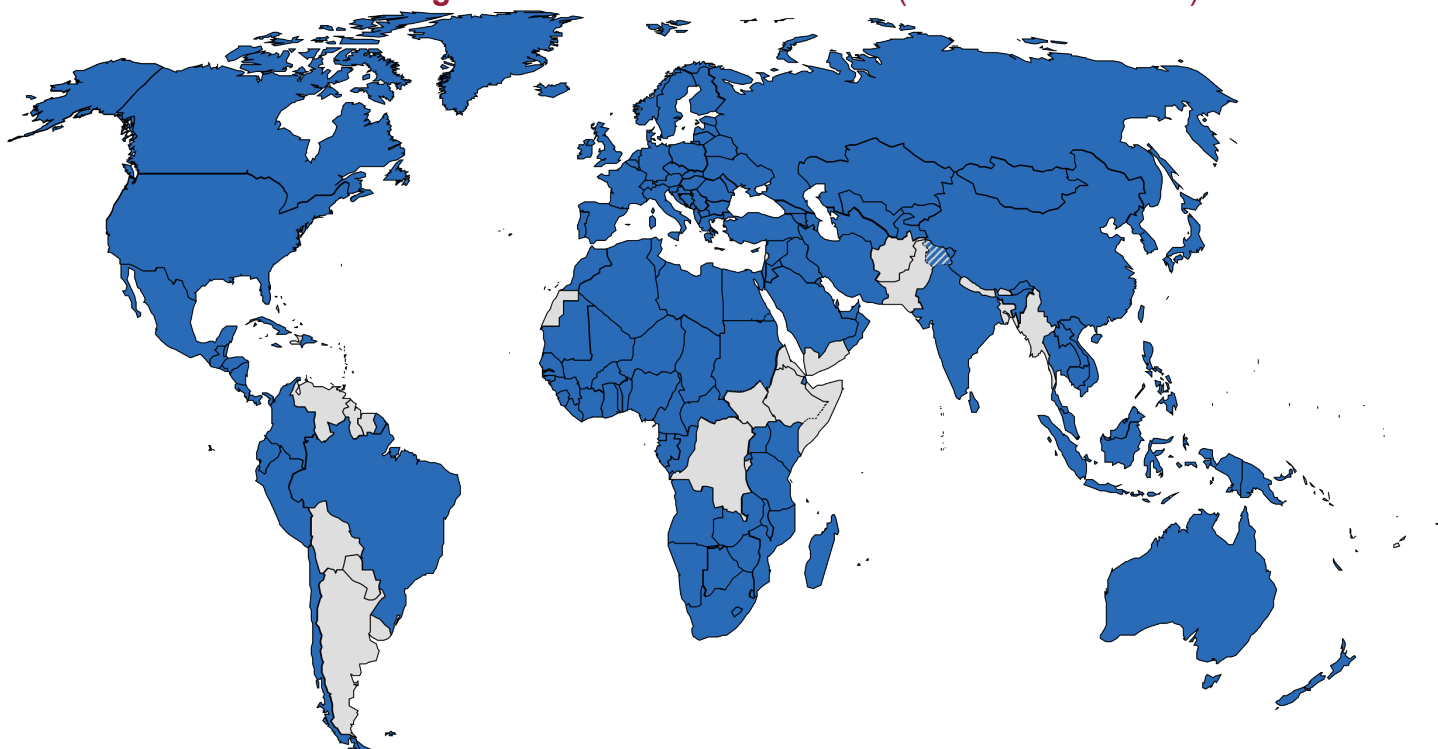
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁰		Handling fee^{2, 40} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ³¹	EUR	208
AU	AUD	590 820 ⁴¹	AUD	342
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ^{9, 9}		
CA	CAD	1,110	CAD	298
CL	USD	1,500	USD	235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
		in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		
		in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300		
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY	1,600
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB:	6,750	USD	235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
	Examination carried out in English: RUB:	24,000		
	Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office:			
	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB:	4,500		
	Examination carried out in English: RUB:	16,000		
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
EP	EUR	1,915 ³⁴	EUR	208
ES	EUR	595.37 ³⁴	EUR	208
FI	EUR	650	EUR	208
IL	ILS	1,698	ILS	838
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN:		USD	235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
	INR 10,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 2,500			
	If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN:			
	INR 12,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 3,000			
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	34,000	JPY	32,700
	For IAs in English: JPY	69,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	299,000
PH	USD	300	USD	235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
	Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD	150		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³	USD	235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	2,410
SG	SGD	830	SGD	300
TR	TRY	1,000	CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA:		EUR	208
	– 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		
US	USD	640 800 ⁴⁴	USD	235 (from 1.7.24: 219)
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD	256 320 ⁴⁴		
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD	128 160 ⁴⁴		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,550
XV	EUR	900	EUR	208

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

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 be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4(a)(ii-bis)).
- 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, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 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.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html. The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026.
- 12 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 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
- 16 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. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 18 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 19 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
- 20 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.
- 21 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 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.
- 27 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%.
- 28 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.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 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
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 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).
- 32 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, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 This fee 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>
- 35 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 refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 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: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 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.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 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).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 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—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (157 on 1 June 2024)



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

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 Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

4 Validation of European patent possible.

5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.

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).

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 2022). 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.

PCT NEWSLETTER

www.wipo.int/pct/en

July-August 2024 | No. 07-08/2024

Assembly of the PCT Union

The 56th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 9 to 17 July 2024, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. The documents referred to in the summary of the meeting, below, are available from the WIPO website at:

PCT Assembly documents (including the report once it becomes available):

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=81262

PCT Working Group (17th session) documents:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=80912

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, as set out in the annexes to document PCT/A/56/2. The amendments consist of the following:

- PCT Rule 26: Narrowing the scope of exceptions from the requirement of the receiving Office to invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract and text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. When the abstract or text matter of drawings is filed in a different language from that of the international application but in a language accepted by the International Searching Authority, the receiving Office will be able to issue an invitation to furnish a translation of the abstract and text matter of the drawings to ensure that the international application is published in a single language. For further information, see document PCT/WG/17/7 and paragraphs 23 and 24 and Annex I of document PCT/WG/17/21. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2025 and will apply to any international application with an international filing date that is on or after that date.
- PCT Rules 33 and 64: Broadening the definition of relevant prior art for international search and preliminary examination to include non-written disclosures. For further information, see document PCT/WG/17/10 and paragraphs 25 and 26 and Annex II of document PCT/WG/17/21. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026 along with the amendments to the definition of the minimum documentation that the International Searching Authority shall consult during international search (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2023) and will apply to any international application in which the

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

search report is established, or the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) is made, on or after that date.

- PCT Rule 89*bis*: Allowing an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications and subsequently filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper is submitted again in electronic form within two months. For further information, see document PCT/WG/17/15 and paragraphs 15 and 16 of document PCT/WG/17/21. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2025.
- PCT Rule 92: Enabling the International Bureau to correspond with applicants or Offices for certain communications in any of the 10 languages of international publication, instead of in either English or French only. The communications where the International Bureau will be able to correspond in additional languages to English or French will be set out in the Administrative Instructions. For further information, see document PCT/WG/17/6 and paragraphs 21 and 22 of document PCT/WG/17/21. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2025.

The Assembly also reviewed the criteria set out in item 5 of the Schedule of Fees for establishing the lists of States whose nationals and residents are eligible for PCT fee reductions and decided to maintain these criteria and review them again in five years, as required by the Schedule. The Assembly also adopted modifications to the Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees to refer to the annual series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO instead of a specific time during the year (see document PCT/A/56/1).

ePCT Update

A new version of the ePCT system was deployed on 22 July 2024. For full details on the new features of this version for applicants and for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities, please refer, respectively, to:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1724> and

<https://www.wipo.int/ipportal-support/epct-office-user-guide/faq?selected=0>

A summary of the main new features follows.

What's new in ePCT for applicants?

New features in the online action for Rule 92bis change request:

- Agent details: a new checkbox to confirm the agent's right to practice before the receiving Office;
- New drop-down list to indicate if the change is a change in name or a change in person.

What's new in ePCT for Offices?

In this version of ePCT, improvements have been implemented for the following features:

- RO:
 - Improvement of Form PCT/RO/105;

- New Form PCT/RO/145 in force from 1 July 2024;
 - Modification of Forms PCT/RO/117, PCT/RO/150 and PCT/RO/157 in order to align with the new Form PCT/RO/145
- ISA:
- Improvement of upload IPC feature;
 - Improvement of 'Start international search' task;
 - Automatic deletion of E and P category patent documents from Box VI of Form PCT/ISA/237;
- ISA/IPEA:
- Translation of Unity clauses.

As usual, Offices are encouraged to provide their feedback and to discuss their needs with the PCT International Cooperation Division at: pctid@wipo.int.

Questions about the current ePCT system can be sent to the PCT eServices Help Desk via the 'Contact Us' link at:

<https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/direct.aspx?UG=4&T=en&N=769>

PCT Guidance for Users Impacted by 19 July 2024 Computer Outage

The Regulations under the PCT provide, in PCT Rule 82*quater*.1, for measures applicable to the global computer outage that began on 19 July 2024. PCT applicants who were not able to meet a PCT time limit because of the outage may request excuse of delay on this basis. The International Bureau (IB) urges all PCT Offices and Authorities to likewise adopt this interpretation.

Rule 82*quater*.1 provides for excuse of delay in meeting PCT time limits (which may relate to the submission of documents and/or the payment of fees), due to reasons of force majeure including "... a general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason....".

The IB, including in its role as receiving Office, will treat favorably any request made under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1 citing the outage that began on 19 July 2024 and, in accordance with Rule 82*quater*.1(d), will waive the submission of evidence. The IB urges PCT Offices and Authorities to do likewise.

Applicants who were unable to file their PCT applications within the priority period because of the global computer outage and its repercussions, but who were able to file them within 2 months from the expiration of the 12-month period, may request restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3 before receiving Offices which apply this provision, noting in particular that the receiving Office of the IB applies this rule and all applicable criteria thereunder.

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, it is the Office with which the earlier application was filed which needs to be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)

The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 July 2024, it commenced operation both as a depositing Office and as an accessing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS). As a depositing Office, it will deposit certified copies of patent applications as priority documents on and after 1 July 2024, which the applicant specifically requests be made available to the service; as an accessing Office it will recognize priority documents available to it through the service for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document has not expired by 1 July 2024.

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

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

Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees

The lists of States discussed below, the nationals and/or residents of which are eligible for certain PCT fee reductions, have been updated with effect from 1 July 2024.

Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the European Patent Office (EPO)

It is recalled that the fees for international search, supplementary international search and international preliminary examination are reduced by 75% if the international application, the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination is filed:

1. 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 of payment of the supplementary international search or the international preliminary examination fee, is classified by the World Bank as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy; or
2. by a natural or legal person who is a national of and resident in a State in which a validation agreement with the EPO is in force.¹

Algeria, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mongolia and Ukraine have been removed from the list of States which fall under item 1. For detailed lists, consult:

https://link.epo.org/web/low_income_states_en.pdf

¹ For further information, please refer to the Official Journal of the EPO, July 2024 at: <https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2024/07/a69.html>

Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

It is recalled that the search fee and preliminary examination fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office are reduced by 75% if the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low-income”, “lower-middle-income” or “upper-middle-income”.

Palau and the Russian Federation, which have now been classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “high income”, have been removed from the list of States whose nationals and residents may be eligible for this fee reduction.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Canadian Intellectual Property Office

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, which already accepts international applications filed via ePCT-Filing, has notified the International Bureau (IB) of several changes to its notification concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form, as published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 January 2015 (page 19 et seq.) and subsequently modified in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 April 2021 (page 89).

The amended 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 27 June 2024 at:

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

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

New ISA and IPEA Agreement

Austrian Patent Office

The amended Agreement between the Austrian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Austrian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as in force from 1 July 2024, has been published at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-at.pdf>

Modified Administrative Instructions under the PCT

It is recalled that revised Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been promulgated with effect on 1 July 2024.

The revised Administrative Instructions are now available in Chinese, in addition to English, French, Japanese, Spanish and Russian in PDF format at:

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

The desired language can be selected at the top right-hand side of the page.

The texts in English and French are also available in HTML format.

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) joins the Global PPH pilot

On 6 July 2024, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) joined the Global Patent Prosecution Highway (GPPH) pilot, bringing the number of Offices taking part in the pilot to 28.

It is recalled that under this pilot, it is possible to make a request for accelerated processing at any participating Office, based on work products (including, where applicable, a PCT written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or an international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II)) from any one of the other participating Offices, provided that at least one claim has been found to be patentable by the Office of earlier examination, and that any other applicable eligibility criteria are met. The pilot uses a single set of qualifying requirements and aims to simplify and improve the existing PPH network to make it more accessible to users.

For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br/servicos/patentes/pph/pph>

New PCT-PPH pilot programs (China and ARIPO; China and Bahrain)

On 8 June 2024, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase before ARIPO is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion issued by CNIPA in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (ISA) or an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable). The agreement between ARIPO and CNIPA establishing the PCT-PPH pilot program also includes a two-way PPH program where accelerated processing is possible at one Office on the basis of claims that are determined to be patentable by the other Office.

On 1 May 2024, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase before the Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain) is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion issued by CNIPA in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable). The agreement between the Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain) and CNIPA establishing the PCT-PPH program also includes a two-way PPH program where accelerated processing is possible at one Office on the basis of claims that are determined to be patentable by the other Office.

Both pilot programs initially run for 5 years.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.aripo.org/ip-services/patents>

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2024/4/29/art_340_192107.html

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on these new pilots at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

Extension of existing PPH and PCT-PPH pilot programs (China and Egypt; China and Iceland)

The already-existing PPH pilot program between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Egyptian Patent Office, and the PCT-PPH pilot program between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) have been extended for five years with effect from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2029.

Further information is available at:

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2024/6/29/art_340_193693.html

Changes to the PCT Publication Schedule

Publication of 5 September 2024

Due to the fact that Thursday, 5 September 2024, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 6 September 2024. The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will, however, remain unchanged, and any changes that should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight (Central European Summer Time (CEST)) on Tuesday, 20 August 2024.

PCT Information Update

CL Chile (telephone number)

The telephone number of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has changed to the following:

Telephone (56-2) 28 87 04 00

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

CY Cyprus (languages accepted for the filing of international applications; number of copies on paper)

The Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it no longer accepts Greek as a language in which the international application may be filed.

It is recalled that if the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the ISA, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

Furthermore, the Office now requires one copy of the international application if the application is filed on paper, instead of three.

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

GB United Kingdom (requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Intellectual Property Office² (United Kingdom) 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:

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

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

- any additional indications:

At the time of filing.

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

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

Additional information:

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

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

- (i) the name and address of the depositor; and
- (ii) a statement by the depositor authorizing the applicant to refer to the deposited material in the application and giving the depositor's irrevocable authorization for the

² Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

deposited material to be made available to the public in accordance with Schedule 1 to the UK Patents Rules 2007.

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

GR Greece (means of telecommunication; provisional protection; requirements concerning agent; information relating to power of attorney)

The Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece) has clarified that it accepts the filing of documents by fax and the Office requires that the original of the document be furnished in all cases.

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

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

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

In addition, there have been changes in the requirements of the Office as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office, as follows:

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

The Office has also clarified that, relating to its requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii), it continues to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (GR) and C (GR))

HR Croatia (fax number)

The fax number of the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) has changed. The number to be used is now as follows:

Fax: (385-1) 6109 660

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

IS Iceland (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2023:

Transmittal fee.....ISK 20,300

Fee for priority document.....ISK 5,400

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priorityISK 48,700

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed with effect from the same date:

National fee:

Application fee:.....ISK 76,000

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:.....ISK 4,900

Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:.....ISK 20,500

Total annual fees for the first three years:.....ISK 36,000

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 September 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in JPY of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

LU Luxembourg (e-mail address; fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The e-mail address of the Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) has changed to the following:

E-mail: bpp@eco.etat.lu

The Office has also notified the IB that there is no longer a fee payable for the priority document.

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

There has also been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (LU), C (LU), and National Chapter, Summary (LU))

SA Saudi Arabia (telephone numbers)

The telephone numbers of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) have changed to the following:

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

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

UG Uganda (national security provisions)

The Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) has provided additional details to the IB concerning restrictions in its national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices – see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (UG), and the table entitled “International applications and national security considerations” at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/nat_sec.html

Handling fee (Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 September 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office (JPO) as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The new amount will be JPY 35,700.

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Austrian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO), National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

With effect from 1 July 2024, there has been a change in the equivalent amounts in CHF, KRW, SGD, USD and ZAR for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 September 2024, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Japan Patent Office (JPO).....	CHF
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	CHF, EUR

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, BR and JP))

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

It is recalled that, since 1 July 2020, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary international search or International Preliminary Examining Authority may participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a “participating Office”, in which PCT fees are transferred from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (IB) (for further information, please refer to PCT/WG/12/20 at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=436911).

The IB has published information on 11 July 2024 on the Offices that have notified the IB of their participation or of a change in the scope of their participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* (from page 115) at:

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

New ePCT video tutorials

ePCT video tutorials for applicants

The web page containing ePCT video tutorials for applicants at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/tutorials.html>

has been expanded to include video tutorials for ePCT-filing in DOCX format as well as information on the latest updates in ePCT.

The following new ePCT video tutorials are now available from the table of contents:

- ePCT-filing in DOCX format:
 - Filing in DOCX format
 - How to upload a DOCX specification in ePCT-filing in a non-publication language
 - How to use the application body converter to check your DOCX specification

The videos provide step-by-step demonstrations of how DOCX format can be used for filing your PCT application and possibly benefit from a CHF 300 fee reduction.

- What's new in ePCT:
 - What's new in ePCT for applicants

This video provides information on the latest features available in ePCT designed to streamline the process of filing and managing international patent applications.

New webinar recordings

Webinars in English

A recording of the following webinars in English (which took place on the dates indicated below):

- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 1: Process a new application (6 June 2024)
- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 2: Fees (13 June 2024)
- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 3: Priority claims/Priority document (20 June 2024)
- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 4: Corrections and replacement sheets (27 June 2024)

- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 5: Defects and changes (4 July 2024)
- Mastering ePCT webinar series: Declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 (16 and 18 July 2024)

as well as the supporting documents, can now be accessed at:

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

Webinars in Russian

A recording of the following webinars in Russian (which took place on the dates indicated below):

- “Introduction to Intellectual Property and the PCT System” Regional Webinar for Students from Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC) (18 April 2024)
- “PCT System: Priority Corrections and other Corrections in PCT International Applications” WIPO Regional Webinar for CACEEC (23 May 2024)
- “PCT System: Amendment of the Claims in the International Phase WIPO” Regional Webinar for CACEEC (6 June 2024)
- “PCT system: Safeguard mechanisms in the PCT: Restoration of Priority Rights and Reinstatement of Rights when Entering the National Phase” Regional Webinar for CACEEC (20 June 2024)
- “PCT System: International Search and International Preliminary Examination” Regional Webinar for CACEEC (2 July 2024)

as well as the supporting documents, can now be accessed at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/seminar/webinars/index.html>

Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

An advanced PCT seminar will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 2 and 3 October 2024. As in past years, the program will be conducted by experienced staff of the Patents and Technology Sector, as well as speakers from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators, paralegals and other users who are already familiar with the PCT system. The first day will be offered in hybrid format, and on the second day, hands-on workshops on legal and processing issues, an ePCT clinic and visits with the PCT Operations Teams will be offered to participants attending in person.

Online registration details and links to further information will be provided in the PCT Seminar Calendar shortly.

PCT in the Media

A link to the following article in the WIPO Magazine has been added to the “PCT in the Media” page of the PCT website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct-media.html>

Mootral: Saving the climate, one cow at a time

Mootral produces a natural animal feed supplement that significantly reduces methane emissions from ruminants – animals that chew their cud, like sheep and cattle – and is the result of extensive research and development by the Swiss AgriTech startup.

The company has sought to protect its technology internationally through the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

The article explains that “a patented innovation is an attractive commercial proposition and with a patent a company can market its innovation more effectively. The 20-year term of exclusivity that a patent provides, gives companies like Mootral an opportunity to advance their work and come up with new patentable creations that further enrich existing platform technologies that seek to solve existing and future problems”.

Read the full article at:

https://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/ip-at-work/2021/mootral.html

The WIPO Magazine is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/

Practical Advice

Mixed languages used in an international application

Q: I would like to file a PCT application in German with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office. The invention is in the field of digital communication and my draft application includes a number of technical terms in English. As English is the language commonly used in this field of technology, the terminology in question would be difficult to translate, and the translation of such key words would appear strange and risk being inaccurate and less succinct. Could the use of English terms be a problem during the PCT procedure?

A: Generally, the PCT requires that the description and claims of an international application are filed in a single language which is accepted by the receiving Office. If any such parts of the international application are in a language that is not accepted by the receiving Office, the Office is obliged to forward the application under PCT Rule 19.4 to the receiving Office of the International Bureau. If the description and claims use two languages and both languages are accepted by the receiving Office, as in your case, it will be up to the receiving Office to decide whether the use of any of the technical terms in English would be considered a defect in the application.

Until recently, there has been no specific provision in the PCT Regulations covering the handling of international applications in more than one language where all languages are accepted by the receiving Office. New PCT Rule 26.3~~ter~~(e), which entered into force on 1 July 2024, now provides a legal basis for receiving Offices to better address such situations. Under this Rule, where the description and claims of an international application are filed in more than one language but all those languages are accepted by the receiving Office, the Office may request the applicant to furnish a translation so as to bring the whole application into a single language. This single language must be all of the following: one of the languages of the description and claims as filed, a language accepted by the International Searching Authority (ISA) that will carry out the international search, and a language of publication.

However, before inviting the applicant to furnish a translation to bring the description and claims into a single language, the receiving Office should first consider whether requesting a translation would be appropriate in a particular case. Regarding the use of technical terms in English, it is largely recognized that certain technical fields commonly use English terms. This practice is accepted for PCT applications, even when the primary language of the application is not English. If an application includes specialized vocabulary in a language which is different from the language of the application, it is acceptable if it assists in the understanding of the disclosure. Examples of this include language-neutral terms (such as computer coding language), scientific publication citations, or inventions relating to translation technology. For example, a drawing in an application in the field of translation technology showing a computer screen displaying words in multiple languages should be accepted and the receiving Office will not usually invite the applicant to translate the terms in question (please refer to the *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines*, paragraph 65B).

However, if the receiving Office comes to the conclusion that the translation of parts of the description and/or claims into German (to correspond to the rest of your international application) would facilitate the understanding of the application, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish the translation within one month of the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. While this would not jeopardize the according of an international filing date, it is nevertheless advisable to translate the parts before filing the application to avoid additional administrative procedures, delays and attorney costs. Moreover, the receiving Office will not transmit the search copy to the ISA until it has received any required translations. It is expected that a situation where a receiving Office requests translation of a part of the description and/or claims would be relatively rare compared to requests for a translation of the entire application for international search purposes.

As regards the abstract or any text matter in the drawings, if they are not entirely in the language of the application and a translation would be appropriate, this will be treated as a formal defect which can be corrected before the receiving Office without affecting the international filing date in accordance with PCT Rule 26.3*ter(a)*.

It should be remembered that, unlike substantive examiners at the ISA, formality examiners at receiving Offices are usually not technically qualified and may not always be able to evaluate whether words in the application require translation or not in the relevant technical field of the international application. While the receiving Office has some flexibility under new PCT Rule 26.3*ter(e)* to decide whether a translation is necessary for a particular term, should you be invited to furnish a translation, but you believe that the words in question cannot or should not be translated for the reasons mentioned above, you could contact the receiving Office to discuss the matter.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>)
(situation on 7 August 2024)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
24-25 September 2024 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	P-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Mr. Farhadi) Tel: (46-76) 097 18 40 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
26 September 2024 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 20 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (26-27 September) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Toms) E-mail: sophie.toms@management-forum.co.uk
30 September 2024 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. Dieter) E-mail: alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch
2-3 October 2024 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters Online registration details and further information will follow shortly. E-mail: pct.training@wipo.int
27-29 November 2024 Augsburg (DE)/Hybrid	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 14th PAFA-Tagung conference (hybrid) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com/14-pafa-tagung/

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
3 September 2024 10:00 – 12:00 CEST	Russian (with simultaneous interpretation from English to Russian)	The Patent Cooperation System (PCT) and WIPO Services: Online Regional PCT Webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC) WIPO speakers: Ms. Ammann and Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/7117199036494/WN_JB5IYUZOQO6JQth8IERzvg
24 September 2024 10:00 – 12:50 CEST	Russian	PCT System: Filing documents/requests after filing the PCT application via ePCT. Live demonstration: Online Regional PCT Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova and Ms. Ivashchenko	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/2617199041270/WN_G4QmPXKeQ1e7t_5ZSBvHg

[continued on next page]

PATENTSCOPE Webinars

(https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
20 August 2024 17:30 – 19:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fHBO DJAyTLejBool_gvDnA
22 August 2024 8:30 – 10:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EH_1zkcXRgG2D2jcz_6fAQ
24 September 2024 17:30 – 18:15 CEST	English	Non-Patent Literature in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wWiaZzSbT86uG_mk0agNpw
26 September 2024 8:30 – 9:15 CEST	English	Non-Patent Literature in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vlO2U2xFRVaEL7QwZbZaOw

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 August 2024, 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—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYP	Syrian pounds
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISR	international search report	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 August 2024, 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	–	200	300	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,457		16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,457		16	–	219	329	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,381		16	–	208	311	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,274		26	–	342	513	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,457		16	–	219	329	EA EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,381		16	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,381		16	–	208	311	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,457		16	–	–	–	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: on paper: ⁹	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,457		16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN	98	USD	1,457		16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,457		16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CA	416	CAD	1,979		22	–	298	446	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,457	eq USD ¹⁰	16	–	eq USD ¹⁰ 219	eq USD ¹⁰ 329	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	none	CNY	10,620		120	–	1,600	2,400	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: on paper:	419,640 503,470	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: on paper:	237 289	USD	1,457		16	–	219	329	CL EP ES

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 August 2024, 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	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – ¹²	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,300	120	–	1,550	2,320	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU
		or EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	
EC	USD 300	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 150	EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,197	13	–	180	270	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GED eq USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 536,300	6,000	–	80,600	121,000	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	Refer to footnote 16
	or EUR ¹⁵ 104	or EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	
	or USD ¹⁵ 110	or USD 1,457	16	110	219	329	
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 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
IL	ILS 618	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁷ INR 17,600 ¹⁸	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
	No fee for e-filings						
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
IS	ISK 20,300	ISK 213,100	2,400	–	32,100	48,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁹	JPY 217,700 (from 1.9.24: 237,500)	2,500 (2,700)	– (–)	– (–)	49,100 (53,600)	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ²⁰	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 August 2024, 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	
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
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 ²¹ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹²	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
LY	LYD – ¹²	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87 ²²	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
	(natural persons)						
	USD 375.50 ²²						
	(legal persons)						
MY	MYR 550 ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,630	180	–	2,350	3,520	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,436	27	–	366	550	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ¹²	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	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 online: 11.80 on paper: 23.59	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	EG EP US
RO	RON 497	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD – ¹²	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 15,990	180	–	2,410	3,610	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,995	23	–	300	450	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 66 ²⁵	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
SV	none ²⁶	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES

[continued on next page]

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

(amounts on 1 August 2024, 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	
SY	SYP	5,000	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹²	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹²	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	EA 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	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,457	16	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office		UGX eq USD	1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT EP SG
US	USD	260 ²⁸	USD	1,457	16	110	219	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
		small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸							
UZ	UZS	245,000 ³⁰	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT	200	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EP PH
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	27,820	310	–	4,180	6,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,457	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ³¹	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,758	KRW	2,713,000	SGD	2,671	USD	1,974	ZAR	36,230
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,287	EUR	1,336	KRW	1,913,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	1,930
	USD	1,407	ZAR	26,920								
BR ⁸	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF*	306	EUR*	318	USD	335		
	*(from 1.9.24:				CHF	272	EUR	293)				
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF*	459	EUR*	476	USD	502		
	*(from 1.9.24:				CHF	407	EUR	439)				
CA	CAD	2,220	CHF	1,492	EUR	1,549	USD	1,631				
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,826	EUR	1,899						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF	365	EUR	380		
	In case of filing by a university ³² :				USD	300	CHF	285	EUR	285		
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	263	EUR	273	USD	288				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:											
	RUB	9,000	CHF	88	EUR	91	USD	99				
	For searches carried out in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF	391	EUR	406	USD	441				
EG ³³	EGP	4,000	CHF	76	EUR	78	USD	84				
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	GBP	1,570	HUF	715,100	ISK	274,600
	JPY	297,100	NOK	20,880	NZD	3,253	SEK	20,750	SGD	2,675	USD	1,989
	ZAR	37,470										
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989						
FI	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989						
IL	ILS	3,962	CHF	964	EUR	974	USD	1,066				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	109	EUR	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120		
	In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	27	EUR	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30		

[continued on next page]

Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	143,000	CHF*	874	EUR	841	KRW	1,304,000	USD	955		
	*(from 1.9.24: CHF 801)											
	For IAs in English:											
JPY	169,000	CHF*	1,033	EUR	994	SGD	1,454	USD	1,129			
*(from 1.9.24: CHF 946)												
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552		
	USD	330										
	For IAs in English:											
KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473			
SGD 1,206 USD 879												
PH	USD	600	CHF	548	EUR	570						
	Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 200 CHF 183 EUR 190											
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 8,500 CHF 83 EUR 86 USD 94											
	For IAs in English: RUB 40,000 CHF 391 EUR 406 USD 441											
SE	SEK	20,750	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880
	USD	1,989										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY	260,200	KRW	2,218,000	USD	1,633
TR	TRY	61,090	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	USD	1,989				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: EUR 100 CHF 96 USD 105											
	For IAs in English, French or German: EUR 300 CHF 289 USD 316											
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,990	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR	41,680		
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD 872 CHF 742 EUR 828 NZD 1,461 ZAR 16,670											
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 436 CHF 398 EUR 414 NZD 730 ZAR 8,340											
XN	DKK	13,750	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880	SEK	20,750
	USD	1,989										
XV	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	HUF	715,100	USD	1,989				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 819	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,146	
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,638	
EP	CHF 1,751 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,751	CHF 200
RU	CHF 115	CHF 200
	CHF 184 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,751	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,493	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,751	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 47	
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 87	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 87	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 67	
	– 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 58	

[continued on next page]

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees *[continued]*
 (amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee^{2, 38}
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,751	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 517	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,710	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 530	

[continued on next page]

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

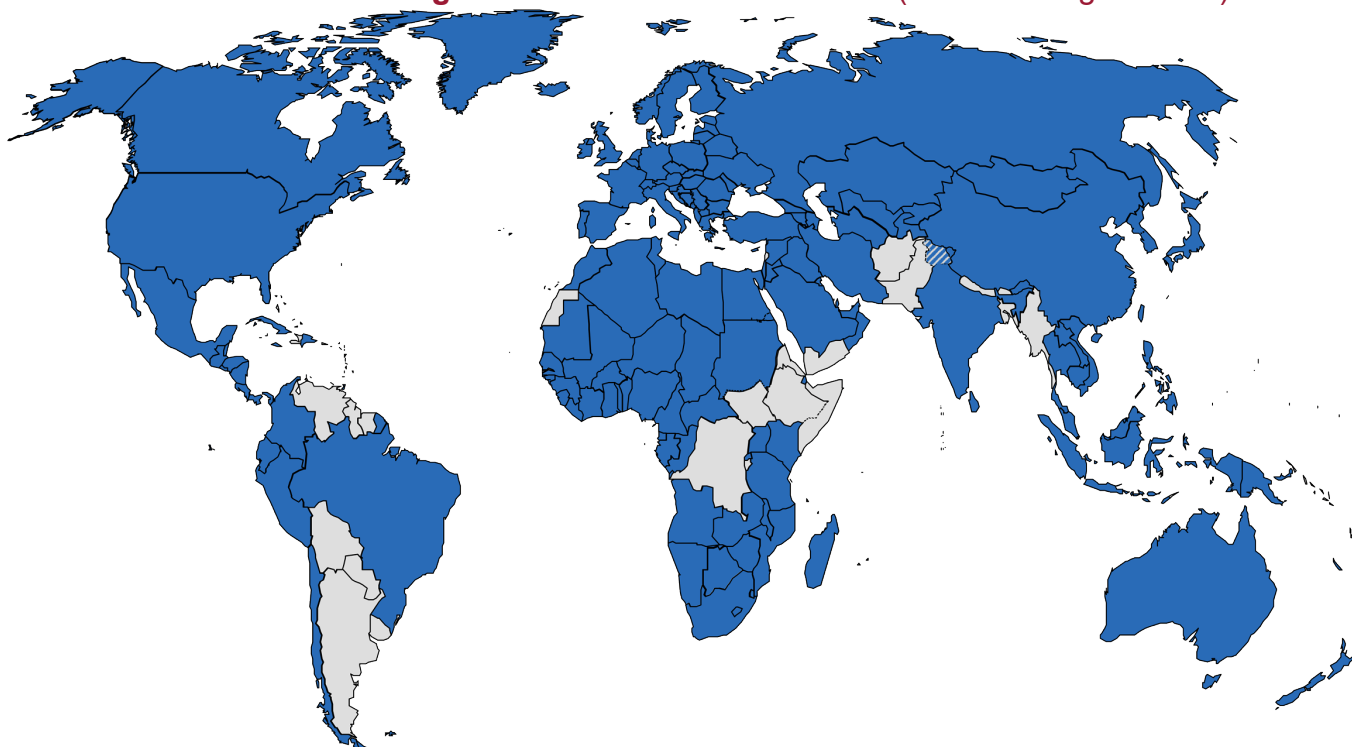
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴⁰	Handling fee ^{2, 40} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 208
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴¹	AUD 342
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ^{9, 9}	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 1,110	CAD 298
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 219
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,600
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 6,750 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 24,000 Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office: Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 4,500 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 16,000	USD 219
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 219
EP	EUR 1,915 ³⁴	EUR 208
ES	EUR 595.37 ³⁴	EUR 208
FI	EUR 650	EUR 208
IL	ILS 1,698	ILS 838
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 3,000	USD 219
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 32,700 (from 1.9.24: 35,700)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 299,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 150	USD 219
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³	USD 219
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 2,410
SG	SGD 830	SGD 300
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 208
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁴ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 256 320 ⁴⁴ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 128 160 ⁴⁴	USD 219
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,550
XV	EUR 900	EUR 208

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

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: <https://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 be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4(a)(ii-bis)).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table (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, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 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.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_53_153571.html. The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-cnipa-joint-communique-chinese-applicants-may-continue-designate-epo-isa-0> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art_53_187971.html
- 12 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 13 This fee is 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, a pupil or pensioner.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 16 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. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
- 18 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
- 19 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: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 20 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/mailling 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.
- 21 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 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.
- 27 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%.
- 28 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.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 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).
- 32 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, refer to: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 33 This fee 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>
- 35 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 refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 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: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 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.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 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).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 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—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (157 on 1 August 2024)



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

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 Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

4 Validation of European patent possible.

5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.

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).

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 2022). 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.