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## Important Information from the International Bureau Regarding Fax Usage

From 1 January 2018, the International Bureau's (IB) telecommunications service provider will cease to provide analog lines and, accordingly, all faxes to and from the IB will use Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) technology. We have been informed by our service provider that, as a result, it can appear to the sender that a transmission has been successful even though some or all of the transmission has in fact been lost. This development has caused the IB to consider the discontinuation of PCT fax services at the IB entirely from the end of 2018.

In the event that you have no alternative but to send communications to the IB by fax during 2018, it is strongly recommended that you call or e mail the PCT Operations Team concerned<sup>1</sup>, before or immediately after sending the fax.

We remind PCT applicants that the most efficient and reliable means of communication with the IB, including with the IB as receiving Office (RO), is to use the document upload function in ePCT: <https://pct.wipo.int>. It is possible to upload documents via ePCT simply and efficiently using the basic sign-in with a WIPO Account (username and password only); signing-in with additional strong authentication (digital certificate or one-time password) allows you, amongst many other features, to upload documents not only to the IB, but also to any other participating Offices in their capacity as RO, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority. To learn more, see the ePCT Support page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=820>

## Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

### Italian Patent and Trademark Office to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 4 December 2017.

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

<sup>1</sup> The contact details of the team concerned can be found on the IB's Notification of Receipt of Record Copy (PCT Form IB/301) or by consulting the WIPO website at: <https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/teamlookup.jsf>

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 23 November 2017 at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html)

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

### **Availability on PATENTSCOPE of original application content containing color or greyscale**

Although color elements are not generally permitted in international applications, there has been much discussion, in particular within the framework of the PCT Working Group, about the future possibility of the acceptance of color elements during the international phase. The International Bureau (IB) continues to work on adapting systems to allow the processing of color elements. In the meantime, recognizing that such elements are already sometimes received, an interim measure has been put in place which is detailed in paragraphs 11 to 15 of document PCT/WG/9/19 ("Color Drawings") at:

[http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=39464](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=39464)

In view of these discussions, the recently released versions of ePCT-Filing and PCT-SAFE (see "ePCT Update" and "PCT-SAFE Update", below) contain features that permit applicants filing their applications in electronic form to check a box to indicate that the "application body" (description, claims, abstract, and/or drawings) contains color or greyscale elements. In cases where this box is checked, the front page of the published application will contain a notice indicating that the application as filed included color or greyscale content and that the original files are available from PATENTSCOPE.

In ePCT, the box is automatically checked by the system if color or greyscale is detected in the application body files that are uploaded, although the box can be unchecked manually in any exceptional cases where the user determines that the system detected this in error. In PCT-SAFE, the box is not checked automatically and the user has to do so manually, although there continues to be a validation warning that the drawings are not, but should be, in black and white.

Please note that ***this does not mean that color elements are now permitted in international applications, nor that they can or will be processed effectively.*** Rather, this procedure simply recognizes that, in reality, many applications as filed already contain such color or greyscale elements that designated Offices may need to consult in order to decide what is acceptable for the purpose of national phase processing according to their national laws and procedures.

Consequently, applicants are strongly advised to continue to prepare and submit their international applications in black and white formats to the extent possible, bearing in mind the following:

- the checkbox is not available in all cases. For filings prepared using PCT-SAFE, the checkbox feature will be activated only as of 1 January 2018, and only for filings to the IB as receiving Office. In ePCT, the checkbox feature is already functional, but only for applications where the application body files are uploaded and submitted online via ePCT (this therefore excludes the packages created for filing to the Israel Patent Office

and the United States Patent and Trademark Office that are uploaded to those receiving Office using separate systems).

- all international applications will continue to be converted to pure black and white formats for further processing and publication by the IB, resulting in all distinctions as to color being lost, including shades of grey;
- most national phase procedures still require pure black and white content for the application body; even if the designated Office can access via PATENTSCOPE the version which was originally filed, it may remain difficult or impossible to subsequently produce an acceptable black and white version without new subject matter being considered to have been added;
- an application body (in particular the drawings) which appears to the human eye to be black and white may still be detected as color or greyscale by electronic systems if it was not saved as a pure black and white file format. In most cases, the conversion to black and white will result in an accurate output, but there is always a risk that the conversion might cause an original apparently black line to be dotted or, occasionally, even missing. At the time of uploading files in ePCT, a warning is displayed to the user if the system detects that a file is not in pure black and white format. The user is prompted to use a dedicated preview function in order to view the file content as it will be rendered by the IB for subsequent processing and publication, in order to verify that the content of the converted images is as intended.

## **ePCT Update**

A new release of the ePCT system (version 4.2) was deployed on 1 December 2017. Some of the new features are discussed below.

### **ePCT for applicants**

ePCT-Filing now includes the following new features:

- a recommended ‘deadline’ in relation to the 12-month priority period for filing draft applications that contain priority claims is now displayed in the user interface, and a notification is also sent to users with access rights within 24 hours of the expiration of that deadline (a similar feature has been introduced also for ePCT “Actions” that have an associated time limit for submission);
- it is now possible to create different groups of eHandshake contacts to whom you wish access rights to be automatically assigned when creating a new application, including when cloning an existing application and when generating a confirmation code in ePCT to be used when preparing a new application using PCT-SAFE, EPO online filing or JPO PAS. To learn more, see the ePCT Support page at:  
  
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=542>
- if required, you can now assign eViewer access rights to participating receiving Offices for advice and assistance prior to filing;
- when declarations under PCT Rules 4.17(ii) and (iii) are prepared using ePCT, multiple declarations of the same type and in respect of the same applicant are now merged in

order to reduce the page count of the PCT/RO/101 (this merging applies also for declarations that are prepared post-filing using the corresponding ePCT Action);

- the PCT/RO/101 preview function has been improved in order to address issues with the rendering of special characters in certain languages; and
- if the system detects color/greyscale in the specification, the user is informed that an indication will appear on the front page of the publication in PATENTSCOPE to indicate that the original application body as filed contained color/greyscale (for further information, please see “Availability on PATENTSCOPE of original application content containing color or greyscale”, above).

Other new ePCT features include:

- the possibility to save your preferred filter options for the Workbench; and
- credit card payment is now available as a method of payment of fees due to the European Patent Office as receiving Office and as International Preliminary Examining Authority (for further information, please see “EPO: Changes Relating to Means of Payment of Fees”, below).

For further information on the above changes, including relevant screen shots, as well as information on other changes included in this latest release, please refer to “What’s new in ePCT for applicants?” on the PCT eServices Support page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=966>

### **ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities**

For details about the new features for Offices in ePCT version 4.2, please see “What’s new for Offices?” at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=969>

Further information on ePCT in general is available on the PCT eServices Support page, including help getting started, at:

<https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/>

You can also contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

e-mail: [pct.eservices@wipo.int](mailto:pct.eservices@wipo.int)

telephone: (+41–22) 338 9523

or via the “contact us” link.

## **PCT-SAFE Update**

### **Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software**

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.080.256, dated 1 January 2018) is now available and can be downloaded at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download\\_client.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html)

Further details on this new version of PCT-SAFE are available in the “Release notes” and the “What’s new” document on the above-mentioned web page.

## **PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilot Program**

### **New PCT-PPH pilot starts between the Japan Patent Office and the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)**

On 1 November 2017, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase in Peru 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 JPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

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

[https://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/t\\_torikumi/pdf/japan\\_peru\\_highway/peru\\_e.pdf](https://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/t_torikumi/pdf/japan_peru_highway/peru_e.pdf)

<https://www.indecopi.gob.pe/web/invenciones-y-nuevas-tecnologias/pph>

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

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct\\_pph.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html)

## **Non-Working Days at the International Bureau**

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

1 January 2018

30 March 2018

2 April 2018

10 May 2018

21 May 2018

6 September 2018

25 December 2018

31 December 2018

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national or regional Offices. The closed dates in 2018 for other Offices, where available, can be found on the PCT website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/faces/page/index.xhtml>

## PCT Information Update

### BH Bahrain (furnishing of copies of international applications; fees)

The National Patent Office (Bahrain) has changed its requirement regarding the furnishing of copies of the international application to it as designated (or elected) Office: it now requires only one copy of the international application instead of two.

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, has been established:

For utility model:

|                   |     |                      |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Filing fee: ..... | BHD | 40 (20) <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------|

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

### BY Belarus (fees)

There has been a change in the currency and amounts of the fees payable to the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document:

|   |     |       |
|---|-----|-------|
| per copy of priority document up to 35 pages: ..... | BYN | 36.50 |
|---|-----|-------|

|  |     |       |
|--|-----|-------|
| - plus, per additional copy of priority document provided that the copies are prepared simultaneously: ..... | BYN | 18.50 |
|--|-----|-------|

|   |     |      |
|---|-----|------|
| - plus, per page in excess of 35 pages (for each copy): | BYN | 0.60 |
|---|-----|------|

The fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority is now payable in Belarusian rouble (BYN) and the amount has changed, as follows:

|  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: ..... | BYN | 92 |
|--|-----|----|

There has also been a change in the currency and amounts of the fees payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

|                   |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Filing fee: ..... | BYN | 115 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|

|  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| - Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one: | BYN | 46 |
|--|-----|----|

<sup>2</sup> The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

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|--|-----|-----|
| Examination fee: .....   | BYN | 552 |
| - Claim examination fee for each independent claim<br>in excess of one:..... | BYN | 322 |
| - Claim examination fee for each dependent claim<br>in excess of 10:.....    | BYN | 46  |
| Annual fee for the third year:.....  | BYN | 115 |
| For utility model:   |     |     |
| Filing fee: .....  | BYN | 230 |
| - Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:..                      | BYN | 46  |

It should be noted that, for residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rouble in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see: <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollar, euro, Swiss franc or Russian rouble in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see: <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment.

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

### **BZ Belize (location)**

The location of the Belize Intellectual Property Office has changed, as follows:

Location: 1902 Constitution Drive, 3rd Floor  
P.O. Box 592  
Belmopan, Cayo District  
Belize

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

### **CH Switzerland (fees)**

The Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property has notified a change regarding the time limit for payment of the national fee to it as designated (or elected) Office – the filing fee must now be paid within three months from the date of filing (instead of within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)).

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

**IL Israel (fees)**

From 1 January 2018, the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, will change to ILS 550, and the amount of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office will change to ILS 2,014.

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

**IT Italy (electronic filing)**

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 4 December 2017, by the Italian Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

**MA Morocco (requirements concerning the translation of the international application; fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase)**

The Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC), in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified a change in its requirements concerning the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation may now be furnished into either Arabic or French (instead of French only).

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have changed with effect from 1 October 2017:

## Filing fee:

|                 |     |       |                    |
|-----------------|-----|-------|--------------------|
| Online:.....    | MAD | 750   | (250) <sup>3</sup> |
| On paper: ..... | MAD | 1,000 | (500) <sup>3</sup> |

## Publication fee:

|                 |     |       |                    |
|-----------------|-----|-------|--------------------|
| Online:.....    | MAD | 750   | (250) <sup>3</sup> |
| On paper: ..... | MAD | 1,000 | (500) <sup>3</sup> |

|   |     |     |                  |
|---|-----|-----|------------------|
| Additional fee for publication of claims in excess of 10,<br>per claim: ..... | MAD | 400 | 160 <sup>3</sup> |
|---|-----|-----|------------------|

Fee for establishment of search report with opinion  
on patentability:

|                 |     |       |                      |
|-----------------|-----|-------|----------------------|
| Online:.....    | MAD | 6,000 | (2,000) <sup>3</sup> |
| On paper: ..... | MAD | 8,000 | (4,000) <sup>3</sup> |

There have been changes to the requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office: the Office no longer requires any copy or translation of the

<sup>3</sup> The amount in parentheses is applicable to very small enterprises, small or medium-sized enterprises (in accordance with the criteria of the SME Charter), natural persons, self-entrepreneurs, craftsmen, universities and educational establishments, whether national or foreign.

international application, and it no longer requires a translation of the cover page of the priority document.

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

### **PA Panama (telephone number)**

The telephone numbers of the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) have changed, as follows.

Telephone: (507) 560 0705; 560 59 36

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

### **SD Sudan (name of office; location; telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address)**

The name, location, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)

Location: Elgomhouria Street, Elmogran Area, Khartoum, Sudan

Telephone: (249-155) 12 68 62; (249-183) 74 23 58

Fax: (249-183) 74 23 56

E-mail: ipsudan.office@gmail.com

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

### **SM San Marino (fees)**

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) as receiving Office, will change with effect from 1 January 2018:

|                                 |     |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Transmittal fee:.....           | EUR | 100 |
| Fee for priority document:..... | EUR | 50  |

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

### **SV El Salvador (e-mail address)**

The e-mail address of the National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: patentes@cnr.gob.sv

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

**US United States of America (fees)**

There will be a change in the following national fees, payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as designated (or elected) Office with effect from 16 January 2018 (the first amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “small entity”, and the second amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “micro entity”):

|   | Small<br>entity | Micro<br>entity |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Basic national fee: .....   | USD 300 (150)   | (75)            |
| Search fee:   |                 |                 |
| – where the IPRP was prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): .....                        | [No changes]    |                 |
| – where the international search fee was paid to the USPTO as ISA: .....  | USD 140 (70)    | (35)            |
| – where the search report was prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: .....  | USD 520 (260)   | (130)           |
| – all other situations: .....   | USD 660 (330)   | (165)           |
| Examination fee:  |                 |                 |
| – where the IPRP (Chapter II) was prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): .....           | [No changes]    |                 |
| – all other situations: .....   | USD 760 (380)   | (190)           |
| For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): ..... | [No changes]    |                 |
| Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: .....   | USD 460 (230)   | (115)           |
| Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: .....   | USD 100 (50)    | (25)            |
| In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: .....  | USD 820 (410)   | (205)           |
| Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage:.....                                       | [No changes]    |                 |
| Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):.....  | [No changes]    |                 |

In addition, the USPTO has notified the following new fees, applicable from the same date:

**Mega-Sequence Listing Filing Fee:**

Submission of sequence listing of 300 MB to 800 MB: ...USD 1,000 (500) (250)

Submission of sequence listing of more than 800 MB:....USD 10,000 (5,000)(2,500)

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

**ZM Zambia (name of Office, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and Internet address, requirements concerning who can act as agent)**

The name, the mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail and Internet address of the Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia) have changed, as follows:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Name of Office: | Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)                                       |
| Mailing address | Registrar, Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA)<br>P.O. Box 32020<br>Lusaka, Zambia |
| Telephone       | (260-211) 25 51 35; 25 54 25; 25 51 51   |
| Fax:            | (260-211) 25 54 26   |
| E-mail          | pro@pacra.org.zm   |
| Internet:       | https://www.pacra.org.zm   |

There has also been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office: any attorney or lawyer practicing in Zambia may now act as such.

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

**Search fee and other fees related to the international search (Austrian Patent Office, Indian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)**

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, payable in INR to the Indian Patent Office as International Searching Authority. The new amount is INR 10.

As from 1 January 2018, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR, as well as 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). There will also be a change in the amount of the following fee payable from the same date:

Additional search fee: ..... EUR 1,875

As from 1 February 2018, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has notified the following new fee related to the international search, with effect from 16 January 2018 (the first amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “small entity”, and the second amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “micro entity”):

Late furnishing fee for providing a sequence listing  
in response to an invitation under PCT Rule 13<sup>ter</sup>: .....USD 300 (150) (75)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex D (AT), (IN), (KR) and (US))

**Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Indian Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)**

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report or contained in the file of the international application, payable in INR to the Indian Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority. The new amount is INR 10.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has notified the following new fee related to international preliminary examination, with effect from 16 January 2018 (the first amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “small entity”, and the second amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “micro entity”):

Late furnishing fee for providing a sequence listing  
in response to an invitation under PCT Rule 13<sup>ter</sup>: .....USD 300 (150) (75)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex E (IN) and (US))

**New/Updated PCT Resources**

**Request Form (in Korean)**

The Korean version of the request form (PCT/RO/101) has been revised with effect from 1 July 2017, and is available at:

[http://www/pct/ko/forms/request/ed\\_request.pdf](http://www/pct/ko/forms/request/ed_request.pdf)

**PCT Yearly Review 2017 – Executive Summary**

The PCT Yearly Review 2017 – Executive Summary, which provides the key trends in the use of the PCT and a summary of the statistics reported in the PCT Yearly Review 2017, is now available in all 10 publication languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish) at:

<http://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4221>

For languages other than English, please select the language on the right hand side of the page.

**World Intellectual Property Indicators – 2017**

The World Intellectual Property Indicators – 2017 is now available in English at:

<http://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4234>

This is an authoritative annual survey of IP activity around the globe. As well as filing, registration and maintenance of patents, utility models, trademarks, industrial designs, microorganisms and plant variety protection, the 2017 edition also covers geographical indications for the first time, making it even more comprehensive. A special section on the operational performance of patent Offices takes an in-depth look at application processing times, examination capacity and examination outcomes.

### **World Intellectual Property Report 2017**

The latest edition of the World Intellectual Property Report (WIPR) is now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4225&plang=EN#>

The World Intellectual Property Report is published every two years, with each edition focusing on specific trends in an area of IP. This edition focuses on intangible capital in global value chains.

### **Changes Concerning the Payment of PCT Fees by Debiting a WIPO Current Account**

Along with other payment methods for fees, it is possible for PCT users who regularly make payments to the International Bureau (IB) to hold a WIPO Current Account in Swiss francs.

Please note that more favorable terms and conditions now apply in relation to the operation of WIPO current accounts, including:

- a smaller initial deposit is now required to open a current account (CHF 2,000 instead of CHF 5,000);
- there is no longer a minimum transaction volume required;
- when the balance falls under the authorized or specified minimum, a top-up notification is sent to the account holder; and
- an automatic notification is sent for all transactions.

Furthermore, new web forms are available, allowing customers to open and close a current account, request refunds or cancel payments made.

Holders of current accounts can pay the following fees by requesting the IB to debit their account for the relevant amount:

- fees payable to the IB as receiving Office (for example, the transmittal fee, the international filing fee, the search fee, the fee for priority document and the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d));
- certain special fees payable to the IB in certain situations: early publication fee (PCT Rule 48.4(a)), fee for publication of information concerning late correction or addition of a priority claim (PCT Rule 26*bis*.2(e)), and fee for publication of a refused request for rectification (PCT Rule 91.3(d)); and
- fees relating to the supplementary search: supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3), supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.2) and late payment fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.4(c)).

Information concerning opening a current account, payment options and details about the new WIPO Current Account terms and conditions are now available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/finance/current\\_account/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/finance/current_account/index.html)

For information about the other methods of payment of PCT fees, please see the right hand side of the page at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/>

## **EPO: Changes Relating to Means of Payment of Fees**

### **Payment by credit card as a new means of payment**

Since 1 December 2017, the European Patent Office (EPO) accepts payments by credit card, in addition to payments via a deposit account and by bank transfer (see *Official Journal EPO* 2017, A72 and A73 (<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2017.html>)). A secure, easy and flexible web-based service for paying fees is now available where applicants can register with an e-mail address and password, without the need for smart card authentication.

The EPO accepts MasterCard and VISA cards for payments in EUR. It is possible for applicants to pay for multiple applications and monitor transactions made via the payment history functionality.

### **Online management of deposit accounts**

In addition to the introduction of credit card payment, the EPO is also migrating to online management of deposit accounts as of 1 December 2017 (see Supplementary publication 5, *Official Journal EPO* 2017 at the above-mentioned web page). Submission of debit orders (individual/batch and automatic debit orders) should be filed in an electronically processable format (XML) using accepted online filing tools (Online filing, CMS, PCT-SAFE, ePCT) or Online Fee Payment on the EPO's website, where deposit account statements are also available. Note that Form 1010 ("Payment of fees and expenses") is no longer available, and the sending of paper statements will be discontinued by the end of February 2018.

## **Practical Advice**

### **Minimizing the risk of incorrect or unintended information in the published PCT application**

*Q: How can I minimize the risk of incorrect or unintended bibliographic information appearing on the front page of a published PCT application?*

*A:* With only a small number of exceptions, the International Bureau (IB) publishes each PCT application pursuant to PCT Article 21 shortly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date. When preparing the front page of the published PCT application, the IB makes use of the bibliographic data provided earlier by the applicant in the request form.

One possible source of error in the published bibliographic data is the transcription of such data by an Office after the application has been filed, which happens if the applicant makes use of an image-based request form. This offers a reminder of the benefit to the applicant of filing the

PCT application in such a way that the bibliographic data are provided in character-based form. If, for example, the PCT application is filed using an electronic filing system, for example ePCT-Filing, then the applicant is able to provide the bibliographic data in character-based form. Note that, for an applicant filing in RO/US, the best practice is to create a .zip file containing character-based bibliographic data, and to upload the .zip file into the EFS-Web system for filing (for further information, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2016, page 5).

With any of these approaches, the desirable result is that the applicant has provided character-based bibliographic information. Such information does not therefore need to be transcribed by hand subsequently by an Office and will be communicated in an automatic way to the system employed by the IB to prepare the front page of the publication of the PCT application.

The ePCT system, however, offers a further opportunity to minimize the risk of incorrect or unintended bibliographic information appearing on the front page of a published PCT application, as will now be explained.

The applicant will preferably have taken steps during the filing of the PCT application to enable access to the application in ePCT. Or alternatively, upon receipt of Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy), the applicant will have taken steps to obtain access to the PCT application in ePCT<sup>4</sup>. In either case, the next step is to view the content of the application in ePCT, and then to click on the “Preview publication front page” link which is available in the “Data” section. This permits the ePCT user to download and view a PDF copy of a preview of the front page of the PCT publication containing the bibliographic data.

The user can take this opportunity to proofread the preview, which facilitates the identification of any typographical errors made by Office staff (in the case where an image-based request was filed) or even by the applicant when entering the bibliographic data using ePCT, PCT-SAFE or other e-filing software. It will then be a straightforward matter to request the IB to correct the error by way of a request for the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*, preferably using the corresponding ePCT Action.

The user may also wish to pass the preview to the applicant or inventors for review. It might be the case, for example, that the inventors prefer a different order in the listing of the inventors on the front page of the publication. Or such a review might trigger a realization that a priority claim is missing and needs to be added. Any such problems, if detected early enough, can be readily corrected by appropriate and timely communication with the IB.

Carl Oppedahl, a practitioner located in the United States, recommends scrutiny of the publication review page in ePCT: “In one case I discovered to my surprise that in PCT-SAFE I had misspelled the name of the chief inventor. Had I not checked the preview page, the application would have been published with the inventor's name spelled incorrectly. Because I discovered my mistake shortly after filing, there was plenty of time to file a Rule 92*bis* request to correct the spelling. The application was published with the inventor's name spelled correctly and I avoided embarrassment in front of my client.”

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<sup>4</sup> It is recalled that, even if the applicant has not filed the international application electronically, provided that a WIPO account has been created and secured with a strong authentication option, the applicant can confirm eOwnership of the application and gain access to the, as yet, unpublished international application. For further information, see <https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/> and the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2015, page 9.

| <b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>  |                            |  |   |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)   |                            |  |   |
| (situation on 12 December 2017)  |                            |  |   |
| <b>Dates and location</b>  | <b>Language of seminar</b> | <b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>   | <b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>  |
| <b>25-26 January 2018<br/>Amsterdam (NL)</b>   | English                    | Basic seminar on the PCT<br>WIPO speakers: to be announced   | Forum Institut für Management GmbH<br>Tel: (49-6221) 500 660<br>Fax: (49-6221) 500 666<br>E-mail: s.schilling@forum-institut.de   |
| <b>22 March 2018<br/>The Hague<br/>(Rijswijk) (NL)</b>   | English                    | PCT presentation in the framework of the annual conference of Platform Formalities Officers<br>WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park | Platform Formalities Officers<br>(Ms. Custers-van-Spronsen)<br>E-mail: secretariaat@formalitiesofficers.nl  |
| <b>28 March 2018<br/>Ecully (FR)</b>   | French                     | PCT seminar<br>WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet   | Centre Paul Roubier<br>Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08<br>Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96   |
| <b>Week of 9-13 April 2018<br/>Minneapolis, MN<br/>(US)</b>  | English                    | Advanced PCT Seminar for Patent Practitioners<br>WIPO speakers: to be announced  | Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner<br>For pre-registration, contact:<br>Ms. Mary E. Hirsch<br>Tel: (1-612) 371 21 43<br>Fax: (1-612) 339 30 61<br>E-mail: mhirsch@slwip.com   |
| <b>3-4 May 2018<br/>Munich (DE)</b>  | German                     | Basic PCT seminar<br>WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Happe   | Forum Institut für Management GmbH<br>Tel: (49-6221) 500 660<br>Fax: (49-6221) 500 666<br>E-mail: s.schilling@forum-institut.de   |
| <b>7 May 2018<br/>Istanbul (TR)</b><br><i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i> | English                    | PCT seminar<br>WIPO speaker: to be announced   | Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI)<br>(Ms. Selda Arkan)<br>Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42<br>Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21<br>E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr;<br>alfa@alfapatent.com.tr   |
| <b>31 May-1 June 2018<br/>Stockholm (SE)</b>   | English                    | PCT seminar<br>WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Mr. Henninger  | IP-akademin<br>(Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen)<br>Tel: (46-708) 808 342<br>E-mail: info@ipakademin.se<br>Internet: www.ipakademin.se  |
| <b>7 June 2018<br/>Vilnius (LT)</b>  | English                    | Basic training course on the PCT<br>WIPO speaker: to be announced  | Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI)<br>(Ms. Aurelija Šidlauskienė)<br>Tel/fax: (370-37) 22 14 42<br>E-mail: aurelijosfirma@gmail.com<br>(Ms. Otilija Klimaitiene)<br>Tel: (370-5) 252 66 76<br>Fax: (370-5) 252 66 70<br>E-mail: o.klimaitiene@aaalaw.eu |
| <b>14-15 June 2018<br/>London (GB)</b>   | English                    | Advanced PCT Formalities seminar, including practical presentations on ePCT<br>WIPO speakers: to be announced                  | Management Forum Ltd.<br>(Ms. Angela Spall)<br>E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk  |

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**PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]**

| <b>Dates and location</b>   | <b>Language of seminar</b> | <b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>  | <b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>   |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| <b>20-21 September 2018</b><br><b>Kiel (DE)</b>   | German                     | PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the PAFA-Tagung 2018 conference<br>WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park | IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH<br>(Ms. Annette Kapeller)<br>Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30<br>Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10<br>E-mail: info@ipforip.de<br>Internet: www.ipforip.de   |
| <b>4 October 2018</b><br><b>Barcelona (ES)</b><br><i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i> | Spanish                    | Basic PCT seminar<br>WIPO speaker: to be announced  | Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI)<br>(Mr. Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas)<br>Tel: (34-93) 123 31 01<br>E-mail: antonio.lopez-carrascocomajuncosas@telefonica.com |
| <b>29-30 November 2018</b><br><b>London (GB)</b>  | English                    | Advanced PCT Formalities seminar, including practical presentations on ePCT<br>WIPO speakers: to be announced                                 | Management Forum Ltd.<br>(Ms. Angela Spall)<br>E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk   |

**PCT Webinars**

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

| <b>Date and time</b>  | <b>Language of webinar</b> | <b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>   | <b>Registration</b>   |
|---|----------------------------|---|---|
| <b>16 January 2018</b><br><b>15:00–16:00 CET</b><br><b>(9:00–10:00 New York time)</b> | English                    | Best Practices in the PCT – Session 3 (National phase)<br>WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park | <a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7349934352710711042">https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7349934352710711042</a> |

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 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         | HRK | Croatian kuna      | MWK | Malawian kwacha    | THB | Baht                       |
| IPEA               | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BZD | Belize dollar          | HUF | Hungarian forint   | MXN | Mexican peso       | TJS | Tajik somoni               |
| ISA                | International Searching Authority             | CAD | Canadian dollar        | IDR | Indonesian rupiah  | MYR | Malaysian ringgit  | TND | Tunisian dinar             |
| RO                 | receiving Office                              | CHF | Swiss franc            | ILS | New Israeli sheqel | NOK | Norwegian krone    | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
|                    |   | CLP | Chilean peso           | INR | Indian rupee       | NZD | New Zealand dollar | UAH | Ukrainian hryvnia          |
|                    |   | CNY | Yuan renminbi          | IRR | Iranian rial       | OMR | Omani rial         | USD | US dollar                  |
|                    |   | COP | Colombian peso         | ISK | Icelandic krona    | PEN | Nuevo sol          | VND | Vietnamese dong            |
| <i>Currencies:</i> |   | CUC | Cuban convertible peso | JPY | Japanese yen       | PGK | Kina               | XAF | CFA franc BEAC             |
|                    |   | CZK | Czech koruna           | KES | Kenyan shilling    | PHP | Philippine peso    | XAR | South African rand         |
| ALL                | Albanian lek                                  | DJF | Djibouti franc         | KGS | Kyrgyz som         | PLN | Polish zloty       | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar            |
| AMD                | Armenian dram                                 | DKK | Danish krone           | KPW | Won (KP)           | QAR | Qatari riyal       |     |                            |
| AUD                | Australian dollar                             | DZD | Algerian dinar         | KRW | Won (KR)           | RON | New leu            |     |                            |
| AZN                | Azerbaijani manat                             | EGP | Egyptian pound         | KZT | Kazakh tenge       | RSD | Serbian dinar      |     |                            |
| BAM                | Convertible mark                              | EUR | Euro                   | LSL | Lesotho loti       | RUB | Russian rouble     |     |                            |
| BGN                | Bulgarian lev                                 | GBP | Pound sterling         | LYD | Libyan dinar       | SDG | Sudanese pound     |     |                            |
| BHD                | Bahraini dinar                                | GHS | Ghanaian cedi          | MAD | Moroccan dirham    | SEK | Swedish krona      |     |                            |
| BND                | Brunei dollar                                 | GTQ | Quetzal                | MKD | Macedonian denar   | SGD | Singapore dollar   |     |                            |

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**

(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>  |                              | International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup><br>(CHF 1,330) | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup><br>(CHF 15) | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: |                                     |                                     | Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup> |
|----|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|    |                               |                              |   |  | Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup><br>(CHF 100)                | Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup><br>(CHF 200) | Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup><br>(CHF 300) |                               |
| AG | Information not yet available |                              |   |  |  |                                     |                                     | CA EP                         |
| AL | ALL                           | 9,000                        | CHF 1,330   | 15   | –  | –                                   | –                                   | EP                            |
| AM | AMD                           | 32,000                       | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                       | 15<br>(15)   | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)                            | –<br>(–)                            | EP RU                         |
| AP | USD                           | 50                           | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                       | 15<br>(15)   | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)                            | –<br>(–)                            | AT EP SE                      |
| AT | EUR                           | 52                           | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)                       | 14<br>(13)   | –<br>(–)   | 183<br>(175)                        | 275<br>(262)                        | EP                            |
| AU | AUD                           | 200                          | AUD 1,781<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,745)                       | 20<br>(20)   | –<br>(–)   | 268<br>(262)                        | 402<br>(394)                        | AU KR                         |
| AZ | AZN                           | 35.40                        | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                       | 15<br>(15)   | –<br>(–)   | 206<br>(205)                        | 308<br>(308)                        | EP RU                         |
| BA | BAM                           | 50                           | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)                       | 14<br>(13)   | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)                            | –<br>(–)                            | EP                            |
| BE | EUR                           | 120                          | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)                       | 14<br>(13)   | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)                            | –<br>(–)                            | EP                            |
| BG | BGN                           | 80                           | BGN eq CHF 1,330  | eq CHF 15  | –  | eq CHF 200                          | eq CHF 300                          | EP RU                         |
| BH | BHD                           | 70                           | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                       | 15<br>(15)   | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)                            | –<br>(–)                            | AT EP US                      |
| BN | BND                           | 150                          | BND eq CHF 1,330  | eq CHF 15  | –  | eq CHF 200                          | eq CHF 300                          | AU EP JP                      |
| BR | BRL <sup>8</sup>              | online: 175<br>on paper: 260 | BRL eq CHF 1,330  | eq CHF 15  | –  | eq CHF 200                          | eq CHF 300                          | AT BR EP SE US                |
| BW | USD                           | 32                           | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                       | 15<br>(15)   | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)                            | –<br>(–)                            | EP                            |
| BY | USD                           | 50                           | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                       | 15<br>(15)   | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)                            | –<br>(–)                            | EP RU                         |

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

(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>     |                       | International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>                      | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>            | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: |                            |                            | Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup> |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|    |                                  |                       |  |   | Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>                             | Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>     | Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>     |                               |
| BZ | BZD                              | 300                   | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | CA EP                         |
| CA | CAD                              | 300                   | CAD 1,792<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,708)</i>                     | 20<br><i>(19)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 269<br><i>(257)</i>        | 404<br><i>(385)</i>        | CA                            |
| CH | CHF                              | 100                   | CHF 1,330  | 15  | –  | 200                        | 300                        | EP                            |
| CL | CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup>          | 130                   | CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup> 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i> | eq USD 15 <sup>9</sup><br><i>(15)<sup>9</sup></i> | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | eq USD 206<br><i>(205)</i> | eq USD 308<br><i>(308)</i> | CL EP ES KR US                |
| CN | CNY                              | 500                   | CNY eq CHF 1,330   | eq CHF 15   | –  | eq CHF 200                 | eq CHF 300                 | CN                            |
| CO | COP                              | 952,000 <sup>10</sup> | COP eq CHF 1,330   | eq CHF 15   | –  | eq CHF 200                 | eq CHF 300                 | AT BR CL EP ES KR RU          |
| CR | USD                              | 250                   | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | CL EP ES                      |
| CU | CUC                              | 200                   | CUC 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 206<br><i>(205)</i>        | 308<br><i>(308)</i>        | AT BR CL EP ES RU             |
| CY | EUR                              | 191                   | EUR 1,219<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)</i>                     | 14<br><i>(13)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | EP                            |
| CZ | CZK                              | 1,500                 | EUR 1,219<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)</i>                     | 14<br><i>(13)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 183<br><i>(175)</i>        | 275<br><i>(262)</i>        | EP XV                         |
| DE | EUR                              | 90                    | EUR 1,219<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)</i>                     | 14<br><i>(13)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 183<br><i>(175)</i>        | 275<br><i>(262)</i>        | EP                            |
| DJ | USD<br>or eq DJF                 | 100                   | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | AT EG EP                      |
| DK | DKK                              | 1,500                 | DKK 9,070<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 8,650)</i>                     | 100<br><i>(100)</i>                               | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 1,360<br><i>(1,300)</i>    | 2,050<br><i>(1,950)</i>    | EP SE XN                      |
| DM | Information not yet available    |                       |  |   |  |                            |                            |                               |
| DO | USD                              | 275                   | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 206<br><i>(205)</i>        | 308<br><i>(308)</i>        | CL EP ES US                   |
| DZ | DZD                              | None                  | CHF 1,330  | 15  | –  | 200                        | 300                        | AT EP                         |
| EA | RUB                              | 1,600                 | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 206<br><i>(205)</i>        | 308<br><i>(308)</i>        | EP RU                         |
| EC | USD <sup>11</sup>                | –                     | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | CL EP ES                      |
| EE | EUR                              | 120                   | EUR 1,219<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)</i>                     | 14<br><i>(13)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 183<br><i>(175)</i>        | 275<br><i>(262)</i>        | EP                            |
| EG | USD                              | 142                   | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 206<br><i>(205)</i>        | 308<br><i>(308)</i>        | AT EG EP US                   |
| EP | EUR                              | 130                   | EUR 1,219<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)</i>                     | 14<br><i>(13)</i>                                 | 92<br><i>(87)</i>                                  | 183<br><i>(175)</i>        | 275<br><i>(262)</i>        | EP                            |
| ES | EUR                              | 74.25                 | EUR 1,219<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)</i>                     | 14<br><i>(13)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 183<br><i>(175)</i>        | 275<br><i>(262)</i>        | EP ES                         |
| FI | EUR                              | 135                   | EUR 1,219<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)</i>                     | 14<br><i>(13)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 183<br><i>(175)</i>        | 275<br><i>(262)</i>        | EP FI SE                      |
| FR | EUR                              | 62                    | EUR 1,219<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)</i>                     | 14<br><i>(13)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 183<br><i>(175)</i>        | 275<br><i>(262)</i>        | EP                            |
| GB | GBP                              | 75                    | GBP 1,063<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,029)</i>                     | 12<br><i>(12)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 160<br><i>(155)</i>        | 240<br><i>(232)</i>        | EP                            |
| GD | Information not yet available    |                       |  |   |  |                            |                            |                               |
| GE | USD <sup>12</sup>                | 100                   | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | 206<br><i>(205)</i>        | 308<br><i>(308)</i>        | AT EP IL RU US                |
| GH | GHS <sup>13</sup> 2,500 or 5,000 |                       | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | AT AU CN EP SE                |
| GR | EUR                              | 115                   | EUR 1,219<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)</i>                     | 14<br><i>(13)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | EP                            |
| GT | GTQ eq USD                       | 250                   | USD 1,367<br><i>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)</i>                     | 15<br><i>(15)</i>                                 | –<br><i>(–)</i>                                    | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | –<br><i>(–)</i>            | AT BR CL EP ES US             |

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

(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>                |                                     | International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup> |                  | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup> |                    | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: |                        |                           | Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup> |
|----|---|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
|    |   |                                     |   |                  |  |                    | Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>                             | Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup> | Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>    |                               |
| HN | USD   | 200                                 | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)               | EP ES                     |                               |
| HR | HRK   | 200                                 | HRK eq CHF 1,330                        | eq CHF 15        | –                                      | eq CHF 200         | eq CHF 300   | –                      | EP                        |                               |
| HU | HUF   | 11,800                              | HUF 374,700<br>(from 1.1.18: 363,000)   | 4,200<br>(4,100) | –<br>(–)                               | 56,300<br>(54,600) | 84,500<br>(81,900)                                 | –                      | EP XV                     |                               |
| IB | CHF <sup>14</sup>                           | 100                                 | CHF 1,330                               | 15               | –                                      | 200                | 300  | –                      | See footnote 15           |                               |
|    | or EUR <sup>14</sup>                        | 92                                  | or EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)    | 14<br>(13)       | –<br>(–)                               | 183<br>(175)       | 275<br>(262)                                       | –                      |                           |                               |
|    | or USD <sup>14</sup>                        | 103                                 | or USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)    | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | 206<br>(205)       | 308<br>(308)                                       | –                      |                           |                               |
|    |   |                                     |   |                  |  |                    |  |                        |                           |                               |
| 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 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)       | 14<br>(13)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | EP                        |                               |
| IL | ILS   | 549<br>(from 1.1.2018: 550)         | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | 206<br>(205)       | 308<br>(308)                                       | –                      | EP IL US                  |                               |
| IN | INR   | 17,600 (paper filing) <sup>16</sup> | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | 206<br>(205)       | 308<br>(308)                                       | –                      | AT AU CN EP IN SE US      |                               |
|    | INR   | 16,000 (e-filing) <sup>16</sup>     |   |                  |  |                    |  |                        |                           |                               |
| IR | IRR <sup>11</sup>                           | –                                   | IRR eq CHF 1,330                        | eq CHF 15        | –                                      | eq CHF 200         | eq CHF 300   | –                      | CN EP IN RU               |                               |
| IS | ISK   | 17,300                              | ISK 143,000<br>(from 1.1.18: 145,200)   | 1,600<br>(1,600) | –<br>(–)                               | 21,500<br>(21,800) | 32,300<br>(32,800)                                 | –                      | EP SE XN                  |                               |
| IT | EUR   | 30.99                               | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)       | 14<br>(13)       | –<br>(–)                               | 183<br>(175)       | 275<br>(262)                                       | –                      | EP                        |                               |
| JO | USD 100 or eq JOD                           |                                     | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | 206<br>(205)       | 308<br>(308)                                       | –                      | AT AU EP                  |                               |
| JP | JPY   | 10,000 <sup>17</sup>                | JPY 151,800<br>(from 1.1.18: 153,800)   | 1,700<br>(1,700) | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | 34,200<br>(34,700)                                 | –                      | EP JP SG                  |                               |
| KE | USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing |                                     | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | AT AU CN EP SE            |                               |
| KG | None  |                                     | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | EP RU                     |                               |
| KH | USD   | 100                                 | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | EP JP SG                  |                               |
| KN | Information not yet available               |                                     |   |                  |  |                    |  |                        |                           |                               |
| 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 <sup>18</sup> KR |                               |
| KZ | KZT   | 10,264.80                           | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | EP RU                     |                               |
| LR | USD   | 45                                  | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | AT AU CN EP SE            |                               |
| LS | LSL <sup>11</sup>                           | –                                   | LSL eq CHF 1,330                        | eq CHF 15        | –                                      | –                  | –  | –                      | AT EP                     |                               |
| LT | EUR   | 92                                  | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)       | 14<br>(13)       | –<br>(–)                               | 183<br>(175)       | 275<br>(262)                                       | –                      | EP RU XV                  |                               |
| LU | EUR   | 19                                  | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)       | 14<br>(13)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | EP                        |                               |
| LV | EUR   | 70                                  | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)       | 14<br>(13)       | –<br>(–)                               | 183<br>(175)       | 275<br>(262)                                       | –                      | EP RU                     |                               |
| LY | LYD <sup>11</sup>                           | –                                   | CHF 1,330                               | 15               | –                                      | –                  | –  | –                      | AT EP                     |                               |
| MA | MAD   | 600 <sup>19</sup>                   | CHF 1,330                               | 15               | –                                      | 200                | 300  | –                      | AT EP RU SE               |                               |
| MC | EUR   | 54 <sup>20</sup>                    | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)       | 14<br>(13)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | EP                        |                               |
| MD | EUR   | 100                                 | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)       | 15<br>(15)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | EP RU                     |                               |
| ME | EUR <sup>11</sup>                           | –                                   | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)       | 14<br>(13)       | –<br>(–)                               | –<br>(–)           | –<br>(–)   | –                      | EP                        |                               |

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

(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>   |                      | International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>                  | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup> | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: |                        |                        | Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup> |
|----|--|----------------------|--|--|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
|    |  |                      |  |  | Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>                             | Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup> | Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> |                               |
| MK | MKD  | 2,700                | MKD eq CHF 1,330   | eq CHF 15                              | –  | –                      | –                      | EP                            |
| MN |  | None                 | CHF 1,330  | 15                                     | –  | –                      | –                      | EP KR RU                      |
| MT | EUR  | 55                   | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)                        | 14<br>(13)                             | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)               | –<br>(–)               | EP                            |
| MW | MWK  | 6,000                | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                        | 15<br>(15)                             | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)               | –<br>(–)               | EP                            |
| MX | USD  | 323.70 <sup>21</sup> | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                        | 15<br>(15)                             | –<br>(–)   | 206<br>(205)           | 308<br>(308)           | ATCLEPESKRSE SG<br>US         |
| MY | MYR 500 (e-filing) <sup>22</sup><br>550 (paper filing) <sup>22</sup> |                      | MYR eq CHF 1,330   | eq CHF 15                              | –  | eq CHF 200             | eq CHF 300             | AU EP JP KR                   |
| NI | USD  | 200                  | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                        | 15<br>(15)                             | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)               | –<br>(–)               | EP ES                         |
| NL | EUR  | 50                   | EUR 1,219<br>(1,163)                                     | 14<br>(13)                             | –<br>(–)   | 183<br>(175)           | 275<br>(262)           | EP                            |
| NO | NOK  | 800                  | NOK 10,920<br>(from 1.1.18: 10,930)                      | 120<br>(120)                           | –<br>(–)   | 1,640<br>(1,640)       | 2,460<br>(2,460)       | EP SE XN                      |
| NZ | NZD  | 207                  | NZD 1,880<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,897)                        | 21<br>(21)                             | –<br>(–)   | 283<br>(285)           | 424<br>(428)           | AU EP KR US                   |
| OA | XAF <sup>11</sup>  | –                    | XAF eq CHF 1,330   | eq CHF 15                              | –  | –                      | –                      | AT EP RU SE                   |
| OM | OMR  | 40                   | OMR eq USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                 | eq USD 15<br>(15)                      | –<br>(–)   | eq USD 206<br>(205)    | eq USD 308<br>(308)    | ATAUEGEPUS                    |
| PA | USD  | 200                  | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                        | 15<br>(15)                             | –<br>(–)   | 206<br>(205)           | 308<br>(308)           | BR CL EP ES US                |
| PE | PEN  | 233.35               | PEN eq USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                 | eq USD 15<br>(15)                      | –<br>(–)   | eq USD 206<br>(205)    | eq USD 308<br>(308)    | ATBRCLEPESKRUS                |
| PG | PGK  | 250                  | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                        | 15<br>(15)                             | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)               | –<br>(–)               | AU                            |
| PH | PHP  | 4,200                | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                        | 15<br>(15)                             | –<br>(–)   | 206<br>(205)           | 308<br>(308)           | AU EP JP KR US                |
| PL | PLN  | 300                  | PLN eq CHF 1,330   | eq CHF 15                              | –  | eq CHF 200             | eq CHF 300             | EP XV                         |
| PT | EUR 10.52 (online filing)<br>EUR 21.04 (paper filing)                |                      | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)                        | 14<br>(13)                             | –<br>(–)   | 183<br>(175)           | 275<br>(262)           | EP                            |
| QA | QAR  | 400                  | QAR eq USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                 | eq USD 15<br>(15)                      | –<br>(–)   | eq USD 206<br>(205)    | eq USD 308<br>(308)    | EG EP US                      |
| RO | RON  | 445                  | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)                        | 14<br>(13)                             | –<br>(–)   | 183<br>(175)           | 275<br>(262)           | EP RU                         |
| RS | RSD  | 7,620 <sup>23</sup>  | RSD eq CHF 1,330<br>or EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163) | eq CHF 15<br>or EUR 14<br>(13)         | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)               | –<br>(–)               | EP                            |
| RU | RUB  | 1,700                | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                        | 15<br>(15)                             | –<br>(–)   | 206<br>(205)           | 308<br>(308)           | EP RU                         |
| RW | Information not yet available  |                      |  |  |  |                        |                        |                               |
| SA | USD  | 100                  | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                        | 15<br>(15)                             | –<br>(–)   | 206<br>(205)           | 308<br>(308)           | CA EG EP KR RU                |
| SC | USD <sup>11</sup>  | –                    | USD 1,367<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,366)                        | 15<br>(15)                             | –<br>(–)   | –<br>(–)               | –<br>(–)               | EP                            |
| SD | SDG  | 50                   | SDG eq CHF 1,330   | eq CHF 15                              | –  | –                      | –                      | EG EP                         |
| SE | SEK  | 1,200                | SEK 11,710<br>(from 1.1.18: 11,150)                      | 130<br>(130)                           | –<br>(–)   | 1,760<br>(1,680)       | 2,640<br>(2,510)       | EP SE XN                      |
| SG | SGD  | 150                  | SGD 1,866<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,859)                        | 21<br>(21)                             | –<br>(–)   | 281<br>(280)           | 421<br>(419)           | AT AU EP JP KR SG             |
| SI | EUR  | 91                   | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)                        | 14<br>(13)                             | –<br>(–)   | 183<br>(175)           | 275<br>(262)           | EP                            |
| SK | EUR  | 66 <sup>24</sup>     | EUR 1,219<br>(from 1.1.18: 1,163)                        | 14<br>(13)                             | –<br>(–)   | 183<br>(175)           | 275<br>(262)           | EP XV                         |

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

(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>       |                   | International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup> |         | Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup> |       |  | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: |                        |                        | Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup> |
|----|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|---------|--|-------|--|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
|    |                                    |                   |   |         |  |       |  | Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>                             | Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup> | Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> |                               |
| SM | EUR                                | 70                | EUR                                     | 1,219   |  | 14    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | EP                            |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 100)              | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,163)  |  | (13)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |
| SV | USD                                | 200               | USD                                     | 1,367   |  | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | CL EP ES                      |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 1,366)            | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |
| SY | USD <sup>11</sup>                  | –                 | USD                                     | 1,367   |  | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | AT EG EP RU                   |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 1,366)            | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |
| TH | THB                                | 3,000             | THB eq CHF                              | 1,330   | eq CHF                                 | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | AU CN EP JP KR SG US          |
| TJ | TJS <sup>11</sup>                  | –                 | USD                                     | 1,367   |  | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | EP RU                         |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 1,366)            | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |
| TM | USD <sup>11</sup>                  | –                 | USD                                     | 1,367   |  | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | EP RU                         |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 1,366)            | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |
| TN | TND <sup>11</sup>                  | –                 | CHF                                     | 1,330   |  | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | EP                            |
| TR |                                    | None              | CHF                                     | 1,330   |  | 15    |  | –  | 200                    | 300                    | EP TR                         |
| TT | TTD                                | 750               | USD                                     | 1,367   |  | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | AT EP SE US                   |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 1,366)            | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |
| UA | UAH or eq EUR or USD <sup>25</sup> | 1,300             | USD (or eq UAH or EUR)                  | 1,367   |  | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | EP RU UA                      |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 1,366)            | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |
| US | USD                                | 240 <sup>26</sup> | USD                                     | 1,367   |  | 15    |  | 103  | 206                    | –                      | AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US       |
|    | small entity <sup>27</sup> :       | 120 <sup>26</sup> | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (103)  | (205)                  | (–)                    |                               |
|    | micro entity <sup>27</sup> :       | 60 <sup>26</sup>  |   |         |  |       |  |  |                        |                        |                               |
| UZ | USD <sup>11</sup>                  | –                 | USD                                     | 1,367   |  | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | EP RU                         |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 1,366)            | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |
| VN | VND eq USD                         | 150               | VND eq CHF                              | 1,330   | eq CHF                                 | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG       |
| ZA | ZAR                                | 500               | ZAR                                     | 17,350  |  | 200   |  | –  | 2,610                  | 3,910                  | AT AU EP US                   |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 18,560)           | (from 1.1.18:                           | 18,560) |  | (210) |  | (–)  | (2,790)                | (4,190)                |                               |
| ZM | USD                                | 50                | USD                                     | 1,367   |  | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | AT SE                         |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 1,366)            | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |
| ZW | ZWD                                | 6,000             | ZWD eq USD                              | 1,367   | eq USD                                 | 15    |  | –  | –                      | –                      | AT AU CN EP RU                |
|    | (from 1.1.18:                      | 1,366)            | (from 1.1.18:                           | 1,366)  |  | (15)  |  | (–)  | (–)                    | (–)                    |                               |

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA              | Search fee <sup>1</sup>   |         |      |         |      |           |      |           |      |       |      |        |
|------------------|---|---------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-------|------|--------|
| AT <sup>28</sup> | EUR*  | 1,864   | CHF* | 2,034   | KRW* | 2,506,000 | SGD  | 2,854     | USD* | 2,225 | ZAR  | 28,980 |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:   |         | EUR  | 1,875   | CHF  | 2,046     | KRW  | 2,423,000 | SGD  | 3,000 | USD  | 2,202  |
|                  | ZAR   | 29,930) |      |         |      |           |      |           |      |       |      |        |
| AU               | AUD   | 2,200   | CHF* | 1,643   | EUR* | 1,505     | KRW* | 1,987,000 | NZD* | 2,322 | SGD* | 2,304  |
|                  | USD*  | 1,688   | ZAR* | 23,230  |      |           |      |           |      |       |      |        |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:   | 1,677   | CHF  | 1,677   | EUR  | 1,466     | KRW  | 1,974,000 | NZD  | 2,391 | SGD  | 2,343  |
|                  | USD   | 1,722   | ZAR  | 23,400) |      |           |      |           |      |       |      |        |
| BR <sup>8</sup>  | Online:   |         | BRL  | 1,685   | CHF* | 495       | EUR* | 456       | USD* | 536   |      |        |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:   |         | CHF  | 519     | EUR  | 454       | USD  | 533)      |      |       |      |        |
|                  | On paper:   |         | BRL  | 2,525   | CHF  | 742       | EUR  | 684       | USD  | 804   |      |        |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:   |         | CHF  | 778     | EUR  | 681       | USD  | 799)      |      |       |      |        |
| CA               | CAD   | 1,600   | CHF* | 1,187   | EUR* | 1,088     | USD* | 1,296     |      |       |      |        |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:   |         | CHF  | 1,246   | EUR  | 1,089     | USD  | 1,279)    |      |       |      |        |
| CL               | USD   | 2,000   | CHF* | 1,946   | EUR* | 1,675     |      |           |      |       |      |        |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:   |         | CHF  | 1,948   | EUR  | 1,703)    |      |           |      |       |      |        |
|                  | In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> : |         |      |         | USD  | 400       | CHF* | 389       | EUR* | 335   |      |        |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:   |         | CHF  | 390     | EUR  | 341)      |      |           |      |       |      |        |
|                  | In case of filing by a university <sup>29</sup> :                       |         | USD  | 300     | CHF* | 292       | EUR* | 251       |      |       |      |        |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:   |         | CHF  | 292     | EUR  | 255)      |      |           |      |       |      |        |

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**Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA              | Search fee <sup>1</sup>                     |                  |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|------------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------|-----|
| CN               | CNY   | 2,100            | CHF*             | 306    | EUR*   | 267    | USD*  | 315     |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 308    | EUR    | 269    | USD   | 316)    |        |         |       |         |     |
| EG <sup>30</sup> | EGP   | 4,000            | CHF*             | 214    | EUR*   | 197    | USD*  | 225     |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 221    | EUR    | 193    | USD   | 227)    |        |         |       |         |     |
| EP <sup>31</sup> | EUR   | 1,875            | CHF*             | 2,046  | DKK    | 13,960 | GBP*  | 1,636   | HUF*   | 576,500 | ISK*  | 230,200 |     |
|                  | JPY*  | 244,500          | NOK*             | 17,780 | NZD*   | 3,083  | SEK*  | 18,010  | SGD*   | 2,870   | USD*  | 2,238   |     |
|                  | ZAR*  | 29,150           |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 2,145  | GBP    | 1,660  | HUF   | 585,300 | ISK    | 234,100 | JPY   | 248,000 |     |
|                  | NOK   | 17,620           | NZD              | 3,058  | SEK    | 17,970 | SGD   | 3,000   | USD    | 2,202   | ZAR   | 29,930) |     |
| ES <sup>31</sup> | EUR   | 1,875            | CHF*             | 2,046  | USD*   | 2,238  |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 2,145  | USD    | 2,202) |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
| FI               | EUR   | 1,875            | CHF*             | 2,046  | USD*   | 2,238  |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 2,145  | USD    | 2,202) |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
| IL               | ILS   | 3,518            | CHF*             | 932    | EUR*   | 821    | USD*  | 963     |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 969    | EUR    | 847    | USD   | 995)    |        |         |       |         |     |
| IN               | INR   | 10,000           | CHF*             | 154    | EUR*   | 131    | USD*  | 150     |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 149    | EUR    | 130    | USD   | 153)    |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | In case of filing by an individual:         |                  |                  |        | INR    | 2,500  | CHF*  | 39      | EUR*   | 33      | USD   | 38      |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 37     | EUR    | 32)    |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
| JP <sup>17</sup> | For international applications in Japanese: |                  |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | JPY   | 70,000           | CHF*             | 613    | EUR*   | 537    | KRW*  | 718,000 | USD*   | 616     |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 605    | EUR    | 529    | KRW   | 713,000 | USD    | 622)    |       |         |     |
|                  | For international applications in English:  |                  |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
| JPY              | 156,000                                     | CHF*             | 1,367            | EUR*   | 1,196  | SGD*   | 1,928 | USD*    | 1,372  |         |       |         |     |
| * (from 1.1.18:  |   | CHF              | 1,349            | EUR    | 1,179  | SGD    | 1,885 | USD     | 1,385) |         |       |         |     |
| KR               | For international applications in Korean:   |                  |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | KRW   | 450,000          | AUD*             | 498    | CHF*   | 397    | EUR*  | 336     | NZD*   | **      | 560   | SGD*    | 556 |
|                  | USD   | 386              |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | AUD              | 502    | CHF    | 382    | EUR   | 334     | NZD    | 545     | SGD   | 534     |     |
|                  | USD   | 393)             | ** (from 1.2.18: |        | NZD    | 602)   |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | For international applications in English:  |                  |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
| KRW              | 1,300,000                                   | AUD*             | 1,439            | CHF*   | 1,145  | EUR*   | 969   | NZD*    | **     | 1,619   | SGD*  | 1,607   |     |
| USD*             | 1,114                                       |                  |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
| * (from 1.1.18:  |   | AUD              | 1,449            | CHF    | 1,104  | EUR    | 966   | NZD     | 1,575  | SGD     | 1,544 |         |     |
| USD              | 1,134)                                      | ** (from 1.2.18: |                  | NZD    | 1,740) |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
| RU               | For international applications in Russian:  |                  |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | RUB*  | 6,750            | CHF**            | 115    | EUR**  | 97     | USD** | 116     |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 6.12.17:                            |                  | RUB              | 8,500  | CHF    | 144    | EUR   | 126     | USD    | 148)    |       |         |     |
|                  | ** (from 1.1.18:                            |                  | CHF              | 143    | EUR    | 125    | USD   | 147)    |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | For international applications in English:  |                  |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | RUB*  | 28,000           | CHF**            | 479    | EUR**  | 401    | USD** | 482     |        |         |       |         |     |
| * (from 6.12.17: |   | RUB              | 40,000           | CHF    | 680    | EUR    | 591   | USD     | 698)   |         |       |         |     |
| ** (from 1.1.18: |   | CHF              | 673              | EUR    | 588    | USD    | 691)  |         |        |         |       |         |     |
| SE               | SEK*  | 18,010           | CHF*             | 2,046  | DKK    | 13,960 | EUR   | 1,875   | ISK*   | 230,200 | NOK*  | 17,780  |     |
|                  | USD*  | 2,238            |                  |        |        |        |       |         |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | SEK              | 17,970 | CHF    | 2,145  | ISK   | 234,100 | NOK    | 17,620  | USD   | 2,202)  |     |
| SG               | SGD   | 2,240            | CHF*             | 1,597  | EUR*   | 1,463  | JPY*  | 181,200 | USD*   | 1,645   |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | CHF              | 1,603  | EUR    | 1,401  | JPY   | 185,300 | USD    | 1,646)  |       |         |     |
| TR               | TRY**                                       | 7,290            | CHF*             | 2,046  | EUR*   | 1,875  | USD*  | 2,238   |        |         |       |         |     |
|                  | * (from 1.1.18:                             |                  | TRY              | 7,860  | CHF    | 2,145  | EUR   | 1,875   | USD    | 2,202)  |       |         |     |

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**Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee <sup>1</sup>          |            |              |              |             |             |  |  |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| UA  | EUR 300                          | CHF* 327   | USD* 358     |              |             |             |  |  |
|     | * (from 1.1.18: CHF 343)         |            | USD 352)     |              |             |             |  |  |
| US  | USD 2,080                        | CHF* 2,024 | EUR* 1,742   | NZD* 2,861   | ZAR* 26,940 |             |  |  |
|     | * (from 1.1.18: CHF 2,026)       |            | EUR 1,771    | NZD 2,889    | ZAR 28,270) |             |  |  |
|     | For small entity <sup>27</sup> : | USD 1,040  | CHF* 1,012   | EUR* 871     | NZD* 1,430  | ZAR* 13,470 |  |  |
|     | * (from 1.1.18: CHF 1,013)       |            | EUR 886      | NZD 1,445    | ZAR 14,140) |             |  |  |
|     | For micro entity <sup>27</sup> : | USD 520    | CHF* 506     | EUR* 436     | NZD* 715    | ZAR* 6,740  |  |  |
|     | * (from 1.1.18: CHF 506)         |            | EUR 443      | NZD 722      | ZAR 7,070)  |             |  |  |
| XN  | DKK 13,960                       | CHF* 2,046 | EUR 1,875    | ISK* 230,200 | NOK* 17,780 | SEK* 18,010 |  |  |
|     | USD* 2,238                       |            |              |              |             |             |  |  |
|     | * (from 1.1.18: CHF 2,145)       |            | ISK 234,100  | NOK 17,620   | SEK 17,970  | USD 2,202)  |  |  |
| XV  | EUR 1,875                        | CHF* 2,046 | HUF* 576,500 | USD* 2,238   |             |             |  |  |
|     | * (from 1.1.18: CHF 2,145)       |            | HUF 585,300  | USD 2,202)   |             |             |  |  |

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**  
(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Supplementary search fee  | Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 32</sup> |
|-----|---|--|
| AT  | – for a search of the German-language documentation:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 928<br>CHF 972)   | CHF 200  |
|     | – for a search of the European and North American documentation:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 1,299<br>CHF 1,361)   |  |
|     | – for a search of the PCT minimum documentation:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 1,855<br>CHF 1,944)   |  |
| EP  | CHF 2,046 (from 1.1.18: CHF 2,145)  | CHF 200  |
| FI  | CHF 2,046 (from 1.1.18: CHF 2,145)  | CHF 200  |
| RU  | CHF 202 (323) <sup>33</sup> (from 1.1.18: CHF 198 (317) <sup>33</sup> )   | CHF 200  |
| SE  | CHF 2,046 (from 1.1.18: CHF 2,145)  | CHF 200  |
| SG  | CHF 1,597 (from 1.1.18: CHF 1,603)  | CHF 200  |
| TR  | – for a full search:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 2,046<br>CHF 2,145)   | CHF 200  |
|     | – for a search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 140<br>CHF 136)                         |  |
| UA  | – for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 109<br>CHF 114)  | CHF 200  |
|     | – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 164<br>CHF 172) |  |
|     | – for a search of only the European and North American documentation:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 218<br>CHF 229)  |  |
| XN  | – for a full search:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 2,046<br>CHF 2,145)   | CHF 200  |
|     | – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 590<br>CHF 615)                                      |  |
| XV  | – for a full search:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 2,046<br>CHF 2,145)   | CHF 200  |
|     | – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:<br>(from 1.1.18: CHF 600<br>CHF 629)   |  |

**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 4 December 2017, unless otherwise indicated)

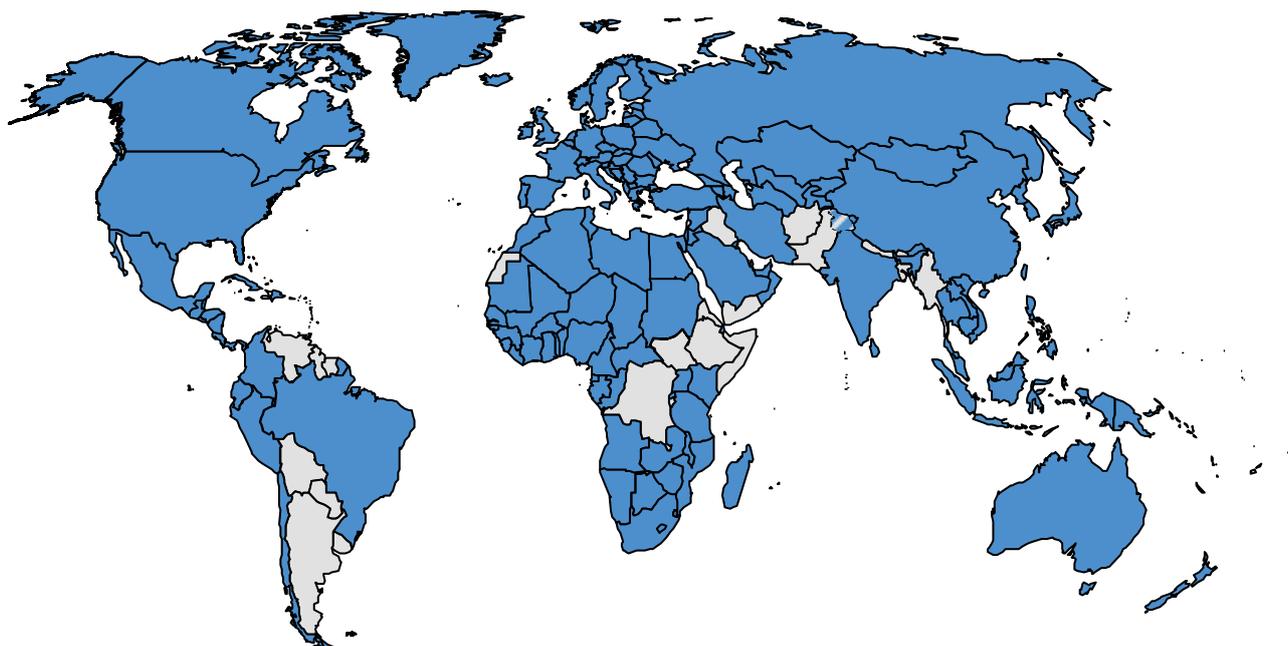
| <b>IPEA</b>            | <b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>34</sup></b>                                   |   | <b>Handling fee<sup>2, 34</sup> (CHF 200)</b> |   |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b>AT<sup>28</sup></b> | <b>EUR</b>  | 1,749                                       | <b>EUR</b>                                    | 183 (from 1.1.18: <b>EUR</b> 175)         |
| <b>AU</b>              | <b>AUD</b>  | 590 820 <sup>35</sup>                       | <b>AUD</b>                                    | 268 (from 1.1.18: <b>AUD</b> 262)         |
| <b>BR<sup>8</sup></b>  | Online: <b>BRL</b>  | 630   | <b>BRL</b> eq <b>CHF</b>                      | 200                                       |
|                        | On paper: <b>BRL</b>  | 945   |   |   |
| <b>CA</b>              | <b>CAD</b>  | 800   | <b>CAD</b>                                    | 269 (from 1.1.18: <b>CAD</b> 257)         |
| <b>CL</b>              | <b>USD</b>  | 1,500                                       | <b>USD</b>                                    | 206 (from 1.1.18: <b>USD</b> 205)         |
|                        | in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> :            | <b>USD</b> 400                              |   |   |
|                        | in case of filing by a university <sup>29</sup> :                                 | <b>USD</b> 300                              |   |   |
| <b>CN</b>              | <b>CNY</b>  | 1,500                                       | <b>CNY</b> eq <b>CHF</b>                      | 200                                       |
| <b>EG<sup>30</sup></b> | <b>EGP</b>  | 3,000                                       | <b>USD</b>                                    | 206 (from 1.1.18: <b>USD</b> 205)         |
| <b>EP<sup>31</sup></b> | <b>EUR</b>  | 1,930                                       | <b>EUR</b>                                    | 183 (from 1.1.18: <b>EUR</b> 175)         |
| <b>ES</b>              | <b>EUR</b>  | 583.65                                      | <b>EUR</b>                                    | 183 (from 1.1.18: <b>EUR</b> 175)         |
| <b>FI</b>              | <b>EUR</b>  | 600   | <b>EUR</b>                                    | 183 (from 1.1.18: <b>EUR</b> 175)         |
| <b>IL</b>              | <b>ILS</b>  | 1,508                                       | <b>ILS</b>                                    | 773 (from 1.1.18: <b>ILS</b> 726)         |
| <b>IN</b>              | <b>INR</b> 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: <b>INR</b>                 | 3,000                                       | <b>USD</b>                                    | 206 (from 1.1.18: <b>USD</b> 205)         |
| <b>JP</b>              | For international applications in Japanese: <b>JPY</b>                            | 26,000 <sup>17</sup>                        | <b>JPY</b>                                    | 22,800 (from 1.1.18: <b>JPY</b> 23,100)   |
|                        | For international applications in English: <b>JPY</b>                             | 58,000                                      |   |   |
| <b>KR</b>              | <b>KRW</b>  | 450,000                                     | <b>KRW</b>                                    | 227,000 (from 1.1.18: <b>KRW</b> 235,000) |
| <b>RU</b>              | For international applications in Russian: <b>RUB</b>                             | 2,700 <sup>36</sup> 4,050 <sup>37</sup>     | <b>USD</b>                                    | 206 (from 1.1.18: <b>USD</b> 205)         |
|                        | (from 6.12.17: <b>RUB</b>   | 4,500 <sup>36</sup> 6,750 <sup>37</sup> )   |   |   |
|                        | For international applications in English: <b>RUB</b>                             | 10,500 <sup>36</sup> 15,750 <sup>37</sup>   |   |   |
|                        | (from 6.12.17: <b>RUB</b>   | 16,000 <sup>36</sup> 24,000 <sup>37</sup> ) |   |   |
| <b>SE</b>              | <b>SEK</b>  | 5,000                                       | <b>SEK</b>                                    | 1,760 (from 1.1.18: <b>SEK</b> 1,680)     |
| <b>SG</b>              | <b>GD</b>   | 830   | <b>SGD</b>                                    | 281 (from 1.1.18: <b>SGD</b> 280)         |
| <b>TR</b>              | <b>TRY</b>  | 1,000                                       | <b>CHF</b>                                    | 200                                       |
| <b>UA</b>              | – if the international search report has been prepared by this ISA: <b>EUR</b>    | 160   | <b>EUR</b>                                    | 183 (from 1.1.18: <b>EUR</b> 175)         |
|                        | – if the international search report has been prepared by another ISA: <b>EUR</b> | 180   |   |   |
| <b>US</b>              | <b>USD</b>  | 600 760 <sup>38</sup>                       | <b>USD</b>                                    | 206 (from 1.1.18: <b>USD</b> 205)         |
|                        | For small entity <sup>27</sup> : <b>USD</b>                                       | 300 380 <sup>38</sup>                       |   |   |
|                        | For micro entity <sup>27</sup> : <b>USD</b>                                       | 150 190 <sup>38</sup>                       |   |   |
| <b>XN</b>              | <b>DKK</b>  | 5,000                                       | <b>DKK</b>                                    | 1,360 (from 1.1.18: <b>DKK</b> 1,300)     |
| <b>XV</b>              | <b>EUR</b>  | 900   | <b>EUR</b>                                    | 183 (from 1.1.18: <b>EUR</b> 175)         |

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*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: <http://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 international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: [http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett\\_09.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf)).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application 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 international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research.
- 11 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 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 international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500 (paper filing), INR 3,200 (electronic filing); the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800 (paper filing), INR 8,000 (electronic filing).
- 17 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: [http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho\\_keigen.htm](http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm)
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% 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 90%.
- 26 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: [http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated\\_rules.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf)
- 28 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).
- 29 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 30 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 31 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 32 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 33 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).
- 34 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 35 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 36 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 37 In all cases where footnote 36 does not apply.
- 38 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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| AG Antigua and Barbuda                        | CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>        | IS Iceland (EP)                          | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP) | SE Sweden (EP)                      |
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| BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>        | DZ Algeria                         | KM Comoros (OA) <sup>2</sup>             | MY Malaysia                                       | ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)       |
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| BG Bulgaria (EP)                              | ES Spain (EP)                      | KW Kuwait                                | NG Nigeria  | TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>           |
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| BR Brazil                                     | GB United Kingdom (EP)             | LI Liechtenstein (EP)                    | NZ New Zealand                                    | TM Turkmenistan (EA)                |
| BW Botswana (AP)                              | GD Grenada                         | LK Sri Lanka                             | OM Oman   | TN Tunisia <sup>5</sup>             |
| BY Belarus (EA)                               | GE Georgia                         | LR Liberia (AP)                          | PA Panama   | TR Turkey (EP)                      |
| BZ Belize                                     | GH Ghana (AP)                      | LS Lesotho (AP)                          | PE Peru   | TT Trinidad and Tobago              |
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| CH Switzerland (EP)                           | GT Guatemala                       | LY Libya                                 | PT Portugal (EP)                                  | US United States of America         |
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| CL Chile                                      | HN Honduras                        | MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>              | RO Romania (EP)                                   | VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>                 | HR Croatia (EP)                    | MD Republic of Moldova <sup>4</sup>      | RS Serbia (EP)                                    | VN Viet Nam                         |
| CN China                                      | HU Hungary (EP)                    | ME Montenegro <sup>1</sup>               | RU Russian Federation (EA)                        | ZA South Africa                     |
| CO Colombia                                   | ID Indonesia                       |  | RW Rwanda (AP)                                    | ZM Zambia (AP)                      |
| CR Costa Rica                                 | IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>       |  | SA Saudi Arabia                                   | ZW Zimbabwe (AP)                    |
|   | IL Israel                          |  | SC Seychelles                                     |                                     |
|   | IN India                           |  |   |                                     |

<sup>1</sup> Extension of European patent possible.

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

<sup>3</sup> Validation of European patent possible.

<sup>4</sup> Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2015.

<sup>5</sup> Validation of European patent will be possible for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2017.

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