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Patent Cooperation Treaty: Declaration by the United Kingdom

On 23 December 2020, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland deposited a declaration that the United Kingdom's ratification of the Patent Cooperation Treaty will be extended to the territory of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible. The declaration will enter into force with respect to that territory on 23 March 2021.

For further information, please refer to PCT Notification No. 218, which is published at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/pct/treaty_pct_218.html

It is recalled that the United Kingdom's ratification of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property was extended to the territory of the Bailiwick of Guernsey with effect from 13 November 2020 (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2020).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex A and Annex C (GB))

Budapest Treaty: Declaration by the United Kingdom

On 1 January 2021, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland deposited a declaration that the United Kingdom's ratification of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure will be extended to the territories of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Isle of Man and Gibraltar, for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible. The declaration entered into force with respect to those territories on 1 January 2021.

For further information, please refer to Budapest Notification No. 341, which is published at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_341.html

Power of Attorney Waiver

Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (Italian Patent and Trademark Office)

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it will waive the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2021.

Particular instances in which the Office will continue to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted are, however, as follows:

- if the agent is not:
 - a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Italy (recorded in the pertinent official register or professional roll) or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law;
 - a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law qualified to practice in another member State of the European Union, authorized to pursue certain professional activities in Italy on a temporary basis (refer to legislative Decree No. 206/2007);
- in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act;
- in case of a common representative (a separate power of attorney is required in this case).

It is recalled that a power of attorney is always required where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rules 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)).

For background information on power of attorney waivers, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct_news_2004_1.pdf

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IT) and of the table "Offices (or Authorities) which have notified WIPO of waiver(s) of the power of attorney requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii)")

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS)

National Institute of Industrial Property (France)

Reference is made to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2020 relating to the commencement of operation of the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) as a DAS depositing Office with effect from 1 December 2020. INPI has since notified the IB that it will deposit certified copies of patent and utility model applications as priority documents, including PCT applications filed with it **on or after 1 October 2019**, which the applicant specifically requests to be made available to the service (and not only those filed with it on or after 1 December 2020).

The DAS Notification has been amended accordingly, at:

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11651

PCT Information Update

BY Belarus (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable¹ to the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2021:

Transmittal fee:.....	BYN	71.05
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	BYN	60.90

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

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	71.05
- Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	30.45
Examination fee:	BYN	345.10
- Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	203.00
Annual fee for the third year	BYN	71.05

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	142.10
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one: .	BYN	71.05

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

ES Spain (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2021:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	75.00
Fee for priority document.....	EUR	29.98

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

¹ For residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rouble in accordance with the rate of the base value. For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollar, euro, Swiss franc or Russian rouble, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

GM Gambia (fees)

The Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia) has notified the amount of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Filing fee (includes examination, grant and publication):GMD 5,000 or USD 400²

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

ID Indonesia (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) as designated (or elected) Office has changed one of its requirements under PCT Rule 51 *bis* for entry into the national phase – the translation of the international application should be furnished in three copies, unless the application is filed electronically, in which case only one copy of the translation has to be furnished in electronic form.

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

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea (provisional protection after international publication)

There has been a change in the provisions concerning provisional protection in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea after international publication. This is available from such time as a translation has been made available to the public, by laying open for public inspection as provided under Article 57 of the Law on Inventions.

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

MG Madagascar (fees)

The Industrial Property Office of Madagascar has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the amount of the national filing fee, payable in Malagasy ariary (MGA) to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, includes the fee for granting and publication of a patent.

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

VN Viet Nam (fees)

The Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam) has notified the IB of a temporary reduction in the amount of the national filing fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office: the fee is reduced by 50% from 1 January 2021 until 30 June 2021. For further information, please refer to the Office's Circular No. 112/2020/TT-BTC dated 29 December 2020 at:

<https://english.luatvietnam.vn/circular-no-112-2020-tt-btc-dated-december-29-2020-of-the-ministry-of-finance-providing-a-number-of-charge-and-fee-rates-to-support-and-remove-diffi-196286-Doc1.html>

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

² For applicants who are not residents of the Gambia

Search fee and other fees related to the international search (European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Israel Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Nordic Patent Institute (*corrigendum*), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 February 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in ZAR for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office.

As from 1 March 2021, there will be a change in the amount payable in ILS for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office. The new amount, as well as the equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR and USD, are indicated in Fee Table I(b). The amounts of other fees will also change, as follows:

Additional search fee:	ILS	3,553
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	457

As from 1 March 2021, there will also be changes in the equivalent amounts in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation):	USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil):.....	USD
United States Patent and Trademark Office:	NZD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (BR, EP, IL, RU, US))

Corrigendum: In the PCT Fee Tables included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2020, the equivalent amount in ISK of the search fee payable to the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from 1 January 2021 was incorrectly indicated as ISK 228,600. The correct amount is ISK 288,600.

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Israel Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

The amounts of the following fees, payable in EUR to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), have changed with effect from 1 January 2021:

Preliminary examination fee:	EUR	589,48
Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	589,48

As from 1 March 2021, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable in ILS to the Israel Patent Office as IPEA:

Preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,523
Additional preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,523
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	457

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (ES and IL))

Exceptional Non-working Days

It is recalled that, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach an Office fell on a day on which the Office is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, that period is extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day.

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 11 to 13 November 2020 (inclusive).

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business on 24 December 2020

Due to the official closing of federal government offices, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 24 December 2020, in addition to the previously planned closure on 25 December 2020.

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

<https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/uspto-closed-20201218.pdf>

National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)

The National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it was closed for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 4 to 15 January 2021 (inclusive), due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A notice concerning the Office closure is available on the SAKPATENTI website at:

http://www.sakpatenti.gov.ge/en/news_and_events/317/

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

PATENTSCOPE News

National Collections

The national patent collections of Czechia, former Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, Serbia, Slovakia and Sweden are now available in the PATENTSCOPE search system at:

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

The collections of Czechia and former Czechoslovakia contain over 437,000 records; the collection of the Netherlands contains over 216,000 records; the collection of Serbia contains almost 15,000 records; the collection of Slovakia contains over 33,000 records; and the collection of Sweden contains almost 190,000 records. This brings to 69 the number of national/regional collections available in PATENTSCOPE. Note that the collections of the

former Soviet Union and the former German Democratic Republic now count as individual collections (previously, they were included in, respectively, the national collections of the Russian Federation and Germany). This reflects the distinct two-letter codes for those former states in the WIPO Standard ST.3.

Four million Japanese utility models are now also available in PATENTSCOPE. To access the Japanese utility models, please use the following query:

CTR:JP and (DTY:U OR DTY:Y OR DTY:U? OR DTY:Y?)

Global Dossier information

Global Dossier information from India, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea is also now available in PATENTSCOPE, thus supplementing the information already provided by other participating Offices. It is recalled that the dossier content, which is accessed under the “Documents” tab of the application concerned, provides the most up-to-date information about a patent application’s progress through the examination process, including search reports, office actions and correspondence between the applicant and the patent Office.

New/Updated PCT Resources

ePCT Office User Guide

The ePCT Office User Guide, which provides detailed information on the use of ePCT by receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities, has been updated on 5 January 2021 and is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_user_guide.pdf

Seminar materials

Seminar materials, covering all aspects of the PCT procedure, were updated in December 2020 in English and Chinese, and in January 2021 in French, at, respectively:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/index.html

https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/seminar/basic_1/index.html

https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/basic_1/index.html

Other languages will follow shortly.

International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (Russian version)

The International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, as in force from 1 July 2020, are now available in Russian at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/pdf/ispe.pdf>

World Intellectual Property Day, April 26, 2021

This year's theme

“IP & SMEs: Taking your ideas to market” is the theme for the 2021 World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day) campaign. Each of the millions of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) that operate across the globe every day started with an idea that took shape in someone's mind and made its way to market. An idea, when nurtured and enriched with ingenuity, know-how and flair, becomes an IP asset that can drive business development, economic recovery and human progress. At a time when the imperative of economic recovery is high, World IP Day 2021 shines a light on the critical role of SMEs in the economy and how they can use IP rights to build stronger, more competitive and resilient businesses.

For those who are new to the world of IP, World IP Day 2021 is an opportunity to find out how the tools of the IP system – trademarks, design rights, copyright, patents, trade secrets, geographical indications, and more – can support them when taking their ideas to market. World IP Day 2021 also highlights the central role that WIPO and national and regional IP offices around the world play in creating favorable conditions for SMEs to drive innovation and creativity, power economic recovery and create employment.

Join us in celebrating the ingenuity and creativity that lies behind every SME, their courage to make a difference and the contributions they make in enhancing our daily lives. Support your local SMEs and champion local innovation.

For more information, visit the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/>

About World Intellectual Property Day

In 2000, WIPO's Member States designated 26 April – the day on which the WIPO Convention came into force in 1970 – as World IP Day, with the aim of increasing general understanding of IP. World IP Day offers a unique opportunity each year to join with others around the globe to promote broader understanding and awareness of the role that IP rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity, and in supporting business growth and job creation as well as economic development and a vibrant cultural landscape.

Practical Advice

Switching from PCT-SAFE to ePCT (the example of an applicant filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office)

Q: My company files a large number of PCT applications with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office (RO/US). We have been using the PCT-SAFE software to prepare the request form, but installing and continually updating the software for our many users is complicated and time-consuming. I read that the restrictions for the use of ePCT to prepare the request form for filing with RO/US have been relaxed, so if we have a foreign filing license, can we now use this option? Also, is there any training available on how to start using ePCT for the filing and management of international applications?

A: As was announced in PCT Newsletter No. 10/2020, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) adopted, on 30 September 2020, amendments to its foreign filing license rules

to facilitate the use of ePCT by applicants for the preparation of the request form when filing international applications with RO/US.³ As a consequence, provided that PCT applicants in the U.S.:

- have met any national security provisions prior to filing, including obtaining any required foreign filing license; and
- are not exporting additional subject matter not included within the scope of the foreign filing license from the USPTO,

they can now prepare their international application using ePCT and then generate a .zip file containing the text of the abstract and a validated request form, including the title of the invention, for upload to RO/US, together with the rest of the application, via one of the USPTO's electronic filing systems (the EFS-Web or Patent Center), without having any of the previous concerns about the export of technical data into ePCT. For further information, please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2020, page 2 (under “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”) at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2020/pct_news_2020_10.pdf

and to the information published in the U.S. Federal Register at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/30/2020-18743/facilitating-the-use-of-the-world-intellectual-property-organizations-epct-system-to-prepare>

This means that PCT applicants in the U.S. can now file with RO/US while benefiting from the advantages of preparing their application using ePCT, provided that the necessary foreign filing license requirements have been met.⁴ The above-mentioned article in the *PCT Newsletter* also outlines the main advantages of using ePCT, in particular, that it is a web-based application and, unlike PCT-SAFE, no cumbersome software installation and updates are required. Also, as soon as RO/US transmits the application to the International Bureau (IB), it will be available in the “Workbench” of ePCT users who had access (or had been given access) to the application when it was prepared.

A wealth of information is available on the WIPO website to help users get started using ePCT. For instance, in addition to the support documentation at:

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

user guides and step-by-step articles are available on the PCT eServices Help webpage at:

https://pct.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/pct_wipo_accounts_faq.html

Please note that the following pages are particularly relevant to you:

- “Getting started”: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=588>

³ It is recalled that the former foreign filing license rules already authorized the export of technical data via ePCT for the purposes of preparing an international application for filing in a foreign PCT receiving Office (for example, the International Bureau as receiving Office). However, those rules did not authorize the export of technical data via ePCT for the purposes of preparing an international application for filing with RO/US.

⁴ If you have not yet obtained a foreign filing license at the time of preparing your request form and abstract in ePCT and generating your .zip file for upload to RO/US, and you have concerns about the export of technical information into ePCT in the form of the abstract and/or title of invention, you may wish to omit the abstract and/or title from the contents of the ePCT-Filing data package at this stage. This is also recommended if you do have a foreign filing license but your application contains additional subject matter that might go beyond the scope of the license.

- “Filing an application”: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=196> and in particular, “Filing at RO/US using ePCT in combination with EFS-Web”: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=452>
- “eOwnership, eHandshakes and Access Rights”: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=693>

Please note that an ePCT demo system has been set up to enable filers to familiarize themselves with the system before filing a “real” application.

Upon request, WIPO can provide online training sessions for companies. These sessions can be tailored to their specific needs and can correspond to the participants’ level of PCT knowledge. For users who are starting out with ePCT, training might include the following:

- creation of a WIPO Account with strong authentication;
- creating eHandshakes, assigning access rights, default filing settings;
- navigating the ePCT Workbench;
- creating and filing a new IA; and
- managing filed IAs.

More advanced training sessions are also available for users who are already familiar with basic ePCT functionality and who would like to learn more about how the broad suite of functions available in ePCT can result in greater efficiency when managing PCT applications.

For further information on requesting customized PCT training in general, please refer to the Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2018 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2018/pct_news_2018_10.pdf

and for further information specifically on ePCT training possibilities please send an e-mail to: pct.eservices@wipo.int

You can also check the PCT Seminar Calendar for ePCT-related seminars and webinars at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>

Please note that the majority of receiving Offices have already stopped accepting PCT-SAFE filings, and the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB) also intends to do this in the near future, at a date yet to be announced. Therefore, any remaining PCT-SAFE users are strongly encouraged to start using ePCT where it is available at the receiving Office(s) they use to file international applications. The current list of ROs that accept international applications filed using ePCT can be found at: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/EFilingServers.xhtml>

It is recalled that nationals and/or residents of any PCT Contracting State may file a PCT application using ePCT if they file with RO/IB, provided that any applicable national security requirements have been met.

Corrigendum to Practical Advice in PCT Newsletter No. 12/2020

Please note that there is a typographical error in footnote 4 of the Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2020, as originally published – the amount of the international filing fee should read 1,330 Swiss francs and not 1,300 Swiss francs.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)
(situation on 20 January 2021)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10 March 2021 Online presentation	German	Update lecture on the PCT within the framework of the "FORUM!Live: Internationales Patentrecht" (International PCT formalities) conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 965 E-mail: s.schilling@forum-institut.de
17 March 2021 Online presentation	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the AUTM Annual Meeting 2021 (15 to 18 March 2021) WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) For further information: https://autm.net/2021-annual-meeting For registration: https://autm.net/2021-annual-meeting/registration
8 April 2021 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
18-19 May 2021 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademien.se Internet: www.ipakademien.se
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
21 January 2021 8:30-9:30 CET	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7016815339885968656
25 February 2021 10:00-11:30 CET	German	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Schumm Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Wollgast, Mr. Halfpenny, Ms. Von der Ropp, Ms. Weiss	Registration: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1089798951609856781
16 February 2021 17:30-18:30 CET or 18 February 2021 8:30-9:30 CET	English	Translation tools in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2273245100730138640

Other IP events

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 10-14 March 2021

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place from 10 to 14 March 2021. Further information is available at: www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/

World IP Day, 26 April 2021

In view of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, World IP Day 2021 is being promoted as a virtual campaign. Further information is available at: www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 January 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 2,023	23	–	304	456	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,928	22	–	290	435	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,453	eq USD ⁹ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹⁰
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,453	16	—	218	328	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,233	14	—	—	—	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,233	14	—	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,233	14	—	185	278	EP
DJ	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	—	—	—	AT EG EP
	or eq DJF								
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,170	100	—	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	—	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	EP RU
			or EUR	1,233	14	—	185	278	
EC	USD	300	USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,233	14	—	185	278	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,233	14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR	75	EUR	1,233	14	—	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,233	14	—	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,233	14	—	185	278	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,120	13	—	168	253	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453	16	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,233	14	—	—	—	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453	16	—	—	—	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	—	—	—	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	444,200	5,000	—	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹³	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³	93	or EUR	1,233	14	93	185	278	
	or USD ¹³	109	or USD	1,453	16	109	218	328	
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	1,233	14	—	185	278	EP
IL	ILS	554	USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵	USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
	No fee for e-filings								
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)							
IS	ISK	18,200	ISK	200,500	2,300	—	30,100	45,200	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,233	14	—	185	278	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁶	JPY	153,600	1,700	—	—	34,600	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁷	USD	1,453	16	—	218	328	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	—	—	—	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330	15	—	—	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR SG
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,453	16	—	—	—	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,453	16	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	— ¹⁹	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ¹⁹	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CLEPESKR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	13,410	150	–	2,020	3,030	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,188	25	–	329	493	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹⁹	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CLEPESKR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,990 ²²	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,920	150	–	1,940	2,910	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²³	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV		None ²⁴	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 130 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 65 ²⁶	USD 1,453	16	109	218	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁸	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 24,120 (from 1.2.21: 22,660)	270 (260)	–	3,630 (3,410)	5,440 (5,110)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.2.21: –)	CHF 1,915 ZAR 32,730	KRW 2,422,000	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091	ZAR* 34,720			
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,580 *(from 1.2.21: –)	CHF 1,446 ZAR* 26,230 ZAR 24,970	EUR 1,341	KRW 1,829,000	NZD 2,379	SGD 2,150			
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.3.21: –) On paper: *(from 1.3.21: –)	BRL 1,685 USD 318 BRL 2,525 USD 476	CHF 274 CHF 411	EUR 254 EUR 381	USD* 300 USD* 449				
CA	CAD 1,632	CHF 1,134	EUR 1,060	USD 1,243					
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,831	EUR 1,697						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :			USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339			
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :			USD 300	CHF 275	EUR 255			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 283	EUR 262	USD 309					
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 233	EUR 216	USD 254					
EP ³²	EUR 1,775 JPY 221,100 ZAR* 34,720	CHF 1,915 NOK 19,310 *(from 1.2.21: –)	DKK 13,210 NZD 3,150 ZAR 32,730	GBP 1,613 SEK 18,610	HUF 639,500 SGD 2,846	ISK 288,600 USD 2,091			
ES ³²	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091						
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091						
IL	ILS* 3,582 *(from 1.3.21: –)	CHF* 962 ILS 3,553	EUR* 892 CHF 976	USD* 1,051 EUR 903	USD 1,107				
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 125 CHF 31	EUR 116 EUR 29	USD 137 USD 34					
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 606 CHF 1,351	EUR 562 EUR 1,252	KRW 767,000 SGD 2,008	USD 662 USD 1,476				
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean: SGD 529 For IAs in English: SGD 1,410	KRW 450,000 USD 389 KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,036	AUD 541 AUD 1,443	CHF 356 CHF 949	EUR 330 EUR 879	NZD 585 NZD 1,561			
PH	USD 1,000 Small entity or government ³⁵ :	CHF 916 USD 400	EUR 849 CHF 366	EUR 339					

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 January 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	99	EUR	92	USD*	108			
	*(from 1.3.21:	USD	115)									
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	467	EUR	433	USD*	510			
	*(from 1.3.21:	USD	543)									
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK	288,600	NOK	19,310
	USD	2,091										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD**	3,283	ZAR*	36,190		
	*(from 1.2.21:	ZAR	33,650)									
	***(from 1.3.21:	NZD	3,076)									
	For small entity ²⁷ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD**	1,642	ZAR*	18,100	
	*(from 1.2.21:	ZAR	16,830)									
	***(from 1.3.21:	NZD	1,538)									
For micro entity ²⁷ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD**	821	ZAR*	9,050		
*(from 1.2.21:	ZAR	8,410)										
***(from 1.3.21:	NZD	769)										
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK	288,600	NOK	19,310	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 January 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	CHF 917	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,284
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,834
EP	CHF 1,915 ³²	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 138	CHF 200
	CHF 221 ³⁷	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 January 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

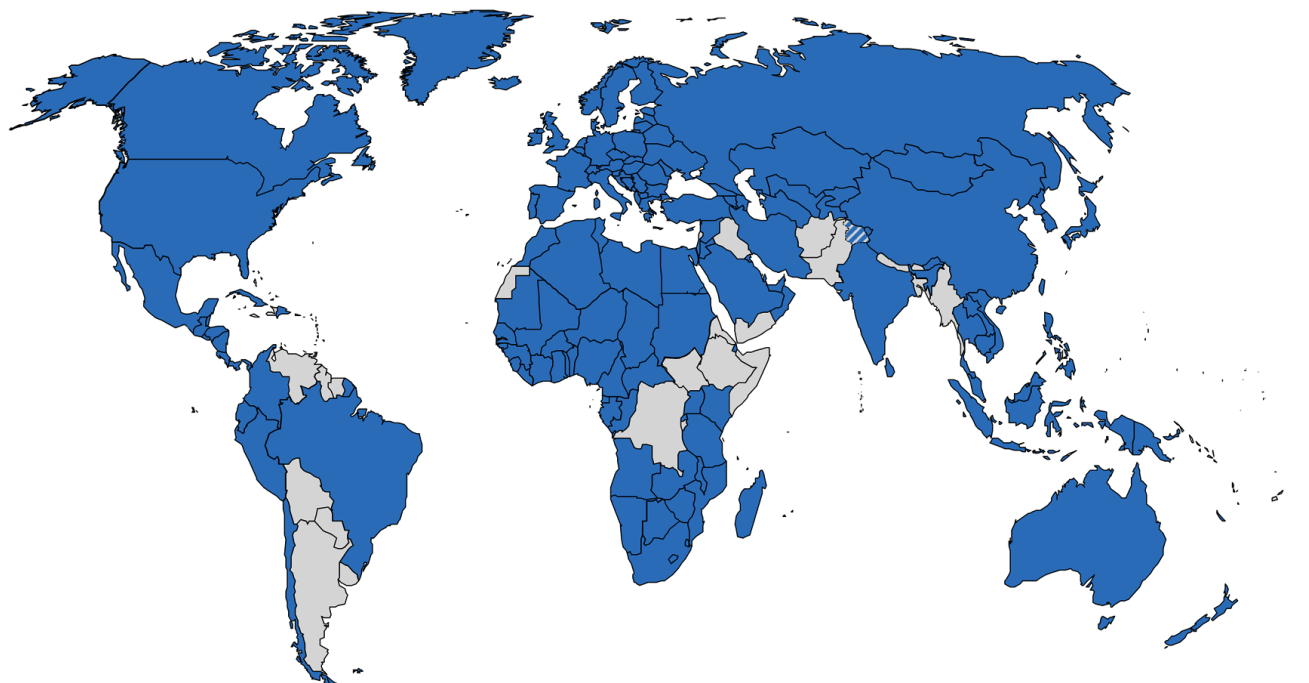
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁸	Handling fee^{2,38} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ²⁹	EUR 185
AU	AUD 590 820 ³⁹	AUD 304
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 816	CAD 290
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300	USD 218
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 218
EP	EUR 1,830 ³²	EUR 185
ES	EUR 589.48 ³²	EUR 185
FI	EUR 600	EUR 185
IL	ILS 1,535 (from 1.3.21: ILS 1,523)	ILS 745
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000	USD 218
JP³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 26,000 For IAs in English: JPY 58,000	JPY 23,100
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 253,000
PH	USD 500 Small entity or government: ³⁵ USD 200	USD 218
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴⁰ 6,750 ⁴¹ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴⁰ 24,000 ⁴¹	USD 218
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,940
SG	SGD 830	SGD 297
TR	TRY 1,000	CHF 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70	EUR 185
US	USD 640 800 ⁴² For small entity ²⁷ : USD 320 400 ⁴² For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 160 200 ⁴²	USD 218
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,380
XV	EUR 900	EUR 185

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 12 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 17 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed by electronic means.
- 24 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 26 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf.
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>.
- 29 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html.
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 January 2021)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

4 Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

International Bureau as receiving Office to stop accepting international applications filed using PCT-SAFE

The International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/IB) (which already accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and EPO Online Filing) has announced that, with effect from 1 July 2021, it will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Very few applicants still file with the RO/IB using PCT-SAFE, as the majority have already switched to using ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from its many advantages. The main drawback of PCT-SAFE is that the software must be installed on the user's computer and, as it only validates data making up the request form against the version of the software installed, it needs updating frequently. However, ePCT-Filing makes all of the business rule validations and fee calculations in real time and checks them against the database of the IB, which holds the most up-to-date PCT reference data. It also facilitates the managing of international applications in ePCT post-filing. Any PCT-SAFE users who file with the RO/IB are advised to start using ePCT-Filing as soon as possible. The PCT eServices Help page at:

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

contains a wealth of information on getting started using ePCT to file your applications, and the Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2021 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2021/pct_news_2021_1.pdf

deals with the topic of switching from filing with PCT-SAFE to filing with ePCT.

Also, as of the same date, the RO/IB will no longer accept offline filings furnished on CD-R or DVD-R. Note, however, that in case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the RO/IB, applicants may use the Contingency Upload Service or submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R) (or use a different receiving Office).

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).

Please note that the International Bureau will continue to maintain and update the PCT-SAFE software for those applicants who wish to continue filing with one of the few remaining Offices that still accept PCT-SAFE filings.

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

Updated/new notifications concerning the RO/IB and the International Bureau

The updated notification containing the requirements and practices of the RO/IB with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form, as well as the new notification concerning the International Bureau's requirements for the receipt of notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents in electronic form relating to international applications, which are both effective as from 1 July 2021, were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 11 February 2021 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf#page=22

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

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

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of the unavailability of new online filing (CMS) (one of their permitted electronic means of communication) on Wednesday, 23 December 2020, from 08:20 CET (Central European Time) to 18:45 CET. Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 26 November 2020 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices20.pdf#page=251

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

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2020.html>

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

Canadian Intellectual Property Office and European Patent Office formalize their PCT-PPH program

The two-way PCT-PPH pilot program between the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), which ran from 6 January 2015 to 5 January 2021, has been extended for an indefinite period with effect from 6 January 2021.

It is recalled that, under this program, faster examination in the national phase in Canada or in the regional phase before the EPO, is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable) issued by the other Office in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr03890.html> and

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/12/a137.html>

PCT Forms

Changes to Form PCT/IB/306 (Notification of the Recording of a Change) in certain languages

Since 1 February 2021, there has been a change to the language content of Form PCT/IB/306 (Notification of the Recording of a Change) in certain situations.

It is recalled that when there is a change in the person, name, residence, nationality or address of the applicant, or a change in the person, name or address of the agent, the common representative or the inventor, the applicant or receiving Office should request the International Bureau (IB) to record the change under PCT Rule 92*bis*.1. Provided that any necessary signature requirements have been met for the recording of the change, the IB then issues Form PCT/IB/306 to notify the applicant and the relevant PCT Office(s) or Authorities concerned of the recording of the change, and the file of the international application is amended accordingly.

The change in Form PCT/IB/306 concerns the indications in Box 1 (the indications originally appearing on record) and Box 2 (the new indications that have been recorded) of Form PCT/IB/306, which will now appear in both English and the non-Latin language concerned for applications filed in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian. This modification will help Offices and Authorities to best incorporate the recorded changes into their respective systems where non-Latin characters are used as the language of those Offices/Authorities. An example of the form completed in the new way, in English and Japanese, is shown opposite.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY		PCT/JP2021/XXXXXX
PCT		From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING OF A CHANGE		To: KOKUSAI, Taro 1-1, Nishishimbashi 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 1050003 Japan
(PCT Rule 92 <i>bis</i> .1 and Administrative Instructions, Section 422)		
Date of mailing (day/month/year) 01 February 2021 (01.02.2021)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION	
Applicant's or agent's file reference PCT2021XXXX	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 January 2021 (15.01.2021)	
International application No. PCT/JP2021/XXXXXX		
1. The following indications appeared on record concerning: <input type="checkbox"/> the applicant <input type="checkbox"/> the inventor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the agent <input type="checkbox"/> the common representative		
Name and Address KOKUSAI, Taro 4-3, Kasumigaseki 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 1000013 Japan 国際太郎 〒1000013 日本国東京都千代田区霞が関3丁目4番3号		State of Nationality JP State of Residence JP Telephone No. 03-3592-01001 Facsimile No. E-mail address Kokusai.Patente@email.co.jp
2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning: <input type="checkbox"/> the person <input type="checkbox"/> the name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the address <input type="checkbox"/> the nationality <input type="checkbox"/> the residence		
Name and Address KOKUSAI, Taro 1-1, Nishishimbashi 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 1050003 Japan 国際太郎 〒1050003 日本国東京都港区西新橋1丁目1番1号		State of Nationality JP State of Residence JP Telephone No. 03-3581-0001 Facsimile No. E-mail address <input type="checkbox"/> Notifications by e-mail authorized
3. Further observations, if necessary:		
4. A copy of this Notification has been sent to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the receiving Office <input type="checkbox"/> the designated Offices concerned <input type="checkbox"/> the International Searching Authority <input type="checkbox"/> the elected Offices concerned <input type="checkbox"/> the Authority(ies) specified for supplementary search <input type="checkbox"/> other: <input type="checkbox"/> the International Preliminary Examining Authority		
The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland		Authorized officer e-mail pct.team7@wipo.int Telephone No. +41 22 338 74 07

Form PCT/IB/306 (revised January 2020)

Please note that for the applications filed in other languages, the indications on Form PCT/IB/306 will continue to be provided in English or French.

PCT Information Update

BG Bulgaria (who can act as agent)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office – in addition to any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office, any patent agent registered to practice before the Office may now also act as agent.

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

CU Cuba (fees)

The Cuban Industrial Property Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, since 1 January 2021, the currency for the payment of fees to the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is the Cuban peso (CUP).

With effect from that date, the amounts in CUP of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are:

Transmittal fee:.....	CUP	2,400
Fee for priority document:.....	CUP	2,400

Also, with effect from the same date, the amounts in CUP of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected Office):

For patent:

Filing fee (including the publication fee and the annual fee for the 1 st and the 2 nd years): ¹	CUP	11,040
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For utility model:

Filing fee (including the publication fee and the annual fee for the 1 st and the 2 nd years): ¹	CUP	8,400
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Furthermore, the national fee is reduced by CUP 1,200 where applications are filed both on paper and in electronic form.

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

DE Germany (waiver of power of attorney: particular instances in which a power of attorney is required)

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB of changes regarding the particular instances (other than where the agent or the common representative submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4) in which the Office may require a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii), respectively, even though the receiving Office

¹ The Office may also require payment of the third annual fee at the time of filing, depending on the date of entry into the national phase.

has waived the requirement generally. A separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is now required in the following instances:

- if the agent is not
 - a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Germany, or
 - a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area*, or of Switzerland, authorized to pursue certain professional activities (refer to the *Act on the Activities of European Patent Attorneys in Germany* and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany*);
- in case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act.

Also, in the case of a common representative, a separate power of attorney is required.

For background information on power of attorney waivers, please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2, at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct_news_2004_1.pdf

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (DE) and of the table "Offices (or Authorities) which have notified WIPO of waiver(s) of the power of attorney requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii)")

GB United Kingdom (who can act as agent; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

There have been changes in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Intellectual Property Office² (United Kingdom) as follows:

- as receiving Office – any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA) may act as agent. However, for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2021, any agent appointed must have an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar;
- as designated (or elected) Office – although no representation by an agent is required, any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA) may act as agent. For international applications that enter the national phase on or after 1 January 2021, any agent appointed must have an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar.

This information also updates the corresponding requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis* for entry into the national phase before the Office. Please note that a list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2nd Floor, Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London EC1N 2JD (e-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50; fax: (44-20) 74 30 04 71).

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

² Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

IB International Bureau (electronic filing)

For information on the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office no longer accepting international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications,” above.

NO Norway (fees)

As from 1 April 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NOK to the Norwegian Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NOK of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO))

PE Peru (number of copies of the international application)

The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) as receiving Office has notified the IB that it now requires one paper copy of the international application, instead of three.

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

SD Sudan (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: epct.info@ipsudan.gov.sd

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

TZ Tanzania (location, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses)

The location, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania) have changed, as follows:

Location: 6th floor New Ushirika Tower
Lumumba Street
Dar es Salaam
United Republic of Tanzania

E-mail: ceo@brela.go.tz
maoni@brela.go.tz

Telephone (255-22) 218 13 44, 218 01 13, 218 01 41, 221 28 00

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

VN Viet Nam (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam), in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the IB that it now requires two copies of the translation of the international application, instead of three.

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

Search fee and other fees related to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office)

There has been a change in the amounts of the following fee, payable in SEK to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as International Searching Authority:

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application:

Less than 10 pages:.....	[None]	
For 10 pages:.....	SEK	50
For each page over 10:.....	SEK	2

As from 1 March 2021, there will be a change in the amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU and SE))

Fees relating to the supplementary international search and international preliminary examination (Swedish Intellectual Property Office)

There has been a change in the amounts of the following fee, payable in SEK to the PRV as Authority specified for supplementary international search and as International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application:

Less than 10 pages:.....	[None]	
For 10 pages:.....	SEK	50
For each page over 10:.....	SEK	2

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (SE) and Annex E (SE))

New/Updated PCT Resources

PCT Legal Text Index

The PCT Legal Text Index, which provides references to the Articles, Rules, Administrative Instructions, Forms and various PCT Guidelines, has been updated with references to legal texts in force as of 1 July 2020. The index is available in English at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/legal_index.pdf

Request and Demand Forms in Japanese

The Japanese versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) have been revised and are available at, respectively:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/forms/request/ed_request.pdf

https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf

The changes relate to Box No. X of the request form and Box VII of the demand form, in both cases relating to the signature of the applicant, agent or common representative.

COVID-19 update: PCT System

The PCT webpage “COVID-19 update: PCT System”, which provides information on the measures taken by the International Bureau (IB) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as information on possible remedies and best practices, has been expanded to include a new box which provides current status information. Please refer to:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/covid_19/covid_update.html

The information on the page is available in all 10 PCT languages (languages other than English can be selected at the top right-hand page side of the page).

WIPO PROOF Now Available in 10 Languages

In May 2020, WIPO launched WIPO PROOF (<https://wipoproof.wipo.int/wdts/>), a new online business service enabling the creation of tamper-proof evidence to prove the existence and possession of an intellectual asset at a precise point in time (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2020, page 2). WIPO PROOF is now available in the 10 PCT languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish). The multilingual capabilities of WIPO PROOF make it easy to use globally, and importantly, they can help mitigate some of the risks associated with international disputes. By providing documentary evidence in the languages of many of the world’s largest jurisdictions, WIPO PROOF can help reduce costs, validations and time involved in dispute settlement discussions. For further information, please refer to:

https://www.wipo.int/wipoproof/en/news/2021/news_0001.html

Practical Advice

Best Practice for Withdrawing International Applications

Q: I am the agent for an international application and have been instructed by the applicant to withdraw the application and prevent its publication. What is the best way to do this (especially during the current pandemic)?

A: In order to withdraw the international application under PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 and prevent publication of it, the International Bureau (IB) must receive the notice of withdrawal of the

application before the corresponding technical preparations for publication are completed (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1(c))³, but in any case, you are advised to submit it as soon as possible.

In general, but especially during the current pandemic, we recommend the following options for withdrawing the application, which are both carried out using ePCT:

- Option 1: using the ePCT Action “Withdraw International Application”; or
- Option 2: using the “Upload Documents” function.

If you have not already created a WIPO Account (the same WIPO Account can be used for all of WIPO’s online services, including ePCT), you will need to create one in order to use ePCT. You can do this by following the straightforward online instructions at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/generic/public/register.xhtml>

In order to use the preferred “Withdraw International Application” ePCT Action, you will also need access rights (“eOwnership”) to the international application. If you have filed the international application concerned using ePCT, the filing process automatically gives you access rights to the application in the system. However, if you have filed the international application by another means, it is possible to request access rights by logging in to ePCT and submitting an eOwnership request to the IB. For this, you must log in to ePCT using your WIPO Account, secured with strong authentication. If you need help with this, please refer to “eOwnership, eHandshakes and Access Rights” on the PCT eServices Help page at:

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

Option 1: “Withdraw International Application” Action in ePCT (strongly recommended)

Once you have access rights to your international application in ePCT, you can select the “Withdraw International Application” Action. When you select the Action, the system automatically generates a notice of withdrawal ready for signature. One of the benefits of using this ePCT Action is that the system warns you if the technical preparations for international publication have already been completed, in which case withdrawing the application can no longer prevent international publication. This would enable you to make an informed decision about whether or not to proceed with the request for withdrawal. Detailed information about using the ePCT Action to request the IB to withdraw an international application can be found on the following PCT eServices Help page:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=869>

Option 2: Upload Documents function in ePCT (recommended)

If you do not yet have access rights to the international application concerned and wish to withdraw an international application without requesting access rights, you can use the Upload Documents function to submit a notice of withdrawal to the IB. It is even possible to upload documents in ePCT without strong authentication (logging in with only the username and password of your WIPO Account), provided that you know the international application number and the matching international filing date. Please be careful to select the precise document type “Withdrawal of International Application” and then attach a PDF version of your completed

³ Technical preparations are generally completed 15 days before the publication date (which is scheduled to take place as soon as possible after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date), although any notice of withdrawal should reach the IB in sufficient time to allow the IB to check the signature requirements and process the withdrawal – preferably at least two working days before the 15-day time period.

Form PCT/IB/372 (Notice of Withdrawal) (available in editable format on the PCT website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ib/index.htm>) or a letter requesting the withdrawal. Further information about the Upload Documents function is available at:

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

As soon as your notice of withdrawal has been received in the ePCT system, either via the Action “Withdraw International Application” or by the Upload Documents function (provided that, in the latter case, the precise document type has been selected for upload), the notice of withdrawal will be immediately available in the IB’s processing system and publication will be suspended until the document has been processed by the IB. Note that you may also indicate in the notice of withdrawal that the withdrawal is made conditional on it being received by the IB in time to prevent international publication.

Alternative methods of sending notices of withdrawal to the IB (not recommended and preferably only to be used if the above two options are not available)

Please note that, although there are ways of sending notices to the IB other than by using ePCT, none of those methods are recommended by the IB. One option, the IB’s Contingency Upload Service, is intended only as a back-up service in the unlikely event that the ePCT system is not available. It does not provide the functions and safeguards of ePCT, and is therefore not considered best practice. If, however, for some reason you do need to use the Contingency Upload Service, it is available at:

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

Furthermore, you are strongly discouraged from sending any documents by fax to the IB. However, if you are not in a position to use any of the above options, and in an emergency situation, you could send the notice of withdrawal by fax to: (41-22) 338 82 70 or (41-22) 338 90 90, although you would be advised to call the IB to make sure that the fax had been properly received. Although it is also possible to send a notice of withdrawal to the IB by post, this is also strongly discouraged, especially due to the unpredictability of postal services in many countries, especially during the current pandemic.

Communication with the IB in relation to an international application

Given that the IB has suspended the sending out of documents on paper and by fax until further notice, do please ensure that the IB has your e-mail address on file, so that it can transmit the confirmation of withdrawal by e-mail. If you have not already done so, you can provide your e-mail address to the IB by sending an e-mail to: pct.eservices@wipo.int, pct.infoline@wipo.int or by using the WIPO (PCT) customer “Contact Us” page at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=pct>

All PCT users are urged to communicate with the IB exclusively by electronic means, ***preferably through ePCT***, especially in light of the current pandemic. Information on electronic communication methods with the IB is published at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/covid_19/communication.html

If you would like any assistance or further information on using ePCT, the contact details of PCT eServices can be found at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=769>

For any questions regarding your specific application, please contact the PCT Operations Team in charge of your PCT application, preferably via the “ePCT Message” feature which will send an instant message to the Team. You do not need to have access rights to your application in ePCT or to have logged in to ePCT with strong authentication in order to use the “ePCT Message” feature. More information on ePCT Messages is available on PCT eServices Help page at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=536>

The e-mail and telephone numbers of each Team are also indicated on the forms issued by the IB in relation to your international application, or you can use the look-up tool:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 18 February 2021)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10 March 2021 Online presentation	German	Update lecture on the PCT within the framework of the "FORUM!Live: Internationales Patentrecht" (International PCT formalities) conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 965 E-mail: s.schilling@forum-institut.de
17 March 2021 Online presentation	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the AUTM Annual Meeting 2021 (15 to 18 March 2021) WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) For further information: https://autm.net/2021-annual-meeting For registration: https://autm.net/2021-annual-meeting/registration
18-19 May 2021 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
27 September 2021 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
7 October 2021 Ecully (FR) <i>(previously scheduled for 8 April 2021)</i>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
25 February 2021 10:00-11:30 CET	German	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Schumm Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Wollgast, Mr. Halfpenny, Ms. Von der Ropp, Ms. Weiss	Registration: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1089798951609856781

PATENTSCOPE Webinars (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
16 March 2021 17:30-18:30 CET or 18 March 2021 8:30-9:30 CET	English	Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/881952773756370960

Other IP events

Special Edition 2021: Inventions Geneva Evaluation Days - Virtual Event 10 – 14 March 2021 (previously indicated as “International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 10-14 March 2021”)

In view of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to nevertheless continue to provide a platform for inventors and global innovation, the organizers of the International Exhibition of Inventions have decided to host a special virtual-only edition in 2021. It will offer the possibility for inventors from all over the world to participate in the competition by presenting their invention via a 3-minute video that will be judged by a panel of professional judges. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/

World IP Day, 26 April 2021

In view of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, World IP Day 2021 is being promoted as a virtual campaign. Further information is available at:

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

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 February 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 February 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 2,023	23	–	304	456	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,928	22	–	290	435	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,453	eq USD ⁹ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹⁰
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 February 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP	2,400	CUP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,170		100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	316	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD or EUR	1,453 1,233		16 14	– –	218 185	328 278	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,233		14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR	75	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,120		13	–	168	253	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	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	444,200		5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹³	100	CHF	1,330		15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³	93	or EUR	1,233		14	93	185	278	
	or USD ¹³	109	or USD	1,453		16	109	218	328	
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	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS	554	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	No fee for e-filings		IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)								
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)								
IS	ISK	18,200	ISK	200,500		2,300	–	30,100	45,200	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁶	JPY	153,600		1,700	–	–	34,600	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁷	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR SG
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– ¹⁹	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP

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

(amounts on 1 February 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ¹⁹	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	13,410 (from 1.4.21: 12,750)	150 (140)	– (–)	2,020 (1,920)	3,030 (2,880)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,188	25	–	329	493	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹⁹	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,990 ²²	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,920	150	–	1,940	2,910	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²³	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV		None ²⁴	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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

(amounts on 1 February 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 130 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 65 ²⁶	USD 1,453	16	109	218	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁸	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 22,660	260	–	3,410	5,110	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	KRW 2,422,000	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091	ZAR 32,730				
AU	AUD 2,200	CHF 1,446	EUR 1,341	KRW 1,829,000	NZD 2,379	SGD 2,150				
	USD* 1,580	ZAR 24,970								
	*(from 1.3.21: USD 1,697)									
BR ³	Online:	BRL 1,685	CHF 274	EUR 254	USD* 300					
	*(from 1.3.21: USD 318)									
	On paper:	BRL 2,525	CHF 411	EUR 381	USD* 449					
	*(from 1.3.21: USD 476)									
CA	CAD 1,632	CHF 1,134	EUR 1,060	USD 1,243						
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,831	EUR 1,697							
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 CHF 366 EUR 339									
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300 CHF 275 EUR 255									
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 283	EUR 262	USD 309						
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 233	EUR 216	USD 254						
EP ³²	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	DKK 13,210	GBP 1,613	HUF 639,500	ISK 288,600				
	JPY 221,100	NOK 19,310	NZD 3,150	SEK 18,610	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091				
	ZAR 32,730									
ES ³²	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091							
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091							
IL	ILS* 3,582	CHF* 962	EUR* 892	USD* 1,051						
	*(from 1.3.21: ILS 3,553 CHF 976 EUR 903 USD 1,107)									
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 125	EUR 116	USD 137						
	In case of filing by an individual:									
	INR 2,500	CHF 31	EUR 29	USD 34						
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese:									
	JPY 70,000	CHF 606	EUR 562	KRW 767,000	USD 662					
	For IAs in English:									
	JPY 156,000	CHF 1,351	EUR 1,252	SGD 2,008	USD 1,476					
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean:									
	KRW 450,000	AUD 541	CHF 356	EUR 330	NZD 585					
	SGD 529	USD 389								
	For IAs in English:									
	KRW 1,200,000	AUD 1,443	CHF 949	EUR 879	NZD 1,561					
	SGD 1,410	USD 1,036								
PH	USD 1,000	CHF 916	EUR 849							
	Small entity or government ³⁵ : USD 400 CHF 366 EUR 339									

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 February 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	99	EUR	92	USD*	108			
	*(from 1.3.21:	USD	115)									
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	467	EUR	433	USD*	510			
	*(from 1.3.21:	USD	543)									
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK	288,600	NOK	19,310
	USD	2,091										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD*	3,283	ZAR	33,650		
	*(from 1.3.21:	NZD	3,076)									
	For small entity ²⁷ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD*	1,642	ZAR	16,830	
	*(from 1.3.21:	NZD	1,538)									
	For micro entity ²⁷ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD*	821	ZAR	8,410	
	*(from 1.3.21:	NZD	769)									
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK	288,600	NOK	19,310	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 February 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 917
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,284
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,834
EP	CHF 1,915 ³²	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 138	CHF 200
	CHF 221 ³⁷	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

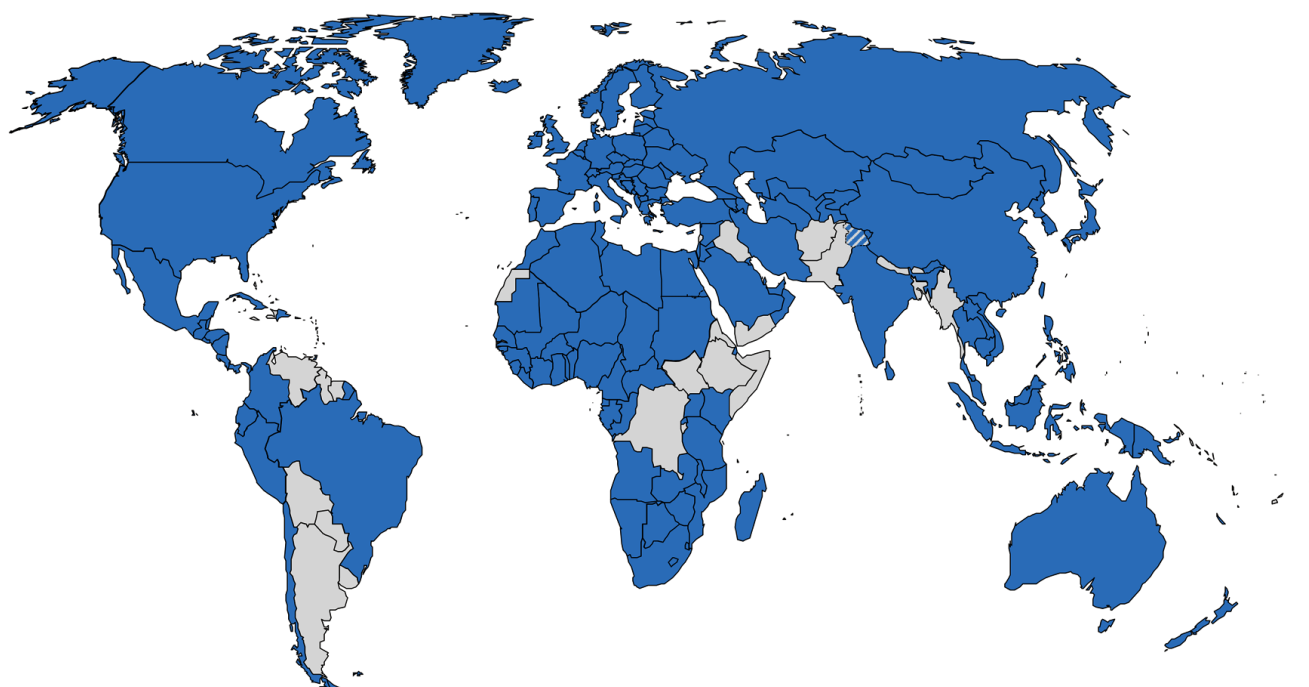
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁸		Handling fee^{2,38} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁹		EUR 185
AU	AUD	590	820 ³⁹	AUD 304
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸		BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	816		CAD 290
CL	USD	1,500		USD 218
		in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		
		in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300		
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP	3,000		USD 218
EP	EUR	1,830 ³²		EUR 185
ES	EUR	589.48 ³²		EUR 185
FI	EUR	600		EUR 185
IL	ILS	1,535	(from 1.3.21: ILS 1,523)	ILS 745
IN		if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000		USD 218
JP³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000		JPY 23,100
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW 253,000
PH	USD	500		USD 218
	Small entity or government: ³⁵	USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴⁰	6,750 ⁴¹	USD 218
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴⁰	24,000 ⁴¹	
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,940
SG	SGD	830		SGD 297
TR	TRY	1,000		CHF 200
UA		If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70		EUR 185
US	USD	640	800 ⁴²	USD 218
	For small entity ²⁷ :	USD 320	400 ⁴²	
	For micro entity ²⁷ :	USD 160	200 ⁴²	
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK 1,380
XV	EUR	900		EUR 185

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 12 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 17 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/mailling costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed by electronic means.
- 24 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 26 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf.
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>.
- 29 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html.
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 February 2021)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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PCT Filings in 2020

In 2020, use of the PCT continued to grow despite the COVID-19 pandemic, and reached an estimated 275,900 applications¹ – the highest number ever – representing a 4% increase over 2019. China remained the largest user of the PCT, with 68,720 applications filed (+16.1% over 2019), followed by the United States of America (U.S.), with 59,230 applications (+3%). Japan (with 50,520 applications), the Republic of Korea (20,060) and Germany (18,643) held the third, fourth and fifth rankings, respectively. The total for each country in the top 10, followed by that country's percentage share of all filings, were as follows:

1. China	68,720	24.9%
2. United States of America	59,230	21.5%
3. Japan	50,520	18.3%
4. Republic of Korea	20,060	7.3%
5. Germany	18,643	6.8%
6. France	7,904	2.9%
7. United Kingdom	5,912	2.1%
8. Switzerland	4,883	1.8%
9. Sweden	4,356	1.6%
10. Netherlands	4,035	1.5%

Beyond the top 10, certain other countries saw strong growth, including Saudi Arabia (956 applications, +73.2%), Malaysia (255 applications, +26.2%), Chile (262 applications, +17%), Singapore (1,278 applications, +14.9%) and Brazil (697 applications, +8.4%).

For information on the number of filings from all countries, as well as a comparison with filings in 2019, please refer to Annex 1 of WIPO Press Release PR/2021/874 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2021/article_0002.html

¹ It is important to note that this total, as well as the filing figures which follow, are provisional because not all PCT applications that were filed with national and regional Offices in 2020 have been received at the International Bureau, and the final figures for filings will only be available later in the year.

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Chinese telecommunications company Huawei Technologies was the top PCT applicant for the fourth year running, with 5,464 applications published in 2020. Of the top 10 applicants, LG Electronics recorded the most significant increase (+67.6%) in the number of published applications in 2020, and as a result moved up from 10th position in 2019 to fourth position in 2020. The top ten applicants are listed below, with the number of PCT applications that were published in their names in 2020:

1. Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd (CN)	5,464
2. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd (KR)	3,093
3. Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (JP)	2,810
4. LG Electronics Inc. (KR)	2,759
5. Qualcomm Incorporated (US)	2,173
6. Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (Publ) (SE)	1,989
7. BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd (CN)	1,892
8. Guang Dong Oppo Mobile Telecommunications Corp., Ltd (CN)	1,801
9. Sony Corporation (Japan)	1,793
10. Panasonic Intellectual Property Management Co., Ltd. (JP)	1,611

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

In terms of filings by educational institutions, the University of California maintained its position held since 1993 as the largest user of the PCT System with 559 published applications. The top 10 list consists of five universities from China, four from the U.S. and one from Japan. For more detailed information on PCT filings by educational institutions, please refer to the press release (Annex 3).

Computer technology accounted for the largest share of published PCT applications in 2020 (9.2% of the total), followed by digital communication (8.3%), medical technology (6.6%), electrical machinery (6.6%) and measurement (4.8%). Six of the top 10 technologies recorded double-digit growth in 2020, with audio-visual technology reporting the greatest increase (+29.5%, compared to 8.7% the previous year) followed by digital communication (+15.8%), computer technology (+13.2%), measurement (+10.9%), semiconductors (+10.1%) and pharmaceuticals (+10%). For detailed information regarding the distribution of fields of technology of published applications, please refer to the press release (Annex 4).

The publication of the final figures for 2020 filings (in the form of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty Yearly Review - 2021*) will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter* later in the year.

A video of the virtual “Press Conference on 2020 International Patent, Trademark and Design Filings via WIPO”, featuring WIPO’s Director General, Daren Tang, and Chief Economist, Carsten Fink, is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOakeXRMVLY>

Budapest Treaty

Accession by the United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam

The United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam deposited their instruments of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure on, respectively, 17 February 2021 and 1 March 2021, bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 85. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to the United Arab Emirates on 17 May 2021, and with respect to Viet Nam on 1 June 2021. For further information, please refer to Budapest Notification Nos. 343 and 344 at, respectively:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_343.html

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_344.html

Information about the Budapest Treaty

A document containing a summary of the Budapest Treaty and Regulations, as well as an explanation of the main advantages of the Treaty (WO/INF/12 Rev.27), is available in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/fr/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/es/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

New Mode of Payment of Fees to the International Bureau

PayPal is now available as an additional method for the payment of fees, in Swiss francs (CHF), Euros (EUR) or US dollars (USD), to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB). Furthermore, applicants wishing to request supplementary international search can also use PayPal for the payment online of the fee due to the IB for supplementary international search (the supplementary search handling fee). Please be aware that WIPO will confirm PayPal payments by e-mail only and does not issue any other payment receipt or invoice for such payments. If you do not receive an e-mail acknowledgment, please send a message to the "Contact Us" page at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=pct-payments>

Following the addition of PayPal, this means that the following modes of payment are now available for payments to RO/IB:

- by credit card - at the time of filing if using ePCT, or subsequently after receiving an e-mail from RO/IB with a link to online payment. The following credit cards are accepted for payments in CHF, USD or EUR: Diners, Discover, Mastercard and Visa; American Express credit cards are accepted only for payments in CHF;
- by direct debit from a current account established with WIPO (CHF only);
- by PayPal (CHF, USD or EUR);
- by bank transfer to WIPO's bank account (CHF, USD or EUR); and
- by transfer to WIPO's postal account (CHF only).

Please note that WIPO does not accept payment by cash or check.

For further information on the payment of PCT fees to WIPO, please refer to:

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

New web-based filing service at the European Patent Office (Online Filing 2.0)

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 April 2021, a new web-based filing service, “Online Filing 2.0”, will be available in full production mode. Online Filing 2.0 enables the filing of European patent applications, PCT applications and other documents relating to such applications or to patents deriving from such applications in PDF format, as well as PCT applications in XML format. WIPO’s ePCT service has been integrated into Online Filing 2.0, allowing users to access directly the live version of ePCT within Online Filing 2.0 for the filing of new PCT applications and also the submission of subsequently filed documents, including the ePCT “Action” for filing demands for international preliminary examination, during the international phase of PCT applications.

Information about the new filing service has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal.html>

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form has been updated accordingly, and was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 18 March 2021 at:

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

Please note that the following modes of filing continue to be available:

- EPO Online Filing
- EPO Web-Form Filing Service
- EPO Case Management System
- ePCT-Filing

PCT Information Update

AO Angola (location and mailing address; telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses; means of telecommunication)

The location and mailing address, the telephone number and the e-mail address of the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property have changed, as follows:

Location and
mailing address: Largo 17 de Setembro,
 Edifício Palácio de Vidro, no 7, 4º Andar,
 Ala Esquerda,
 Caixa Postal 3840
 Luanda-Marginal, Angola

Telephone: (244-222) 04 49 91, (244-922) 40 49 36

E-mail: iapi1992@iapi.gov.ao

The Office has also deleted its Internet address.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

AU Australia (fees; required contents of translation)

With effect from 1 May 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the Australian Patent Office in AUD, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in AUD of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

There has also been a change in the requirements of the Office concerning the contents of the translation that are required for entry into the national phase before it as designated Office. Under PCT Article 22, the description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended) and any text matter of drawings are now required (the requirements under PCT Article 39(1) have not changed).

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

BG Bulgaria (requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria has notified a change in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) must now be furnished at the time of filing, either in the description or separately, and the following additional indications, if any, must now be furnished at the time of filing, as part of the description: to the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism.

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

EP European Patent Office (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

As from 1 April 2021, inventors will no longer need to indicate their full address but only the country and place of residence (please refer to the *Official Journal of the EPO*, 2021 A3 at: <https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/01/a3.html>). This information will update the list of special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the EPO as designated (or elected) Office (the other requirements have not changed).

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

FR France (telephone numbers)

The telephone number for national calls to the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) has changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: 01 56 65 89 98 (national calls)
 (33) 1 71 08 71 63 (international calls)

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

LU Luxembourg (fax number; Internet address)

The Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) has deleted one of its fax numbers and has notified its Internet address for patents. The fax number and Internet addresses to be used are now as follows:

Fax: (352) 247 94113
Internet: www.eco.public.lu
 https://patent.public.lu

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

NG Nigeria (name of Office; telephone numbers; location and mailing address; e-mail address; means of telecommunication)

The name, location and mailing address and telephone numbers of the Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs) (Nigeria) have changed, and the Office now has a second e-mail address, as follows:

Name of Office: Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department
 (Nigeria)

Location and
mailing address: Registrar, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment
 Block D, Old Secretariat
 Area 1 Garki
 Abuja, Nigeria

Telephone: (234) 803 334 8806, 803 677 7183, 703 165 1652

E-mail: iponigeria@yahoo.com
 patentsanddesigns@gmail.com

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

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

NZ New Zealand (fees)

As from 1 May 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand in

NZD, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in NZD of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

RU Russian Federation (telephone and fax numbers; notifications by e-mail, evidence of mailing a document; provisions concerning international-type search)

One of the telephone numbers of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has changed, and one of the fax numbers is no longer in use. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: 7-499) 240 60 15 (general)
 (7-499) 240 58 88, (7-499) 240 25 91 (application processing)

Fax: (7-495) 531 63 18

In addition, the Office now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

The Office has notified the IB of additional delivery services, other than postal authorities, from which it would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay under PCT Rule 82.1: in addition to DHL and Federal Express, it now also accepts such evidence from any other service that is recognized worldwide and is available in the Russian Federation.

Furthermore, there has been a change concerning the provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search – Article 1386(4) of the *Civil Code of the Russian Federation* is no longer valid; consequently, there are now no provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search.

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

SG Singapore (e-mail addresses; means of telecommunication)

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified the IB of an additional e-mail address. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries)
 pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries on specific PCT applications filed
 with RO/SG, ISA/SG or IPEA/SG)

Furthermore, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine with effect from 5 June 2020, and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax since that date.

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

UZ Uzbekistan (location and mailing address; fees)

The location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan have changed, as follows:

Location and
mailing address: 33, Khadra Street
 Tashkent, 100017
 Uzbekistan

In addition, the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 February 2021:

Transmittal fee:.....	UZS	245,000 ²
Fee for priority document:.....	UZS	245,000

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

WS Samoa (general information; fees)

General information about Samoa as a PCT Contracting State has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (WS)) at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexb1/ax_b_ws.pdf

In addition, the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) has notified the IB of the following fees in Samoan talas (SAT), payable to it as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	SAT	200
Fee for priority document:.....	SAT	100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:.....	SAT	200

The amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30 are payable to the Office as receiving Office in USD, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office)

On 9 November 2020, there was a change in the amounts of the following fee, payable in SEK to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as International Searching Authority (ISA):

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report:

Less than 10 pages:.....	[None]	
For 10 pages:.....	SEK	50
For each page over 10:.....	SEK	2

As from 1 May 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and EUR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified the IB of new amounts, in KRW, of the additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40.2(a)), as well as the introduction of an additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40bis) in the case of missing parts, or correct elements or parts, included or considered to have been contained in the international application. These fees, payable to the Office in its capacity as ISA with effect from 16 May 2021, are as follows:

² Reductions may apply. For further details, refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>

Additional search fee (PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40bis):

for searches carried out in English	KRW	1,200,000
for searches carried out in Korean	KRW	450,000

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, EP, KR and SE))

Fees relating to the supplementary international search (Swedish Intellectual Property Office)

On 9 November 2020, there was a change in the amounts of the following fee, payable in SEK to the PRV as Authority specified for supplementary international search:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report:

Less than 10 pages:.....	[None]	
For 10 pages:.....	SEK	50
For each page over 10:	SEK	2

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

International preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to the international preliminary examination (Australian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (*corrigendum*), Swedish Intellectual Property Office)

On 9 November 2020, there was a change in the amounts of the following fee, payable in SEK to the PRV as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA):

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report:

Less than 10 pages:.....	[None]	
For 10 pages:.....	SEK	50
For each page over 10:	SEK	2

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB that there has been a change in the date of effect of the new amount of the international preliminary examination fee payable to the Office as IPEA. The date of effect of the new amount of EUR 589.48 is now 12 March 2021, and not 1 January 2021.

On 1 May 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as IPEA. The new amount will be AUD 280.

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified a new amount, in KRW, of the additional preliminary examination fee, payable to it in its capacity as IPEA with effect from 16 May 2021, as follows:

Additional preliminary examination fee:	KRW	450,000
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (AU, ES, KR and SE))

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business on 18 February 2021

Because of inclement weather, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 18 February 2021, which was considered to be a Federal holiday. Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on that day, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day, which was 19 February 2021. A notice concerning the Office closure has been published on the USPTO website at:

<https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/uspto-closed-feb182021-20210304.pdf>

Mexican Institute of Industrial Property: Not Open for Business on 22 February 2021

Due to the unavailability of its electronic systems, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 22 February 2021. Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on that day, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day, which was 23 February 2021. A notice concerning the Office closure has been published on the Office's website at:

https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5612925&fecha=05/03/2021

New/Updated PCT Resources

PCT Overview Video

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2020 about a new PCT overview video entitled "The PCT: Seeking Patent Protection Beyond Borders", which is available in the 10 PCT publication languages on the PCT website (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/>), please note that the video is now also available in all 10 languages on YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsm_LOEppJawXrfXbofUlp5ucpYCSAcr4

The links to the video are also available on LinkedIn and Twitter at, respectively:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6760176839785779200/>

<https://twitter.com/WIPO/status/1352013339703078912>

It is recalled that the video is intended for business owners, individual inventors and students who already have a basic understanding of patents but want to learn more about how the PCT can help innovators seek patent protection beyond their borders. Patent attorneys may likewise use the video to help inform clients about their choices for seeking patent protection in foreign countries. It is also intended to raise awareness about the PCT system in countries not yet party to the PCT.

Meeting of International Authorities documents

Documents that have been prepared for the upcoming twenty-eighth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT, to be held in Geneva from 24 to 26 March 2021, in the form of a virtual meeting, are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=61368

PATENTSCOPE News

Non-patent literature now available in PATENTSCOPE

Non-patent literature (NPL) is now being integrated into PATENTSCOPE, with the open access (OA) content at: <https://www.nature.com>, a part of publisher Springer Nature, which includes content from some of the world's leading multidisciplinary science journals. Over 54,000 documents (bibliographic data and full-text) are now searchable in PATENTSCOPE.

For information on how to include NPL in your search result list, please refer to:

https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2021/news_0001.html

Further sources of OA content will be made available in PATENTSCOPE in the future.

Extended patent family information now available in PATENTSCOPE

It is recalled that in 2020, PCT family information became available in PATENTSCOPE for families containing at least one PCT member (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2020). PATENTSCOPE now includes patent families with information about patent documents via both the PCT and Paris routes.

For further information on how to view this new feature, please refer to:

https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2021/news_0002.html

Upcoming PATENTSCOPE webinars

For further information about patent families in PATENTSCOPE, as well as information on the latest developments in PATENTSCOPE, please register to attend one of the webinars scheduled on 23 and 25 March 2021 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/>

The webinars are free of charge and will last for about 35 minutes, followed by a live Question and Answer session.

European Patent Office – Updated Guidelines for Search and Examination

The European Patent Office (EPO) has announced that the *Guidelines for Search and Examination at the EPO as PCT Authority* (PCT-EPO Guidelines), which give instructions on the practice and procedure to be followed in various aspects of the handling of international applications before the EPO as ISA and IPEA, have been amended with effect from 1 March 2021, and published as a complete March 2021 edition that supersedes the November 2019 edition.

Amendments have been made to all parts of the Guidelines, however the major change is the expansion of Part A, which includes:

- a chapter on the examination of formal requirements (Chapter VI); and
- a new section (in Chapter II) on the correction of erroneously filed elements or parts.

For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/01/a7/2021-a7.pdf>

The Guidelines are available in English, French and German at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/guidelines-pct.html>

World Intellectual Property Day, 26 April 2021: Reminder

As we already mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2021, the World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day) will be held, as usual, on 26 April. This year's theme, "IP & SMEs: Taking your ideas to market", shines a light on the critical role of SMEs in the economy and how they can use IP rights to build stronger, more competitive and resilient businesses.

For further information on World IP Day, please visit the WIPO website at:

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

Practical Advice

The possible consequences of entering the national phase early before a particular designated Office, and subsequently withdrawing the priority claim in order to delay national phase entry in respect of other Offices

Q: On 9 November 2020, I filed an international application on behalf of a corporate applicant, which claimed priority of a national application filed on 9 December 2019. Unfortunately, due to financial difficulties, there is concern that the applicant may not be in a position to pay many of the national fees before the Offices where we plan to enter the national phase. There is one particular designated State where the applicant considers it particularly important to enter the national phase as soon as possible, and to retain the right of priority to the earlier application. However, for a number of other States where protection is sought, the applicant would like to postpone entry into the national/regional phase (and all the necessary fee payments) by withdrawing the priority claim. Can the applicant do this, and if so, would the priority claim still be valid in the Office where the national phase had been entered early? Are there any potential risks in taking such action?

A: While the PCT does not provide for the possibility of withdrawing a priority claim only for selected designated States during the international phase, you could request early national phase processing or examination in a selected State (or selected States) as set out in PCT Article 23(2), and afterwards, withdraw the priority claim under PCT Rule 90*bis*.3(a), within the time limit of 30 months from the priority date. This would normally have the effect that the withdrawal of the priority claim would not be effective in the State in which you have already entered the national phase. The relevant legal provision is PCT Rule 90*bis*.6(a), which states:

"Withdrawal under Rule 90*bis* of the international application, any designation, any priority claim, ... shall have no effect in any designated or elected Office where the processing or

national examination of the international application has already started under Article 23(2) or Article 40(2).”

This means that if you have already entered the national phase before the designated (or elected) Office concerned, and the Office has started processing or examining the international application before you submit a notice of withdrawal of the priority claim, that designated Office will take the priority claim into account. If you decide to proceed in this way, however, you are advised to specifically request the Office to start processing or national examination of the application as soon as possible, and subsequently check with it whether it has already started the processing or national examination of the application before proceeding with the withdrawal of the priority claim.

Please be aware that, upon receipt of a notice of withdrawal of the priority claim from the applicant, the International Bureau (IB) issues a notice of withdrawal (Form PCT/IB/317), which is systematically sent as a batch to **all** designated Offices, including the Office where you will have requested early entry into the national phase – the IB does not know and will not check with each individual Office whether national phase processing or examination has already started. Notwithstanding, any withdrawal effected after the national phase processing or examination has started at the designated Office concerned will not have effect in that State.

By withdrawing the only priority claim in an international application, the international filing date (in your case, 9 November 2020) would become the new “priority date” and, in accordance with PCT Rule 90*bis*.3(d), any time limit calculated on the basis of the original priority date that has not already expired would be calculated from the new priority date. This would have the desired effect that the time limit for national phase entry before the other offices would be recalculated from the new priority date, and you would gain a further 11 months. As the time limit for entry into the national phase is at least 30 months from the priority date for the majority of States³, you would therefore have at least until 9 May 2023 by which to pay the national fees for entry into the national phase before the other Offices (instead of 9 June 2022). Note also that, in your case, the withdrawal of the priority claim would also delay the publication of the international application if the notice of withdrawal reaches the IB before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication⁴.

While withdrawing the priority claim would allow the applicant to delay payment to other Offices of the national fees and other fees payable upon entry into the national (or regional) phase, thus leaving the applicant’s options open as to whether to pursue the application elsewhere later on, this strategy does not come without potential dangers. It is very important to be aware that before withdrawing any priority claim, you must consider the consequences that such withdrawal would have on the assessment of novelty and inventive step in light of the relevant prior art, and be particularly mindful of prior art which dates between the original priority date and the new priority date. Withdrawing the priority claim would therefore increase the risk that intervening prior art, or a prior disclosure by the applicant, might jeopardize the chances of obtaining patent protection in those countries in which the international application proceeds

³ As the designated Offices of Luxembourg and the United Republic of Tanzania have notified the International Bureau of the non-applicability of the 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, the applicable time limits for entry into the national phase are, respectively, 20 and 21 months from the priority date. However, a 31-month time limit applies if a European patent or ARIPO patent, respectively, is being sought in those States.

⁴ Technical preparations are generally completed 15 days before the publication date (which is scheduled to take place as soon as possible after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date).

without the priority claim. You may also wish to consult local agents in the countries of interest on what constitutes prior art under the relevant national laws.

In conclusion, even though it would be procedurally relatively easy to withdraw a priority claim, and by doing so obtain more time before having to pay the national fees, it could have serious consequences and you should not take that decision lightly.

Note that some designated Offices do allow applicants to delay entry into the national phase under certain conditions, but this is usually upon payment of a fee. For further information, please refer to the corresponding National Chapter (Summary) pages of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>).

Please refer to the resources indicated below for further information on the following topics of relevance to this Practical Advice:

- the withdrawal of priority claims: the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 11.056 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

- how to withdraw priority claims using the dedicated ePCT Action:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=870>

- early entry into the national phase: the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2011, page 15, at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2011/pct_news_2011_10.pdf

PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 19 March 2021)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22 March 2021 Online seminar	Arabic	WIPO webinar on the PCT for the University of M'Sila and the Research Center on Semiconductor Technology for Energetics (CRTSE), Algeria WIPO speaker: Mr. Jazairy	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI) (Mr. Youcef Ziane) E-mail: y.ziane@inapi.org
23 March 2021 Online seminar	English	National seminar on patents and the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Moody, Ms. Pii, Mr. Roy Other speaker: Ms. Usen (Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department (Nigeria))	Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department (Nigeria) in cooperation with the WIPO Nigeria Office (Mr. Moody, WIPO Nigeria Office) E-mail: oluwatobiloba.moody@wipo.int Seminar link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89570359241?pwd=dU91bnlqaXBqbWJmTkZBN0xORHZ1dz09
18-19 May 2021 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademien.se Internet: www.ipakademien.se
27 September 2021 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT within the framework of the CEIPI basic course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Ms. Lea Pessina, Schaad Balass Menzl & Partner AG) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
30 September 2021 Virtual lecture	English	Lecture on the PCT within the framework of the IP Paralegal Conference 2021 WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
6 October 2021 Online seminar	German	Update lecture on the PCT within the framework of an IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Ms. Ingrid Jahr) E-mail: Ingrid.jahr@kuhnen-wacker.com
7 October 2021 Ecully (FR) <i>(previously scheduled for 8 April 2021)</i>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
24-26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Silke Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
24 March 2021 16:30 – 19:30 CET	Spanish	Webinar with DIGERPI (Panama) on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud, Ms. Mena Valencia, Mr. Perez Gomes Other speaker: Mr. Uribe (DIGERPI)	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) Meeting link: https://wipo.webex.com/wipo/j.php?MTID=m6913c833d77ca5be5fbb0d8ec6834160
25 March 2021 16:30 – 19:30 CET	Spanish	Webinar with DIGERPI (Panama) on the PCT and ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud, Ms. Mena Valencia, Mr. Perez Gomes Other speaker: Mr. Uribe (DIGERPI)	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) Meeting link: https://wipo.webex.com/wipo/j.php?MTID=meba733ce4788d8a7614e043ac63167a6
8 April 2021 11:00 – 12:00 Moscow time (10:00 – 11:00 CET)	Russian	PCT System: Most Frequently Asked Questions WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova, Ms. Morgulova	https://global.gotowebinar.com/pjoin/316742225377606156/3133881231251323660

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
23 March 2021 17:30-18:15 CET or 25 March 2021 8:30-9:15 CET	English	Flash webinar: patent families and more in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7097778979340864523

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 17 March 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 17 March 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 2,023 (from 1.5.21: 1,860)	23 (21)	– (–)	304 (280)	456 (420)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,928	22	–	290	435	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,453	eq USD ⁹ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹⁰
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,170	100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 316	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453 or EUR 1,233	16 14	–	218 185	328 278	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR 75	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,120	13	–	168	253	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹¹ 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹² 500 or 5,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	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 444,200	5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹³ 100 or EUR ¹³ 93 or USD ¹³ 109	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,233 or USD 1,453	15 14 16	100 93 109	200 185 218	300 278 328	See footnote 14
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 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 200,500	2,300	–	30,100	45,200	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁶	JPY 153,600	1,700	–	–	34,600	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁷	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	USD 100	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹⁹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ¹⁹	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CLEPESKRSESG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	13,410 (from 1.4.21: 12,750)	150 (140)	– (–)	2,020 (1,920)	3,030 (2,880)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,188 (from 1.5.21: 2,025)	25 (23)	– (–)	329 (305)	493 (457)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹⁹	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AUEGEPUS
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR 10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)		EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,990 ²²	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,920	150	–	1,940	2,910	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR (paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²³		EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV	None ²⁴		USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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

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				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 130 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 65 ²⁶	USD 1,453	16	109	218	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ²⁸	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	<i>Information not yet available</i>
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 22,660	260	–	3,410	5,110	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 17 March 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	KRW 2,422,000	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091	ZAR 32,730				
AU	AUD 2,200	CHF* 1,446	EUR* 1,341	KRW 1,829,000	NZD 2,379	SGD 2,150				
	USD 1,697	ZAR 24,970	*(from 1.5.21:)	CHF 1,573	EUR 1,429)					
BR ⁸	Online:	BRL 1,685	CHF 274	EUR 254	USD 318					
	On paper:	BRL 2,525	CHF 411	EUR 381	USD 476					
CA	CAD 1,632	CHF 1,134	EUR 1,060	USD 1,243						
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,831	EUR 1,697							
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339					
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :		USD 300	CHF 275	EUR 255					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 283	EUR 262	USD 309						
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 233	EUR 216	USD 254						
EP ³²	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	DKK 13,210	GBP 1,613	HUF 639,500	ISK 288,600				
	JPY 221,100	NOK 19,310	NZD* 3,150	SEK 18,610	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091				
	ZAR 32,730	*(from 1.5.21:)	NZD 2,942)							
ES ³²	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091							
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091							
IL	ILS 3,553	CHF 976	EUR 903	USD 1,107						
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 125	EUR 116	USD 137						
	In case of filing by an individual:									
	INR 2,500	CHF 31	EUR 29	USD 34						
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese:									
	JPY 70,000	CHF 606	EUR 562	KRW 767,000	USD 662					
	For IAs in English:									
	JPY 156,000	CHF 1,351	EUR 1,252	SGD 2,008	USD 1,476					
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean:	KRW 450,000	AUD 541	CHF 356	EUR 330	NZD 585				
	SGD 529	USD 389								
	For IAs in English:	KRW 1,200,000	AUD 1,443	CHF 949	EUR 879	NZD 1,561				
	SGD 1,410	USD 1,036								
PH	USD 1,000	CHF 916	EUR 849							
	Small entity or government ³⁵ :	USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339						

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 17 March 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	99	EUR	92	USD	115			
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	467	EUR	433	USD	543			
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK	288,600	NOK	19,310
	USD	2,091										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118		
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353		
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR	33,650		
	For small entity ²⁷ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR	16,830	
	For micro entity ²⁷ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR	8,410	
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK	288,600	NOK	19,310	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 17 March 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
		CHF 917
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,284
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,834
EP	CHF 1,915 ³²	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 138	CHF 200
	CHF 221 ³⁷	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59
		CHF 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 65
		CHF 200
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
		CHF 200
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593
		CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 17 March 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

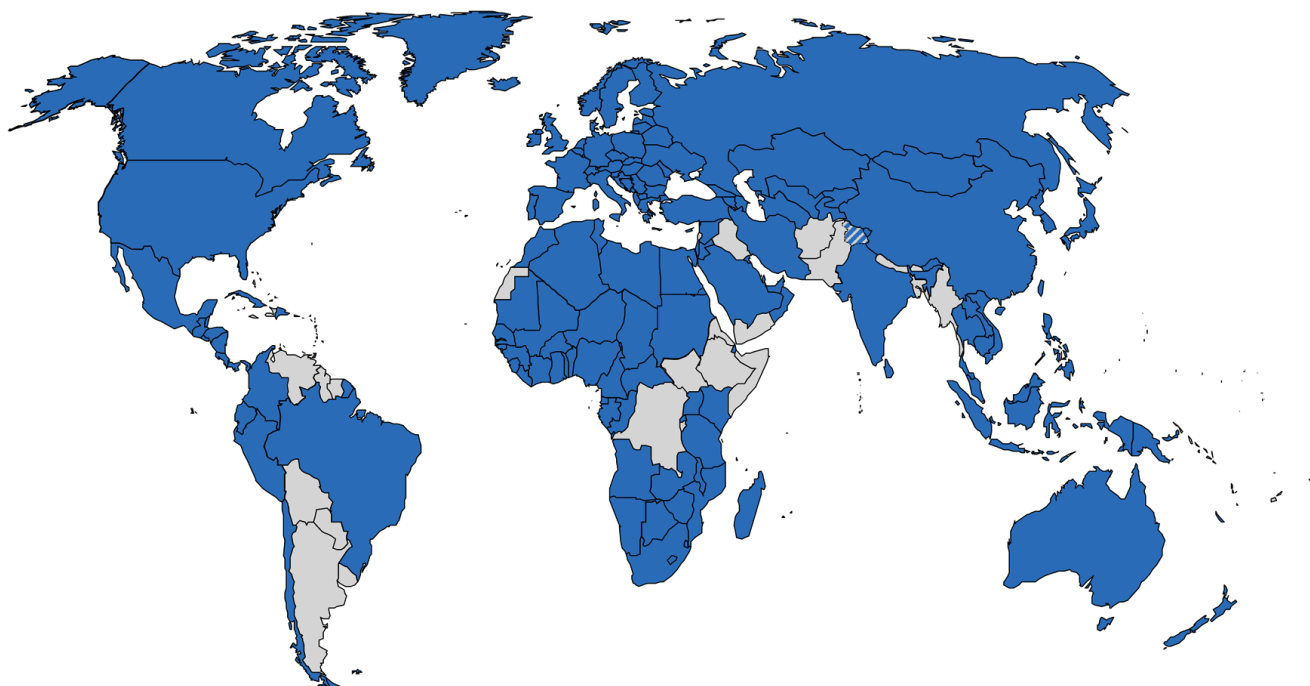
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁸		Handling fee ^{2,38} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁹	EUR	185
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁹	AUD	304 (from 1.5.21: 280)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	816	CAD	290
CL	USD	1,500	USD	218
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400			
	in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300			
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	218
EP	EUR	1,830 ³²	EUR	185
ES	EUR	589,48 ³²	EUR	185
FI	EUR	600	EUR	185
IL	ILS	1,523	ILS	745
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500		USD	218
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY	23,100
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	253,000
PH	USD	500	USD	218
	Small entity or government: ³⁵	USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴⁰ 6,750 ⁴¹	USD	218
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴⁰ 24,000 ⁴¹		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,940
SG	SGD	830	SGD	297
TR	TRY	1,000	CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50		EUR	185
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			
US	USD	640 800 ⁴²	USD	218
	For small entity ²⁷ :	USD 320 400 ⁴²		
	For micro entity ²⁷ :	USD 160 200 ⁴²		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,380
XV	EUR	900	EUR	185

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html.
- 11 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 12 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 17 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed by electronic means.
- 24 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 26 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf.
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 29 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html.
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 March 2021)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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Meeting of International Authorities

The 28th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held as a virtual meeting from WIPO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, from 24 to 26 March 2021. The Summary by the Chair and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=61368

The following topics were discussed:

- the results of the meeting of the Quality Subgroup, including:
 - agreement to incorporate examples on unity of invention showing the “minimum reasoning” methodology into the next version of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, expected to be promulgated on 1 July 2021;
 - the use of breakout sessions on the Webex meeting platform for International Authorities to participate in bilateral reviews of Quality Management Systems; and
 - recommendations for further work on quality management; for further details, please refer to the Summary by the Chair (Annex II to document PCT/MIA/28/9);
- a status report on the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force led by the European Patent Office (document PCT/MIA/28/4);
- the evaluation phase of the IP5 PCT Collaborative Search and Examination pilot (document PCT/MIA/28/3). This phase, which involves the International Bureau (IB) surveying pilot participants, began in 2020 and will finish in June 2022;
- the transition from WIPO Standard ST.25 to the XML-based WIPO Standard ST.26 for the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings and the implementation of ST.26 in the PCT, including the development of Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the WIPO Sequence and WIPO Sequence Validator software tools for the preparation and validation of sequence listings in ST.26 format, and training for applicants and Offices (document PCT/MIA/28/2). Regarding amendments to the PCT Regulations for implementation of ST.26 in the PCT, the PCT Working Group, at its thirteenth session in October 2020, agreed to submit amendments to the next session of the PCT Assembly (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2020);
- the preliminary statistics from the feedback to a questionnaire on possible improvements to the international search report and written opinion that had been sent

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to Authorities, designated Offices and PCT users, presented by the China National Intellectual Property Administration (document PCT/MIA/28/7);

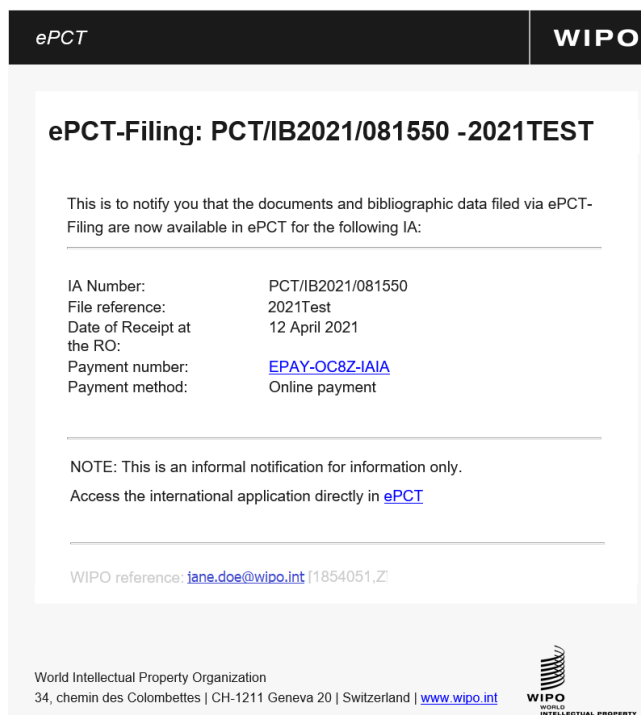
- a proposal to strengthen PCT safeguards in case of a general disruption (document PCT/MIA/28/8). Discussions on this proposal will continue at the fourteenth session of the PCT Working Group in June 2021, where the IB will report on the experiences of IP Offices in the implementation of the “Interpretative Statement and Recommended Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Practice Changes in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic” that it issued on 9 April 2020, as requested by the PCT Working Group at its thirteenth session in October 2020 (*PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2020);
- improvements that could be made to XML data provided for search reports and written opinions (document PCT/MIA/28/5); and
- options that could form the basis of a future proposal to allow the record copy of an earlier international application to be used as the certified copy of a priority document (document PCT/MIA/28/6).

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications: International Bureau

Future changes regarding the e-mail notifications issued by the ePCT system

Please be aware that with the upcoming new release of ePCT, which is scheduled for May 2021, there will be a new design of the e-mail notifications issued by the ePCT system, and there will also be a change in the sender’s e-mail address.

As an example, the new notifications will adopt the following format:



The current sender’s e-mail address is: no.reply@wipo.int and the new e-mail address will be: epct-noreply@wipo.int

Please ensure that you whitelist this new e-mail address so that it will be not be handled by your e-mail system as a spam e-mail. Further information on the new release of ePCT will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* following its release.

International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) to stop accepting international applications filed using PCT-SAFE - reminder

As already announced in the *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2021, the RO/IB will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software with effect from 1 July 2021. Any PCT-SAFE users who file with the RO/IB are advised to start using ePCT-Filing as soon as possible.

For further information and assistance with the transition from PCT-SAFE to ePCT-Filing, please contact the PCT Operations Customer Support Section at: pct.eservices@wipo.int

Change to the PCT Publication Schedule

Publication of 14 May 2021

Due to the fact that Thursday, 13 May 2021, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 14 May 2021. The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will, however, remain unchanged, and any changes that should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight (Central European Time (CET)) on Tuesday, 27 April 2021.

PCT Information Update

Various fee changes (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (South Africa), Icelandic Intellectual Property Office, Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom), Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV))

As from 1 May 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom) in GBP and to the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) in ISK, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in GBP and in ISK of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees.

As from 1 June 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the following Offices as receiving Offices in the currencies shown, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in those currencies of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees:

Canadian Intellectual Property Office	CAD
Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (South Africa)	ZAR

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) SEK

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CA, GB, IS, SE, ZA))

CY Cyprus (e-mail and Internet addresses)

The e-mail and Internet addresses of the Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus have changed, as follows:

E-mail: deptcomp@drcor.meci.gov.cy

Internet: www.intellectualproperty.gov.cy

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

KH Cambodia (name of Office; Internet address; fees)

The name and Internet address of the Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI), Cambodia

Internet: <http://www.misti.gov.kh>

Furthermore, the currency of payment of the transmittal fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed from US dollars (USD) to Cambodian riels (KHR) with effect from 26 July 2020. The new amount of the fee is as follows:

Transmittal fee:..... KHR 420,000

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

LR Liberia (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; who can act as agent; fees)

The name, location and mailing address, and the telephone and fax numbers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Archives, Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright (Liberia) have changed, and the Office has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

Name of Office: Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)

Location and mailing address: Old Labor Ministry Building
U.N. Drive
Monrovia
Liberia

Telephone: (231) 775 53 35 95

Fax: (231) 770 32 90 24

E-mail: liberiaindustrialproperty@gmail.com

In addition, the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee:.....	USD	50
Fee for priority document, per page:.....	USD	5

Furthermore, there has been a change concerning who can act as agent - any attorney certified by the Office and registered by the Legal Bar Association or any IP agent certified by the Office can now act as agent.

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

WS Samoa (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office)

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) has specified, with effect from 23 March 2021, the European Patent Office and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Samoa with the Office (or with the International Bureau) as receiving Office.

Additional information on the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – please refer to Annex C (WS) at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexc/ax_c_ws.pdf

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Japan Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV))

As from 1 May 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 18 May 2021, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as International Searching Authority:

Fee for copies of documents cited
in the international search report:

- for a patent document, per page:.....	RUB	24
- for a non-patent document, per page:.....	RUB	60

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application:.....	RUB	96
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Furthermore, as from 1 June 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Canadian Intellectual Property Office	CHF
China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)...	CHF
European Patent Office	GBP, ISK, NOK
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	CHF
Japan Patent Office	KRW
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK, NOK
Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	ISK, NOK

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, CA, CN, EP, JP, RU, SE, XN))

Supplementary search fee and fees relating to the supplementary international search (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

As from 18 May 2021, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as Authority specified for supplementary search:

Review fee:.....	RUB	4,200
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report:		
- for a patent document, per page:.....	RUB	24
- for a non-patent document, per page:.....	RUB	60
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application:.....	RUB	96

Furthermore, as from 1 June 2021, there will also be a change in the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

Fees relating to the international preliminary examination (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV))

As from 18 May 2021, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA):

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report:		
- for a patent document, per page:.....	RUB	24
- for a non-patent document, per page:.....	RUB	60

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file
of the international application: RUB 96

As from 1 June 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and in SEK to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV). The new amounts will be CAD 268 and SEK 1,850, respectively.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (CA, RU, SE))

WIPO Standard ST.26 / WIPO Sequence Webinar Series

WIPO Standard ST.26 (<https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>) will apply to all patent applications that contain disclosure of nucleotide or amino acid sequences at the international, national or regional level, filed on or after 1 January 2022. WIPO Standard ST.26 defines the sequences required to be included in a sequence listing and requires the sequence listing to be presented in XML (eXtensible Markup Language).

Training modules have been developed by WIPO Standards with a group of experts from Offices to provide a basic understanding of the materials covered in the new Standard as well as the WIPO Sequence tool components.

There are four modules in English planned as follows:

WIPO ST.26: Introduction:	21 April 2021 (12:00 – 13:30 CEST)
WIPO Sequence:	28 April 2021 (12:00 – 13:30 CEST)
WIPO Sequence Validator (for Offices):	12 May 2021 (12:00 – 13:30 CEST)
WIPO ST.26: Advanced:	19 May 2021 (13:00 – 14:30 CEST)

Further details, including the registration links for the webinars, are included in the PCT Seminar Calendar published in this issue.

New/Updated PCT Resources

Recordings of webinars on ePCT and Docketing PCT for US filers

Recordings of two webinars recently presented by Carl Oppedahl (PCT Consultant), with the support of WIPO, together with supporting documents and further information, are now available as follows:

- “Worry-free use of ePCT with EFS-Web and e-filing PCT applications at the USPTO”:
 - recording: <https://youtu.be/CF0-Tj9nJI4>
 - supporting document: <https://www.oppedahl.com/cle/20210406.pdf>
 - further information on the topics covered and the target audience: <https://blog.oppedahl.com/?p=6769>

In this webinar, Mr. Oppedahl was joined by Ann Bardini, Senior Business Analyst at WIPO, who is part of the team leading the business requirements for the ePCT system. Please note

that, although this webinar is primarily aimed at a U.S. audience, many points made in the webinar about the advantages of ePCT are of general interest.

- “Docketing PCT for US filers”:
 - recording: <https://youtu.be/fGBM1t0-Erg>
 - supporting document: <https://www.oppedahl.com/cle/202104.pdf>
 - further information on the topics covered and the target audience: <https://blog.oppedahl.com/?p=6765>

Please note that, although this webinar is primarily aimed at a U.S. audience, Mr. Oppedahl plans to revise the presentation materials and then give a revised version of the webinar aimed at filers outside U.S.

Recording of a webinar on best practices to file an international application

A recording has been made of the above-mentioned webinar, which was presented by Matthias Reischle-Park (Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO) and Hanna Kang (Legal Officer, PCT Legal and User Support Section, WIPO) on 15 April 2021. Links to the registration page, where you can register to listen to the recording by simply giving your name and e-mail address, and the PDF version of the presentation, are available at:

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

Learn the PCT Video Series: How to File your International Application

Some of the videos of the Learn the PCT video series: “How to file your International Application” are now available with Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian subtitles. It is recalled that the Learn the PCT is a series of 29 short videos (approximately 15 minutes each) presented by Matthias Reischle-Park, which provides a basic introduction to important aspects and issues in the international phase and national phase of PCT processing.

The subtitled versions can be selected by clicking on the closed captions box (“CC”) in the video controls.

The videos (with or without subtitles) are available at:

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

Subtitles in other PCT languages will be added soon.

Seminar materials in Russian and Spanish

It is recalled that seminar materials (Seminar Presentation on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)), covering all aspects of the PCT procedure, were updated towards the end of 2020 to take into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations that entered into force in July 2020, as well as changes in practice that have taken place since the last version of the document was published. In addition to Chinese, English, French, German and Japanese, the seminar materials are now available in Russian and Spanish at, respectively:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/seminar/basic_1/index.html

https://www.wipo.int/pct/es/seminar/basic_1/index.html

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

It is recalled that, since 1 July 2020, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary international search, or International Preliminary Examining Authority may participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a “participating Office”, in which PCT fees are exchanged from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (IB), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai/annex_g.html). One of the main benefits of the new service is to minimize the number of fee transactions between Offices. (Please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2020, page 2.)

The IB has published the following information concerning the WIPO Fee Transfer Service in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 8 April 2021 (from page 73):

- a *corrigendum* concerning the participation of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as of 20 November 2020, together with the scope of its participation; and
- a list of the Offices that became participants in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service between 21 November 2020 and 31 March 2021 (inclusive), together with the scope of their participation.

For further information, please refer to the above-mentioned issue of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

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

PATENTSCOPE News

National Collections

The national patent collections of Finland and New Zealand are now available in the PATENTSCOPE search system at:

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

The collection of Finland includes over 209,700 records and the collection of New Zealand contains over 353,200 records. This brings to 71 the number of national/regional collections available in PATENTSCOPE.

World Intellectual Property Day, 26 April 2021 – Reminder

As we already mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2021, the World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day) will be held, as usual, on 26 April. This year’s theme, “IP & SMEs: Taking your ideas to market”, shines a light on the critical role of SMEs in the economy and how they can use IP rights to build stronger, more competitive and resilient businesses.

A calendar of the many World IP Day virtual events is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/2021/events_calendar.html

For further information on World IP Day, please visit the WIPO website at:

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

Practical Advice

Late receipt of documents from a PCT Office: calculation of a time limit where PCT Rule 80.6 applies

Q: As I failed to include an e-mail address in the Request Form when I filed an international application, my receiving Office was obliged to send an invitation to pay the missing PCT fees (together with a late payment fee) (Form PCT/RO/133) by postal mail. The date of issue of the invitation is Tuesday, 23 March 2021, but I only received it 15 days later, on Wednesday, 7 April 2021. The fees are due to be paid one month after the date of issue of the Form, that is, by Friday, 23 April 2021, which gives me very little time. Is it possible to request an extension of the time limit for the payment of the fees in compensation for the delay in the receipt of the form?

A: If you can provide evidence to the satisfaction of the receiving Office that the invitation to pay the missing fees was received more than seven days after the date of issue indicated on the invitation, in accordance with PCT Rule 80.6 (second sentence), the Office will treat the time limit for the payment of the fees as expiring later than the usual one month from the date of issue of the invitation. The number of additional days that you would be given to pay the fees would be equal to the number of days that you received the invitation later than seven days after the date of issue of the invitation.

Since you received the invitation 15 days after the date of issue, you would have eight additional days from Friday, 23 April 2021, which would fall on Saturday, 1 May 2021. However, it is recalled that if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office (or intergovernmental organization) falls on a day on which that Office is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, the period shall expire on the next day on which the Office concerned is open for business (PCT Rule 80.5). Presuming that your receiving Office was actually closed on Saturday, 1 May 2021 as well as on Sunday, 2 May 2021, the time limit would therefore expire on Monday, 3 May 2021. The date calculation is more clearly shown below:

23.03.2021 + 1 month = 23.04.2021
 + 8 days (PCT Rule 80.6) = 01.05.2021 (Saturday)
 → apply PCT Rule 80.5 = 03.05.2021 (Monday)

It is important to be aware that, unlike PCT Rule 80.5, which is applied automatically, the application of PCT Rule 80.6, second sentence, is not automatic, but conditional on you being able to provide evidence to the satisfaction of the Office concerned, and you would have to provide that evidence very quickly to benefit from the extension of time limit.

The delay in the receipt of the invitation from the receiving Office, if due to problems encountered with the postal service, highlights the importance of providing, at the time of filing an international application, an e-mail address to which notifications can be sent by the receiving Office, as well as by the International Bureau (IB), the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated (or elected) Offices.

For any pending international applications, you can request the recording under PCT Rule 92*bis* of an e-mail address for sending PCT notifications and, if you have several pending applications, you can include a list of all the other applications to which the e-mail address should be added. The IB will record the e-mail address and notify the PCT Offices and

Authorities concerned. The best way to do this is by uploading your request for the recording of the e-mail address using ePCT. For this, if you have not already done so, you should create a WIPO account so that you can log into WIPO's ePCT system, and upload documents to the IB in electronic form. Please upload your request to one international application only and select the document type "Request for change under Rule 92bis (for multiple applications)," listing all the other international application numbers for which an e-mail address is to be added (and for which the 30-month time limit has not yet expired). At the time of processing by the IB, the request will be copied into the file of each international application on the list. For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=690> and

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

For further information on alternatives to paper transmittal and receipt of PCT-related documents, please refer to the Practical Advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2020/pct_news_2020_4.pdf

and for information regarding electronic communications with the IB, please refer to:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/covid_19/communication.html

It is generally recommended that all applicants file their international applications electronically (in particular using ePCT) if their receiving Office accepts such filings². Using ePCT not only avoids problems due to delay or loss of PCT-related documents in the post, but also enables the applicant to benefit from the many other safeguards and useful features of ePCT. Note that all applicants can manage their international applications electronically after filing, regardless of the way in which the application has been filed, by gaining access rights to their applications in ePCT. A wealth of information on getting started using ePCT is available on the PCT eServices Help page at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=169>

² It is recalled that the receiving Office of the IB, which accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing, is competent to act as receiving Office for applicants who are nationals and/or residents of any PCT Contracting State. It also currently accepts filings using the PCT-SAFE software or offline filings, but only until 30 June 2021.

PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 16 April 2021)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
18-19 May 2021 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
27 September 2021 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT within the framework of the CEIPI basic course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
30 September 2021 Virtual lecture	English	Lecture on the PCT within the framework of the IP Paralegal Conference 2021 WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
6 October 2021 Online seminar	German	Update lecture on the PCT within the framework of an IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Ms. Ingrid Jahr) E-mail: Ingrid.jahr@kuhnen-wacker.com
7 October 2021 Ecully (FR) <i>(previously scheduled for 8 April 2021)</i>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
24-26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Silke Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
21 April 2021 12:00 – 13:30 CEST	English	WIPO ST.26: Introduction WIPO speaker: Ms. Francis	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2388012126441792269
28 April 2021 12:00 – 13:30 CEST	English	WIPO Sequence WIPO speaker: Ms. Francis	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1342791084310831888
11 May 2021 17:00 – 18:00 Tokyo time	Japanese	PCT procedure before the IB: Rule 92bis Change, Agents and Common Representatives under the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62888

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PCT Webinars [continued]			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
12 May 2021 12:00 – 13:30 CEST	English	WIPO Sequence Validator (for Offices) WIPO speaker: Ms. Francis	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8844046437091811856
19 May 2021 13:00 – 14:30 CEST	English	WIPO ST.26: Advanced Speakers on behalf of WIPO: Experts from the United States Patent and Trademark Office	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2515134362310867472
27 May 2021 (Day 1) 17:00-18:30 CEST 28 May 2021 (Day 2) 17:00-18:45 CEST	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives (Canadian Series) WIPO speaker on the PCT (Day 2): Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Tang, Mr. Kleib, Mr. Bisson, Ms. Roenning and Ms. Wollgast and others to be announced Speakers from Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO): Mr. Georgaras, Ms. Golden, Mr. Villemaire, Ms. Nish	Registration (Day 1, IP topics other than PCT): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6489094840229722384 Registration (Day 2, including PCT presentation): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4103100731886525965
3 June 2021 (Day 1) 17:00-18:30 CEST 4 June 2021 (Day 2) 17:00-18:45 CEST	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives (Canadian Series) WIPO speaker on the PCT (Day 2): Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Bisson, Mr. Croze and Ms. Wollgast and others to be announced Speakers from CIPO: Mr. Pierre, Ms. Golden, Mr. Villemaire, Ms. Ethier, Ms. Nish	Registration (Day 1, IP topics other than PCT): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2006372739690369550 Registration (Day 2, including PCT presentation): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7623256477444406285
5 July 2021 09:00 – 12:00 CEST	French	Journée PCT (Session annuelle de mise à jour sur le PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other speaker: Mr. Bogliolo (European Patent Office)	Compagnie Nationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (CNCPI) (Ms. Caroline Sennedot) E-mail: caroline.sennedot@cncpi.fr [Registration information to follow]

PATENTSCOPE Webinars (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
4 May 2021 17:30-18:30 CET or 6 May 2021 8:30-9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE for experts WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/3412508472377895181

Other IP events
Webinar on SMEs, IP and Resilience against the COVID-19 Pandemic, 22 April 2021 A webinar entitled “SMEs, IP and Resilience against the COVID-19 Pandemic” will be offered in collaboration with the Onassis Foundation and the Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI) on 22 April 2021. Further information and the link to registration are available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62608
World IP Day, 26 April 2021 In view of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, World IP Day 2021 is being promoted as a virtual campaign. Further information is available at: www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 16 April 2021, 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 –	BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
IA	international application	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYN	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
ISR	international search report	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CUP	Cuban peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 16 April 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 2,023 (from 1.5.21: 1,860)	23 (21)	– (–)	304 (280)	456 (420)	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: on paper: ⁹	175 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN	71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	306	CAD 1,928 (from 1.6.21: 1,782)	22 (20)	– (–)	290 (268)	435 (402)	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: on paper:	400,000 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: on paper:	212 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 16 April 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,170	100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 316	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
		or EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	
EC	USD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR 75	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,120	13	–	168	253	EP
		(from 1.5.21: 1,028)	(12)	(–)	(155)	(232)	
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	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 444,200	5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 15
	or EUR ¹⁴ 93	or EUR 1,233	14	93	185	278	
	or USD ¹⁴ 109	or USD 1,453	16	109	218	328	
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 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁶ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 200,500 (from 1.5.21: 184,200)	2,300 (2,100)	– (–)	30,100 (27,700)	45,200 (41,600)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁷	JPY 153,600	1,700	–	–	34,600	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁸	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁹ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²⁰	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP

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

(amounts on 16 April 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ²⁰	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²¹	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CLEPESKRSESG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²² 550 (paper filing) ²²		MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,750	140	–	1,920	2,880	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,188 (from 1.5.21: 2,025)	25 (23)	– (–)	329 (305)	493 (457)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ²⁰	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AU EGEPU S
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR 10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)		EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,990 ²³	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,920 (from 1.6.21: 12,280)	150 (140)	– (–)	1,940 (1,850)	2,910 (2,770)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR (paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁴		EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV		None ²⁵	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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

(amounts on 16 April 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁶ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁷ small entity ²⁸ : 130 ²⁷ micro entity ²⁸ : 65 ²⁷	USD 1,453	16	109	218	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ²⁹	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 22,660 (from 1.6.21: 20,630)	260 (230)	– (–)	3,410 (3,100)	5,110 (4,650)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 16 April 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ³⁰	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	KRW	2,422,000	SGD	2,846	USD	2,091	ZAR	32,730
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF*	1,446	EUR*	1,341	KRW	1,829,000	NZD	2,379	SGD	2,150
	USD	1,697	ZAR	24,970	*(from 1.5.21:)		CHF	1,573	EUR	1,429		
BR ³	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	274	EUR	254	USD	318		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	411	EUR	381	USD	476		
CA	CAD	1,632	CHF*	1,134	EUR	1,060	USD	1,243	*(from 1.6.21:)		CHF	1,218
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,831	EUR	1,697						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF	366	EUR	339		
	In case of filing by a university ³¹ :				USD	300	CHF	275	EUR	255		
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF*	283	EUR	262	USD	309	*(from 1.6.21:)		CHF	301
EG ³²	EGP	4,000	CHF	233	EUR	216	USD	254				
EP ³³	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	GBP**	1,613	HUF	639,500	ISK**	288,600
	JPY	221,100	NOK**	19,310	NZD*	3,150	SEK	18,610	SGD	2,846	USD	2,091
	ZAR	32,730	*(from 1.5.21:)		NZD	2,942						
	***(from 1.6.21:)		GBP	1,526	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880				
ES ³³	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	USD	2,091						
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	USD	2,091						
IL	ILS	3,553	CHF	976	EUR	903	USD	1,107				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	125	EUR	116	USD	137				
	In case of filing by an individual:			INR	2,500	CHF	31	EUR	29	USD	34	
JP ³⁴	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	70,000	CHF	606	EUR	562	KRW*	767,000	USD	662		
	*(from 1.6.21:)		KRW	714,000								
For IAs in English:												
JPY	156,000	CHF	1,351	EUR	1,252	SGD	2,008	USD	1,476			
KR ³⁵	For IAs in Korean:											
	SGD	529	USD	389	AUD	541	CHF	356	EUR	330	NZD	585
	For IAs in English:											
	SGD	1,410	USD	1,036	AUD	1,443	CHF	949	EUR	879	NZD	1,561
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	916	EUR	849						
	Small entity or government ³⁶ :			USD	400	CHF	366	EUR	339			

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 16 April 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF*	99	EUR	92	USD	115			
	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF	106)									
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF*	467	EUR	433	USD	543			
	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF	498)									
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK*	288,600	NOK*	19,310
	USD	2,091	*(from 1.6.21:	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880)					
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR	33,650		
	For small entity ²⁸ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR	16,830	
	For micro entity ²⁸ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR	8,410	
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK*	288,600	NOK*	19,310	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091	*(from 1.6.21:	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880)					
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 16 April 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 37}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 917
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,284
	CHF 1,834	
EP	CHF 1,915 ³³	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 138 (from 1.6.21: CHF 147)	CHF 200
	CHF 221 ³⁸ (from 1.6.21: CHF 235)	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 76
		CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 16 April 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

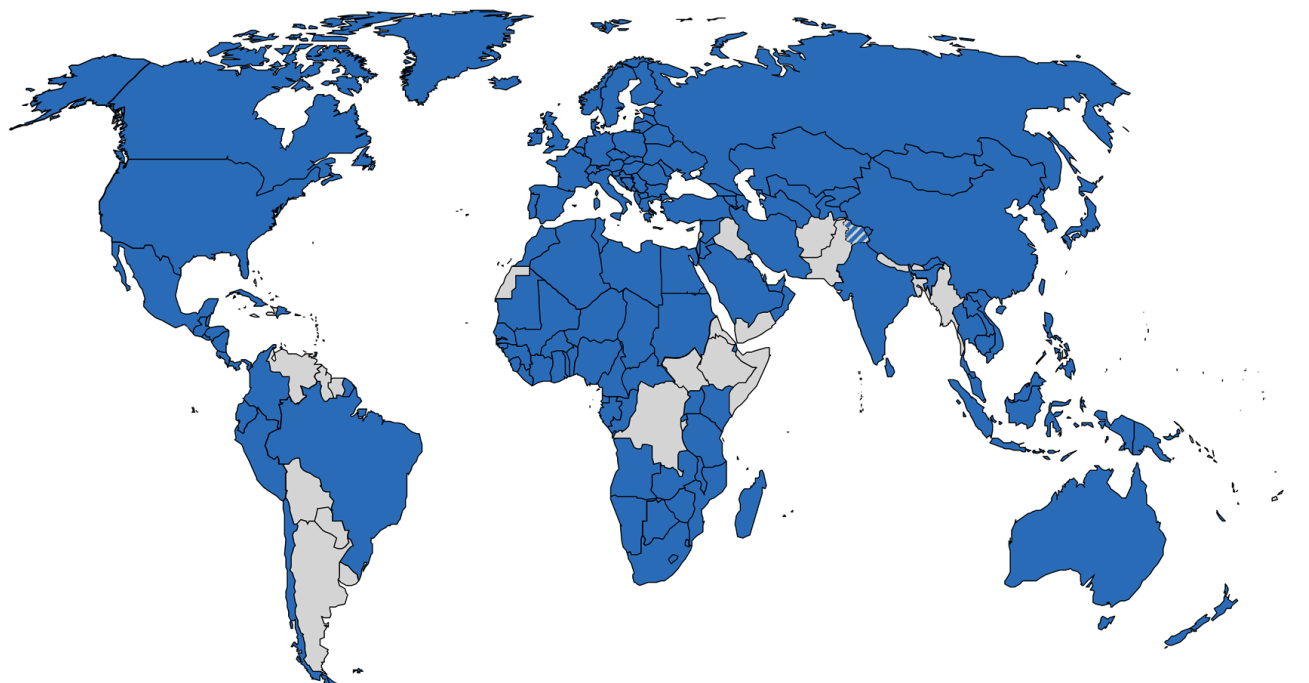
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁹		Handling fee^{2, 39}(CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ³⁰		EUR 185
AU	AUD	590	820 ⁴⁰	AUD 304 (from 1.5.21: 280)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸		BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	816		CAD 290 (from 1.6.21: 268)
CL	USD	1,500		USD 218
		in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		
		in case of filing by a university ³¹ : USD 300		
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP	3,000		USD 218
EP	EUR	1,830 ³³		EUR 185
ES	EUR	589.48 ³³		EUR 185
FI	EUR	600		EUR 185
IL	ILS	1,523		ILS 745
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500			USD 218
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
JP³⁴	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000		JPY 23,100
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW 253,000
PH	USD	500		USD 218
	Small entity or government: ³⁶	USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴¹	6,750 ⁴²	USD 218
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴¹	24,000 ⁴²	
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,940 (from 1.6.21: 1,850)
SG	SGD	830		SGD 297
TR	TRY	1,000		CHF 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50			EUR 185
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			
US	USD	640	800 ⁴³	USD 218
	For small entity ²⁸ :	USD 320	400 ⁴³	
	For micro entity ²⁸ :	USD 160	200 ⁴³	
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK 1,380
XV	EUR	900		EUR 185

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 17 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 18 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 19 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 20 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 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% for online filings.
- 25 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 26 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 27 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 28 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 29 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 30 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).
- 31 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 32 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".
- 33 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 34 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 35 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 36 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 37 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 38 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).
- 39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 42 In all cases where footnote 41 does not apply.
- 43 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)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 April 2021)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

4 Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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Companies and Intellectual Property Office (Dominica) Delegates Receiving Office Functions to the International Bureau

The Intellectual Property Office (Dominica) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 15 April 2021, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated its receiving Office functions to the IB. Furthermore, the Office has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Dominica with the IB as receiving Office. (Note that the Canadian Intellectual Property Office is a competent IPEA only if the international search is being or was carried out by the same Office, and the EPO is a competent IPEA only if the international search is being or was carried out by the EPO or another ISA located in and operating for any State party to the European Patent Convention.)

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Offices that will stop accepting international applications filed using PCT-SAFE

Canadian Intellectual Property Office

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (which already accepts international applications filed using ePCT) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 July 2021, it will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software. Any PCT-SAFE users who file with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office are advised to start using ePCT-Filing as soon as possible.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CA).

International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) - reminder

As previously announced in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02/2021 and 04/2021, the RO/IB will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software with effect from 1 July 2021. Any PCT-SAFE users who file with the RO/IB are advised to start using ePCT-Filing as soon as possible.

For further information and assistance with the transition from PCT-SAFE to ePCT-Filing, please contact the PCT Operations Customer Support Section at: pct.eservices@wipo.int

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

ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (ePCT 4.8) was deployed on 18 May 2021. For full details on the new features of ePCT for applicants, and ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities, please refer, respectively, to:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1592> and

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1007>

A summary of the main new features follows.

What's new in ePCT for applicants?

- As indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2021, page 2, the e-mail notifications issued by the ePCT system have been redesigned, and the sender's address for those notifications has changed to: epct-noreply@wipo.int – please ensure that you whitelist this new e-mail address so that it will not be handled as a spam e-mail by your e-mail system.
- “Remove all ePCT rights” function: this function has been extended to also include applications for which online access in ePCT is currently suspended, for example, pending processing of requests under PCT Rule 92*bis*.
- Filing – validation: the wording of the “Requires correction” validation message has been changed to read: “Will require correction but does not prevent filing”, to make it clear to the user that such defects do not prevent filing but will require correction post filing.
- Filing – reimbursement instructions for the European Patent Office (EPO) as International Searching Authority (ISA/EP): it is now possible, regardless of the selected receiving Office, to add instructions for any reimbursement of fees by ISA/EP to a current or deposit account held with the EPO.
- Upload documents: when the technical preparations for international publication have been completed but an international application has not yet been published, information is now displayed in the interface for users logged-in with strong authentication, drawing attention to the fact that any withdrawal or request under PCT Rule 92*bis* that is uploaded will not stop or be reflected in the international publication.
- External signature: one day before the expiration of an external signature request (requests expire after 7 days), a reminder notification is sent by e-mail to both the requester of the external signature and the signatory.
- Documents – preview the draft international publication contents: a new document type is now available in ePCT – “DRAFT international publication” which allows users with access rights in ePCT to preview the full contents of the future international publication **in draft form**, noting that processing by the International Bureau (IB) may continue up until the completion of technical preparations. Until now, only a preview of the publication's front page was available.
- ePCT Notifications – automatic archiving: ePCT Notifications appearing in the Notifications list in ePCT will be automatically archived one year after the date of receipt/issue and can be retrieved upon request to the ePCT Help Desk, if necessary.

- Office Profiles – outage dates: a new section has been added to the Office Profile of each IP Office listing any outage dates **which have been notified to the IB under PCT Rule 82quater.2(a)**.
- Action – submit Chapter II demand: if a full text file, such as a sequence listing, is submitted as an attachment with the demand for international preliminary examination, the attention of the IPEA is drawn to the fact that the file is available via ePCT (and will not be provided under cover of Form PCT/IB/368, which accompanies files only in PDF format).
- Filing – order of name and address fields when language of filing is Korean: upon specific request, the order of the fields for capturing names and addresses has been modified when the language of filing is Korean. This reordering may be extended to additional languages in the future.
- Office Profiles – availability of e-filing Notifications: for each receiving Office that receives electronic filings, a link has been added under the “Filing Methods” section that provides access to all “Notifications concerning requirements and practices for electronic filing under Section 710(a),” as notified to the IB and published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*.

What’s new in ePCT for Offices?

- E-mail notifications: as with ePCT for applicants, the e-mail notifications issued by the ePCT system have been redesigned, and the sender’s address for those notifications has changed to: epct-noreply@wipo.int
- Forms: a new ePCT action to create Form PCT/RO/131, and certain forms have been implemented in additional languages.
- Improved validations for receiving Offices when transmitting record copies to the IB.
- Receiving Offices can now perform *ex officio* actions for international applications even after the record copy has been transmitted to the IB.
- Improved validation checks when designated Offices use the action to request copies of documents from the IB (these new checks will avoid unnecessary work for both Offices and the IB).
- Improvements for International Searching Authorities (ISAs) importing citations extracted from EPOQUENET when preparing search reports and written opinions.
- Task list entries for “Draft ISR-WOSA” and “Draft ISA203-WOSA” so that ISAs can easily search for international applications where there are corresponding types of draft documents saved in the file.
- Additional document types are now available for selection by the International Preliminary Examining Authority when uploading documents to the IB.
- Updates to Office profile: new section listing outage dates **which have been notified to the IB under PCT Rule 82quater.2(a)**; additional indication regarding priority documents issued in electronic form; a link to the Office e-filing notification where applicable.

Offices are encouraged to provide their feedback and to discuss their needs with the PCT International Cooperation Division (PCTICD@wipo.int). Questions about the current ePCT system can be sent to the PCT eServices Support Team via the 'Contact Us' link at:

https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/p_ca_ano.aspx?NodeID=769

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

Latvian Patent Office

The Latvian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 July 2021, it will commence operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS). As a depositing Office, it will deposit certified copies of patent applications as priority documents on and after 1 July 2021, which the applicant specifically requests be made available to the service; as an accessing Office it will recognize priority documents available to it through the service for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document has not expired by 1 July 2021.

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

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11775

By using DAS, a PCT applicant can request the IB to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Please be aware that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the Office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

Furnishing by the International Bureau of Copies of the International Preliminary Examination Report: Notifications by Elected Offices under PCT Rule 94.1(c)

Italian Patent and Trademark Office and Mexican Institute of Industrial Property

It is recalled that on 1 July 2020, new PCT Rule 71.1(b) and amended PCT Rule 94.1(c) entered into force to introduce a basis for requiring the International Preliminary Examining Authority to copy certain documents related to the international preliminary examination from its file to the International Bureau (IB), which the IB would then make available to the public on behalf of the elected Office.

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the Italian Patent and Trademark Office and the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, in their capacity as elected Offices, have requested the IB to furnish, on their behalf, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents referred in PCT Rule 71.1(b).

(Updating of the "List of States and Organizations which have requested the IB under Rule 94.1(c) to furnish to third parties copies of the IPER and of other documents referred to in Rule 71.1(b) on their behalf" at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html)

PCT Information Update

AG Antigua (fees)

The Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the amount of the fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office for requesting restoration of the right of priority, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: XCD 800

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

AO Angola (summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property Office as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – see National Chapter, Summary (AO) on the PCT website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/ao.pdf>

BR Brazil (telephone number and Internet address; fees)

One of the telephone numbers and one of the Internet addresses of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) have changed, and are now as follows:

Telephone: (55-21) 3037 37 42, (55-21) 3037 42 44

Internet. <https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br>
<http://faleconosco.inpi.gov.br/faleconosco/>

Furthermore, the Office notified the IB of a change concerning the filing of paper documents with the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – since 1 April 2021, documents for entry into the national phase filed on paper are received only by mail.¹

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

CA (filing of international applications in electronic form)

For information on the ceasing of the acceptance of electronic filings via PCT-SAFE, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

HU Hungary (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name of the University hosting the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM), an International Depositary Authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed with effect from 1 February 2021. The details concerning the address of NCAIM are now as follows:

¹ For further details, refer to the Office's Ordinance No. 22/21 of 29 March 2021.

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
 Institute of Food Science and Technology
 Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
 Somlói út 14-16
 1118 Budapest
 Hungary

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

IN India (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; fees)

The Indian Patent Office has specified, with effect from 1 July 2021, the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the China National Intellectual Property Administration, the European Patent Office, the Indian Patent Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority² for international applications filed with the Indian Patent Office (or with the IB) as receiving Office by nationals and residents of India.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes regarding the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document payable to it as receiving Office, as well as the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. Before 4 November 2020, one of three different amounts for each applicable fee was payable depending on the type of applicant established by the Office; however, with effect from 4 November 2020, and following a change to these applicant-categories established by the Office, one of two different amounts for each applicable fee is payable:

	<i>Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>	<i>Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies)</i>
Transmittal fee:		
– electronic filing:	None	None
– paper filing:.....	INR 3,500	INR 17,600
Fee for priority document: ³		
– online transmission:		
up to 30 pages:	INR 1,000	INR 5,000
from 31 st page, per page:.....	INR 30	INR 150

² The Japan Patent Office is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or was carried out by that Office.

³ The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (see Annex B1(IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

– paper transmission:

up to 30 pages:	INR 1,100	INR 5,500
from 31 st page, per page:	INR 30	INR 150

National filing fee:

– up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:

electronic filing:	INR 1,600	INR 8,000
paper filing:	INR 1,750	INR 8,800

– for each additional priority claim, multiple of:

electronic filing:	INR 1,600	INR 8,000
paper filing:	INR 1,750	INR 8,800

– for each additional sheet in addition to 30:

electronic filing:	INR 160	INR 800
paper filing:	INR 180	INR 880

– for each claim in addition to 10:

electronic filing:	INR 320	INR 1,600
paper filing:	INR 350	INR 1,750

– for each page of sequence listing of nucleotides and/or amino acid sequences under Rule 9(3):

electronic filing:	INR 160 ⁴	INR 800 ⁵
paper filing:	Not allowed	Not allowed

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

JP Japan (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) has specified, with effect from 1 July 2021, the Indian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the JPO, as competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority⁶ for international applications filed with the JPO (or with the IB) as receiving Office by nationals and residents of Japan.

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

KW Kuwait (telephone number; e-mail addresses; means of telecommunication; fees)

The telephone number of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) has changed, and the Office has notified two new e-mail addresses. The telephone number and e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

⁴ Subject to a maximum of INR 24,000.

⁵ Subject to a maximum of INR 120,000.

⁶ The Indian Patent Office is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority if the international application is filed in English or a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

Telephone: (965) 66 62 36 63
 E-mail: mansouralnzhane@gmail.com
 patent.department@moci.gov.kw
 eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com

Furthermore, the Office has informed the IB of a change concerning the filing of documents by fax and e-mail – the original of the document must now be furnished within 90 days from the date of the invitation, instead of within 14 days.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have changed with effect from 21 July 2019:

Filing fee:

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|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| - filing by an individual:..... | KWD | 40 |
| - filing by a company: | KWD | 80 |

The Office has also notified a change in the conditions for reductions in the filing fee with effect from the same date – the fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a student.

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

LR Liberia (applicable criteria for requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The Liberia Intellectual Property Office has notified the IB that, in its capacity as receiving Office, it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3.

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

MX Mexico (fees)

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has notified a new fee for priority document, payable to it as receiving Office with effect from 5 February 2021. The amount of this fee is MXN 11.46 per page for a black and white copy, or MXN 14.60 per page for a color copy, and is subject to a national tax of 16%.

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

WS Samoa (time limits for entering the national phase)

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) has notified the IB that the time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) is 31 months from the priority date.

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Indian Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

A new equivalent amount in JPY has been established for an international search carried out by the Indian Patent Office, applicable as from 1 July 2021. As from the same date, there will also be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....	ZAR
European Patent Office	ZAR
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	USD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	ZAR

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, BR, EP, IN, US))

Exceptional Non-working Days

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 29 March to 30 April 2021 (inclusive). Further information on measures adopted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available in the corresponding section of the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business on 13 May 2021, due to the designation of that day as an official holiday by the President of the Philippines.

Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)

The DIP has notified the IB that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following dates: 12 February 2021, 12 April 2021 and 10 May 2021.

In the context of each of the above-mentioned Office closures, please note that pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach one of the above-mentioned Offices fell on one of the closed dates indicated for the Office concerned, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

Administrative Instructions under the PCT: Modifications to Appendix I of Annex F (Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications)

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to the Administrative Instructions, Annex F, Appendix I (XML Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for the e-PCT Standard), Sections 3 and 5, were

promulgated with effect from 1 July 2021. For further information on the modifications, please refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 14 May 2021 at:

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

The amended Appendix is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_15.pdf

New/Updated PCT Resources

New feature for newcomers to the PCT

We have recently created a special entry point to the PCT website adapted to the needs of people who are new to the PCT. The main “new user” page includes information on where to find help, as well as links to:

- a short PCT overview video;
- a short summary of how the PCT works;
- videos introducing the PCT and highlighting the basics of the PCT;
- frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the PCT;
- a free introductory PCT Distance Learning Course; and
- the PCT Yearly Review, which contains recent statistics about how the PCT system is being used.

All this information can be found at:

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

and is also accessible from a link near the top of the PCT home page (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/>) entitled “Are you new to the PCT?”

The information in languages other than English can be selected from a drop-down list of languages at the top of the page.

Webinar recordings

WIPO ST.26

A recording is available of the webinar entitled “WIPO ST.26: Introduction”, which took place on 21 April 2021; you can listen to the recording by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF version of the presentation, at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62848

WIPO Sequence

A recording is available of the webinar entitled “WIPO Sequence”, which took place on 28 April 2021; you can listen to the recording by entering your name and e-mail address at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/3219217628630498575>

Overview of ePCT, filing and managing international applications

A recording is available of the webinar entitled “Overview of ePCT, filing and managing international applications”, which took place on 11 May 2021; you can listen to the recording, by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF version of the presentation, at:

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

Quality reports

It is recalled that the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities submit annual reports on the quality management systems that have been implemented for their work as International Authorities.⁷ The reports for 2020 are now available at:

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

PATENTSCOPE News

National Collections

The national patent collection of Kazakhstan, which includes over 27,400 documents (more than 21,000 of which are full-text (OCR) in Russian), is now available in the PATENTSCOPE search system at:

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

This brings to 72 the number of national/regional collections available in PATENTSCOPE.

The national collection of Estonia now also contains full-text of some documents, in addition to the front file.

Furthermore, new non-patent literature content is now searchable in PATENTSCOPE – over 62,000 Wikipedia articles have been filtered using a WIPO-developed algorithm.

Availability of further information on patent family information in PATENTSCOPE

Further to the PATENTSCOPE news in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2021 that patent family information has been extended to include patent documents available by both the PCT and Paris Convention routes, and that webinars would be given on this topic on 23 and 25 March 2021, please note that the PowerPoint presentation used for those webinars is now available in PDF format at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=533960

⁷ In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.26 and 21.27 (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html>).

Practical Advice

(1) Clarification concerning the footnote to the Practical Advice in PCT Newsletter No. 04/2021

Last month's "Practical Advice" contained a footnote regarding the acceptance by the receiving Office of the International Bureau of international applications filed electronically using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing, and until 30 June 2021, using the PCT-SAFE software or offline filings. For the sake of clarity, the footnote should have included the text in bold italics, below:

It is recalled that the receiving Office of the IB, which accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing, is competent to act as receiving Office for applicants who are nationals and/or residents of any PCT Contracting State. It also currently accepts electronic filings using the PCT-SAFE software or offline filings ***on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R)***, but only until 30 June 2021.

(2) Problem encountered when filing an international application using ePCT-Filing where the International Bureau has not been notified of a closed date at the receiving Office

Q: For reasons beyond our control, my company failed to file an international application before the expiration of 12 months from the priority date. I was made aware of this only today and we immediately tried to file it using ePCT, with the intention of requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3. Although the time limit for filing a request for restoration of the right of priority has also expired (yesterday), I expected the period to be extended, in accordance with PCT Rule 80.5(i), until today because my receiving Office was not open for business yesterday. However, the following error message appeared when I tried to validate the application in ePCT:

"Prevents filing: ...Priority claim is not valid: the filing date of the earlier application is outside the 12 months priority period and also outside the 2 months that follow the expiration of that period."

After checking the PCT website, I see that the closed date for my receiving Office is not listed. Is it possible, therefore, that the ePCT system is giving me an incorrect error message due to the fact that the closed date has not been recorded in the system? What can be done in such a situation to ensure that the international application is filed successfully today?

A: If your receiving Office is closed for business on a day on which a time limit under the PCT expires (including the time limit for requesting restoration of the right of priority of 12 months from the priority date plus two months (PCT Rule 26bis.3(e)), the ePCT system would normally take into account the fact that there is a closed date at the receiving Office, and that, in accordance with PCT Rule 80.5, the applicable time limit would expire on the next day on which the Office concerned is open for business. In such a case, ePCT would allow you to file your application, while displaying the following warning message:

"The priority claim is eligible for restoration. The filing date is outside the 12 months priority period but within the 2 months that follow the expiration of that period. IMPORTANT - You may wish to consider requesting the receiving Office to restore the right of priority in relation to this earlier application (PCT Rule 26bis.3). If you choose not to request restoration of the right of priority at this stage, or if your request for restoration of

the right of priority is refused by the receiving Office, it is important to note that all PCT time limits will nevertheless be calculated from the date of the earliest indicated priority claim, even if that date is outside the 12 months priority period but within the 2 months that follow the expiration of that period.”

However, it would appear that, in this particular case, the International Bureau (IB) was not notified by the receiving Office about the closed date in question, and that, consequently, this information was not recorded in the IB’s database. If the receiving Office had notified the IB of the closed date in advance, this would have enabled the ePCT system to take the closed date into account for the purposes of correctly calculating the time limits.

The IB relies on PCT receiving Offices to notify it of all closed dates throughout the year, so that it can include these in the reference data used by ePCT for business rules validations. The IB endeavors to ensure that receiving Offices submit information on their closed dates by sending regular requests for this information to all receiving Offices. However, not all Offices respond to these requests, and some Offices which do normally submit their closed dates might occasionally inadvertently fail to do so. Furthermore, it can also be very difficult for the Office to notify the IB in advance in the case where it is closed unexpectedly due to an emergency, which we have experienced recently with the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation you find yourself in is generally quite rare, however, as most Offices do notify the IB of their closed dates well in advance, whenever possible.

Office closed dates that have been notified to the IB can be found in ePCT on the Office Profiles page at:

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

and are also available at:

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

Although there is unlikely to be sufficient time to have the problem regarding the apparent missing closed date in the ePCT database resolved on the same day (particularly if there is a significant time difference between your location and WIPO Headquarters), there is a possible workaround which would enable you to successfully file your application today using ePCT. This would be to:

- file the application without the priority claim in question in order to ensure that you are able to validate and file the application in ePCT; and, at the same time
- submit an accompanying letter in which you request the addition of the priority claim under PCT Rule 26bis.1(a).

Your letter should explain that the Office was closed on the last day of the time limit for requesting the restoration of the right of priority, a date which has apparently not been notified to the IB and recorded in its database. You should attach the letter as “general correspondence” in the Accompanying Documents section of ePCT.

Information on adding a priority claim, with the result that this extends the period between the earliest priority date and the international filing date to over 12 months, was published in a Practical Advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2010/pct_news_2010_02.pdf

Please note that you can only file requests for restoration of the right of priority with receiving Offices which have not made a reservation under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j), and that not all designated Offices will accept the decision of the receiving Office. Furthermore, you must also ensure that you file your request for restoration of the right of priority today, together with the necessary statement of reasons and declarations or other evidence described in PCT Rule 26bis.3(b)(ii) and (iii), as the time limit for doing so expires today. For further information on requesting the restoration of the right of priority, please refer to the Practical Advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2015 at:

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

and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 5.062 – 5.069 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

If you encounter a problem when trying to file a PCT application using ePCT-Filing, you can contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at WIPO at:

e-mail: pct.eservices@wipo.int

telephone: (+41–22) 338 9523

or, where Help Desk staff are available, enter your question via online Chat at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 20 May 2021)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
18-20 May 2021 Online seminar	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
27 September 2021 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT within the framework of the CEIPI basic course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
30 September 2021 Virtual lecture	English	Lecture on the PCT within the framework of the IP Paralegal Conference 2021 WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
6 October 2021 Online seminar	German	Update lecture on the PCT within the framework of an IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Ms. Ingrid Jahr) E-mail: Ingrid.jahr@kuhnen-wacker.com
7 October 2021 Ecully (FR) <i>(previously scheduled for 8 April 2021)</i>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
24-26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Silke Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
25 May 2021 11:00 – 12:00 Moscow time (10:00 – 11:00 CET)	Russian	PCT system: Introduction to the PCT system WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova and Ms. Morgulova	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3675961355419112975
27 May 2021 09:00 – 10:00 CEST	Korean	"Exploring the PCT" webinar series: Best practices to file an international application WIPO speaker: Mr. T. Kim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1298150912447245837
27 May 2021 11:00 – 12:30 Moscow time (10:00 – 11:30 CET)	Russian	PCT system: Rospatent's experience as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority WIPO speaker: Ms. Morgulova Other speakers: two speakers from Rospatent	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4340943788520219150

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PCT Webinars [continued]			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
27 May 2021 14:30 – 15:30 CEST	English	“Exploring the PCT” webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Kang	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4967985375010202126?source=PCT+Newsletter
27 May 2021 (Day 1) 17:00 – 18:30 CEST 28 May 2021 (Day 2) 17:00 – 18:45 CEST	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives (Canadian Series) WIPO speaker on the PCT (Day 2): Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Tang, Mr. Kleib, Mr. Bisson, Ms. Roenning and Ms. Wollgast and others to be announced Speakers from Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO): Mr. Georganas, Ms. Golden, Mr. Villemaire, Ms. Nish	Registration (Day 1, IP topics other than PCT): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6489094840229722384 Registration (Day 2, including PCT presentation): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4103100731886525965
1 June 2021 10:00 – 12:00 CEST	French	Fonctionnalités et avantages du dépôt en ligne avec ePCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Gros, Mr. Martin, Mr. Piriou and Ms. Gateau	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3729726375165726733
3 June 2021 (Day 1) 17:00 – 18:30 CEST 4 June 2021 (Day 2) 17:00 – 18:45 CEST	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives (Canadian Series) WIPO speaker on the PCT (Day 2): Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Bisson, Mr. Croze and Ms. Wollgast and others to be announced Speakers from CIPO: Mr. Pierre, Ms. Golden, Mr. Villemaire, Ms. Ethier, Ms. Nish	Registration (Day 1, IP topics other than PCT): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2006372739690369550 Registration (Day 2, including PCT presentation): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7623256477444406285
5 July 2021 09:00 – 12:00 CEST	French	Journée PCT (Session annuelle de mise à jour sur le PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other speaker: Mr. Bogliolo (European Patent Office)	Compagnie Nationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (CNCPI) (Ms. Caroline Sennedot) E-mail: caroline.sennedot@cncpi.fr Registration: https://www.cncpi.fr/la_cncpi/presentation_generale/Juillet-2021_Session_PCT_Interventions_OEB_OMPI_WEBINAR_Inscription

PATENTSCOPE Webinars			
<i>(www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)</i>			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
8 June 2021 17:30 – 18:30 CEST or 10 June 2021 8:30 – 9:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE: the result list WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1347494795527586060
13 July 2021 17:30 – 18:30 CEST or 15 July 2021 8:30 – 9:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE: an overview WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7533110818395411980

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2021, 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 –	BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
IA	international application	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYN	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
ISR	international search report	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CUP	Cuban peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,860	21	–	280	420	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: ⁹ 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,928 (from 1.6.21: 1,782)	22 (20)	– (–)	290 (268)	435 (402)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,170	100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DO	USD 316	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453 or EUR 1,233	16 14	– –	218 185	328 278	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR 75	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,028	12	–	155	232	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	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 444,200	5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 93 or USD ¹⁴ 109	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,233 or USD 1,453	15 14 16	100 93 109	200 185 218	300 278 328	See footnote 15
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN SE US (from 1.7.21: JP)
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 184,200	2,100	–	27,700	41,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 153,600	1,700	–	–	34,600	EP JP SG (from 1.7.21: IN)
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU XV

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

(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ²⁰	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,750	140	–	1,920	2,880	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,025	23	–	305	457	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ²⁰	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	ATAU EG EP US
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,990 ²⁴	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,920 (from 1.6.21: 12,280)	150 (140)	– (–)	1,940 (1,850)	2,910 (2,770)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV		None ²⁶	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
UG	UGX —	UGX eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	—	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 130 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 65 ²⁸	USD 1,453	16	109	218	—	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,453	16	—	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	—	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,453	16	—	—	—	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 22,660 (from 1.6.21: 20,630)	260 (230)	— (—)	3,410 (3,100)	5,110 (4,650)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	—	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.7.21:	CHF 1,915 ZAR 30,610)	KRW 2,422,000	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091	ZAR*	32,730		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,697	CHF 1,573 ZAR 24,970	EUR 1,429	KRW 1,829,000	NZD 2,379	SGD 2,150			
BR ³	Online: *(from 1.7.21:	BRL 1,685 USD 302)	CHF 274	EUR 254	USD* 318				
	On paper: *(from 1.7.21:	BRL 2,525 USD 453)	CHF 411	EUR 381	USD* 476				
CA	CAD 1,632	CHF* 1,134	EUR 1,060	USD 1,243	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF 1,218)			
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,831	EUR 1,697						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :	USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339					
	In case of filing by a university ³² :	USD 300	CHF 275	EUR 255					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF* 283	EUR 262	USD 309	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF 301)			
EG ³³	EGP 4,000	CHF 233	EUR 216	USD 254					
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,775 JPY 221,100 ZAR** 32,730	CHF 1,915 NOK* 19,310	DKK 13,210 NZD 2,942	GBP* 1,613 SEK 18,610	HUF 639,500 SGD 2,846	ISK* 288,600 USD 2,091			
	* (from 1.6.21:	GBP 1,526	ISK 268,000	NOK 17,880)					
	** (from 1.7.21:	ZAR 30,610)							
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091						
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091						
IL	ILS 3,553	CHF 976	EUR 903	USD 1,107					
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 125	EUR 116	USD 137	(from 1.7.21:	JPY 14,400)			
	In case of filing by an individual:								
	INR 2,500	CHF 31	EUR 29	USD 34	(from 1.7.21:	JPY 3,600)			
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 *(from 1.6.21:	CHF 606 KRW 714,000)	EUR 562	KRW* 767,000	USD 662				
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 1,351	EUR 1,252	SGD 2,008	USD 1,476				
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean: SGD 529	KRW 450,000 USD 389	AUD 541	CHF 356	EUR 330	NZD 585			
	For IAs in English: SGD 1,410	KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,036	AUD 1,443	CHF 949	EUR 879	NZD 1,561			
PH	USD 1,000	CHF 916	EUR 849						
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :	USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339					

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF*	99	EUR	92	USD	115			
	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF	106)									
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF*	467	EUR	433	USD	543			
	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF	498)									
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK*	288,600	NOK*	19,310
	USD	2,091										
	*(from 1.6.21:	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880)							
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR*	33,650		
	*(from 1.7.21:	ZAR	31,120)									
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR*	16,830	
	*(from 1.7.21:	ZAR	15,560)									
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR*	8,410	
	*(from 1.7.21:	ZAR	7,780)									
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK*	288,600	NOK*	19,310	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
	*(from 1.6.21:	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880)							
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 917
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,284
	CHF 1,834	
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 138 (from 1.6.21: CHF 147)	CHF 200
	CHF 221 ³⁹ (from 1.6.21: CHF 235)	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 76
		CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

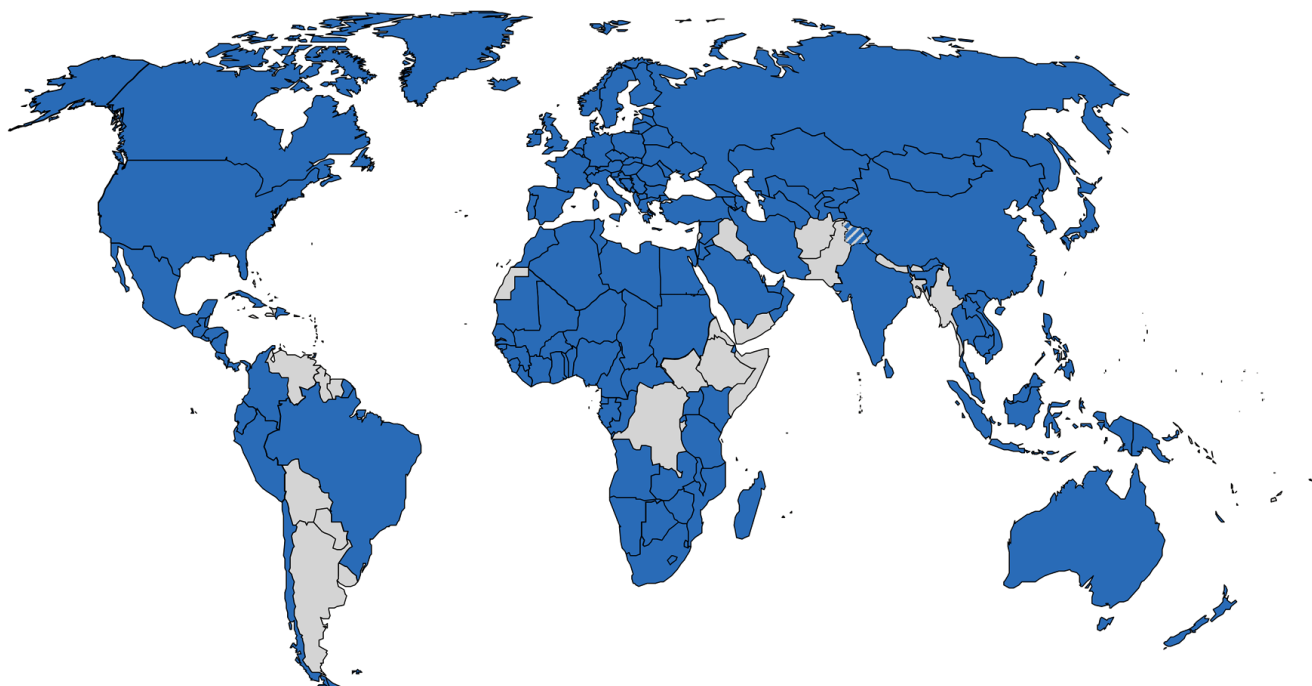
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁰		Handling fee^{2, 40}(CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ³¹		EUR 185
AU	AUD	590	820 ⁴¹	AUD 280
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸		BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	816		CAD 290 (from 1.6.21: 268)
CL	USD	1,500		USD 218
		in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		
		in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300		
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP	3,000		USD 218
EP	EUR	1,830 ³⁴		EUR 185
ES	EUR	589.48 ³⁴		EUR 185
FI	EUR	600		EUR 185
IL	ILS	1,523		ILS 745
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500			USD 218
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000		JPY 23,100
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW 253,000
PH	USD	500		USD 218
	Small entity or government: ³⁷ USD	200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴²	6,750 ⁴³	USD 218
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴²	24,000 ⁴³	
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,940 (from 1.6.21: 1,850)
SG	SGD	830		SGD 297
TR	TRY	1,000		CHF 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50			EUR 185
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			
US	USD	640	800 ⁴⁴	USD 218
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD	320	400 ⁴⁴	
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD	160	200 ⁴⁴	
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK 1,380
XV	EUR	900		EUR 185

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus 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.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 May 2021)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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PCT Working Group

The fourteenth session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 14 to 17 June 2021 in hybrid format.

Strengthening PCT Safeguards in Case of General Disruption

The Working Group agreed to submit amendments to PCT Rule 82*quater* for approval by the PCT Assembly at its next session in October 2021 (please refer to document PCT/WG/14/11) to:

- allow an Office to waive the need for evidence when an interested party requests an excuse of delay in meeting a time limit in the PCT Regulations; and
- allow an Office experiencing a general disruption to establish renewable periods of extension of up to two months during which all time limits in the PCT Regulations that expire during the period would be extended to the end of that period.

The Working Group also discussed a report on the experiences of offices in the implementation of the “Interpretative statement and Recommended Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Practice Changes in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic” that it issued on 9 April 2020 (document PCT/WG/14/9).

Certified Copies of Earlier International Applications

The Working Group considered options to allow record copies of international applications to be used as the basis of certified copies in the case where an international application is used as the basis of a priority claim in a later application (document PCT/WG/14/16). Delegations broadly supported an option based on the International Bureau (IB) placing a copy of the earlier international application into the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) on behalf of the receiving Office. However, certain delegations raised some issues, including whether the number of applications involved would justify the IT development costs required to implement this option, and whether either the proposed method of certification or the proposed form of any certificate would meet the requirements of Article 4D(3) of the Paris Convention. The Working Group invited the interested parties to address the issues raised during the session and to bring a revised proposal to the next session of the Working Group.

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Sequence Listings Task Force

The Working Group noted a document reporting on the work of the Task Force on Sequence Listings (document PCT/WG/14/5). Regarding the implementation timeline, the Secretariat noted that the Task Force was considering a recommendation to delay the “big-bang” date and invited any Offices that were not already participating to join the discussions in that forum¹.

Formal Integration of the Patent Prosecution Highway into the PCT

The Working Group considered a proposal by Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States of America to amend the PCT Regulations and modify the Administrative Instructions to provide for expedited national phase examination through formal integration of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) into the PCT System (document PCT/WG/14/10). While a number of delegations expressed interest in the proposal, some delegations raised concerns, notably regarding the workload for the Offices, a need for greater flexibility for processing PPH requests, and how the proposal related to the goals of the PCT System. The Working Group invited Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States of America to consider the comments raised during the session and submit a revised proposal at a future session of the Working Group.

Electronic Services

The Working Group approved the general direction of proposals to move towards full text processing of international applications and invited the IB to continue working with Offices and user groups to implement this goal (document PCT/WG/14/8).

The Working Group also noted a report concerning ongoing initiatives to improve PCT electronic services. Several receiving Offices that continue to accept PCT-SAFE filings updated the Working Group on their preparations that would enable the IB to decommission PCT-SAFE, where support is expected to end on 1 July 2022.

Other Issues

The Working Group also noted reports concerning:

- coordination of patent examiner training (document PCT/WG/14/13);
- a survey on the use of e-learning resources for the training of substantive patent examiners (document PCT/WG/14/15);
- coordination of technical assistance under the PCT (document PCT/WG/14/17);
- the PCT minimum documentation task force (document PCT/WG/14/4);
- the evaluation phase of the IP5 PCT Collaborative Search and Examination pilot (document PCT/WG/14/6). This phase, which involves the IB surveying pilot participants, began in 2020 and will finish in June 2022;
- a pilot where the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office as designated Office has provided feedback to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, IP Australia and the

¹ The Task Force has since reached an agreement on postponing the “big-bang” date until 1 July 2022 and has invited the IB to issue a Circular to consult all IP Offices on the postponement.

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore on international search reports established by them as International Searching Authorities (ISAs). The United States Patent and Trademark Office joined the pilot as an ISA in early 2021, and further ISAs were invited to participate (document PCT/WG/14/12);

- the WIPO Fee Transfer service (document PCT/WG/14/7);
- the twenty-eighth session of the Meeting of the International Authorities under the PCT (document PCT/WG/14/2 and *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2021); and
- international applications linked to United Nations Security Council Sanctions (document PCT/WG/14/3).

Summary and Documents

The Summary by the Chair (document PCT/WG/14/18) is available from the same page as the working documents on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62348

A draft report of the meeting will also be made available on that page in due course.

Online Payment of PCT fees deployed on WIPO's Payments Platform

Filing fees payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) and fees for supplementary international search payable to the IB

Since 14 June 2021, the online payment of the following PCT-related fees is managed via WIPO's Payments platform:

- fees due for filing new international applications at RO/IB (in CHF, EUR, USD); and
- fees due for supplementary international search payable to the IB (in CHF only).

The methods of online payment, as well as the corresponding currencies accepted per method, remain unchanged:

- current account at WIPO (CHF only);
- credit card (CHF, EUR, USD; American Express in CHF only);
- PayPal (CHF, EUR, USD); and
- bank transfer (CHF, EUR, USD).

There is no change to the current process for accessing the online payment functionality, so users should continue to proceed as usual, however, they will notice that there is a new user interface. Screen shots of the new interface are reproduced at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1597>

If your WIPO Account is linked to a Current Account at WIPO, it will be set as the default payment method, although it is possible to select either credit card or PayPal as an alternative payment method. Furthermore, if you access the Payments platform directly from ePCT, it is no longer necessary to re-enter the username and password for the Current Account, thanks to improved integration between ePCT and the Payments platform.

Please note that “Bank Transfer” is not available as an alternative payment method for holders of a Current Account at WIPO when paying fees in CHF, as any such transfers made in CHF are automatically processed as topping up the balance of the Current Account.

For more information on the online payment of PCT fees to WIPO, please refer to:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1597>

The Payments platform is available at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/v2/summary.xhtml>

For further information and assistance regarding the Payments platform, please contact:

<https://www3.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=finance>

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 that, with effect from 1 August 2021, it will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. The Office will accept international applications filed in electronic form using ePCT-Filing. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Offices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 24 June 2021 at:

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

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

European Patent Office will no longer accept EPO New Online Filing (CMS)

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2022, it will no longer accept, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications (as well as other documents and correspondence relating to international applications) filed using EPO New Online Filing (CMS) (formerly known as EPO Case Management System). CMS will be replaced by the new web-based filing service, “Online Filing 2.0”, which was launched on 1 April 2021, and which integrates for PCT applications and other documents relating to such applications the relevant features of ePCT (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2021).

This means that, as from 1 January 2022, the means available for filing with the EPO international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form will be:

- EPO Online Filing 2.0;
- ePCT-Filing;

- EPO Online Filing; and
- EPO Web-Form Filing.

Please note also that Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R if EPO Online Filing is used.

This information updates the notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form that was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 18 March 2021 at:

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

For further information on the decommissioning of CMS and on getting started with Online Filing 2.0, please refer to the May 2021 issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO, at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/05/a43/2021-a43.pdf>

Offices that will stop accepting international applications filed using PCT-SAFE

Canadian Intellectual Property Office and International Bureau as receiving Offices (RO/CA and RO/IB) - reminder

As previously announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2021 (as well as Nos. 02 and 04/2021 for RO/IB), the RO/CA and the RO/IB will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software with effect from 1 July 2021. Any PCT-SAFE users who file with the RO/CA or the RO/IB are strongly advised to start using ePCT-Filing as soon as possible. All PCT-SAFE draft applications for filing with RO/CA or RO/IB should be submitted before midnight (local time) at the selected RO on 30 June 2021.

All PCT-SAFE users are advised to move to ePCT-Filing – if accepted by their chosen receiving Office – at their earliest convenience. For the current list of receiving Offices for which ePCT-Filing is available, please refer to:

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

For further information and assistance with the transition from PCT-SAFE to ePCT-Filing, please contact the PCT Operations Customer Support Section at: pct.eservices@wipo.int

PCT Statistics 2020

The PCT Yearly Review, 2021 edition

The 2021 edition of the PCT Yearly Review summarizes PCT activities and developments in 2020. It contains a comprehensive set of statistics relating to PCT filings (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technical field) and the performance of the international patent system in 2020, as well as statistics relating to national phase entries in 2019 (the latest available year). It also contains information on a special theme (described below) and a summary of the advantages of the PCT.

The special theme in the PCT Yearly Review this year is a first insight into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on PCT applications filed in 2020. The measures taken to limit the spread of the virus, together with the pandemic itself, led to immediate and substantial social and economic disruption globally, resulting in a drop in global gross domestic product. Despite this global economic recession, the number of PCT applications filed grew by 4% that year.

Furthermore, in the first part of the year, the share of filings in the electrical engineering sector decreased, mainly in favor of innovations in biosciences and chemistry, suggesting that PCT applicants adapted quickly to the new context. The article points out that filing activity in general slowed at the beginning of the pandemic, rebounded from July to September, and started to fall again when the virus peaked again later in the year. Comparisons are made between the effect on PCT filings of the 2008 financial crisis and of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the evolution of filings in different geographical areas is highlighted.

The PCT Yearly Review is available in English at:

<https://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4548&plang=EN>

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

United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business on 18 June 2021

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 18 June 2021, which was considered to be a Federal holiday.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach that Office fell on that day, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day, which was 21 June 2021.

PCT Information Update

CL Chile (telephone numbers)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has deleted one of its telephone numbers. The number to be used is now as follows:

Telephone: (56-2) 28 87 05 51

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

EP European Patent Office (electronic filing)

For information on the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office no longer accepting EPO New Online Filing (CMS) with effect from 1 January 2022, please refer to "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications," above.

GR Greece (telephone numbers; notifications via e-mail; number of copies required)

The Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece) has changed one of its telephone numbers. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (30-210) 618 36 67, 618 35 08

In addition, the Office now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications. Furthermore, the Office in its capacity as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it now requires one copy of the international application on paper, instead of three.

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

IS Iceland (discontinuance of use of fax machine)

With effect from 1 January 2021, the Icelandic Patent Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

ME Montenegro (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 August 2021, by the Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro) 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, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

MT Malta (name of Office; fax number)

The name of the Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Businesses (Malta) has changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Industrial Property Registrations Directorate
Commerce Department
Ministry for the Economy and Industry (Malta)

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine.

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

MX Mexico (paper copies)

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property in its capacity as receiving Office has notified the IB that it now requires one copy of the international application on paper, instead of three.

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

Search fee (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 August 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Canadian Intellectual Property Office	USD
China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)...	USD
European Patent Office	JPY
Japan Patent Office	EUR

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (CA, CN, EP and JP))

PCT Resources in Japanese

As regular visitors to the PCT website may have noticed in recent years, the PCT Legal and User Relations Division and other parts of the Patents and Technology Sector at WIPO have been working hard to provide PCT information resources in the 10 PCT publication languages. As far as information in Japanese is concerned, PCT resources have already been available in Japanese for our large number of Japanese-speaking users for many years. For instance, the *PCT Newsletter* has, since 2003, been translated every month into Japanese and published on the PCT website (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/newslett/index.html>). This article highlights some of the many other resources that are now available in Japanese from WIPO's "PCT – The International Patent System" web page. We kindly encourage Japanese-speaking users to share information about the availability of these resources with others who may not be particularly proficient in English, and may not be aware of how much information is currently available in Japanese.

In order to find out what is available in Japanese (or any of the other eight non-English PCT publication languages), the language other than English can be selected from the drop-down menu at the top right hand side of the page at:

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

In the case of the PCT resources in Japanese, you can also simply go directly to:

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

Some of the PCT resources that are available in Japanese are listed below:

- Learning about the PCT:
 - A short overview video on the PCT: Seeking Patent Protection Beyond Borders (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/index.html>);
 - Information for newcomers to the PCT (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/users/index.html>);
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the PCT (https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf);
 - *Learn the PCT* video series (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/training/index.html>);
 - PCT seminars (https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/seminar/basic_1/index.html) and webinars (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/seminar/webinars/index.html>);
 - Distance Learning Course: Introduction to the PCT (https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=courseCatalog.xhtml&lang=jp&cc=PCT_101J#plus_PCT_101J);
 - *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/guide/index.html>);

- PCT Legal Resources:
 - Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations under the PCT (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/index.html>);
- Filing PCT applications:
 - ePCT (WIPO IP Portal) (<https://pct.wipo.int>) (please select Japanese from the drop-down menu);
 - the request and demand forms (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.html>)
 - direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/filing/filing.html>);
 - PCT Time Limit Calculator (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/calculator/index.jsp>);
- PCT News:
 - *PCT Newsletter* (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/newslett/index.html>);
 - PCT Highlights: a high-level overview of recent and future developments in the PCT (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/highlights/>);
 - Summary of the Patent Cooperation Treaty Yearly Review (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/activity/>);
 - COVID-19 update: information about WIPO’s response to COVID-19, including information on excuse of delays in carrying out certain actions and paying certain fees, as well as its transmittal of PCT documents and notifications in electronic form only (https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/covid_19/covid_update.html);
- Contact information (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/index.html>).

The following messages of appreciation regarding PCT resources in Japanese were received by the International Bureau from Japanese-speaking PCT users:

“In the monthly *PCT Newsletter*, we regularly check the practical advice and the latest topics from Patent Offices.”

“The Japanese translation of the Practical Advice is especially helpful for us to understand the complex legal questions and the advice.”

“The *PCT Newsletter* provides the latest information which is indispensable for our daily work. For example, we find the articles on Rules changes, the Patent Offices, and ePCT very useful. We appreciate that the *PCT Newsletter* explains upcoming Rule changes very clearly and at an early stage.”

“We find the latest information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic on the PCT website is especially useful. We regularly check this page and share the information among our colleagues and clients.”

“We regularly consult the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* and its Annexes. In addition, the page “Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office (RO/IB): <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/filing.html>” is a great page to consult, and is recommended for anyone new to the PCT system.”

New/Updated PCT Resources

Webinar recordings

WIPO Sequence Validator

A recording is available of the webinar entitled “WIPO Sequence Validator”, which took place on 12 May 2021; you can listen to the recording by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF versions of the presentation and the questions and answers from the webinar, at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62850

WIPO ST.26: Advanced

A recording is available of the webinar entitled “WIPO ST.26: Advanced”, which took place on 19 May 2021; you can listen to the recording by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF versions of the presentation and the questions and answers from the webinar, at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62851

Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference

A recording is available of the webinar in the “Exploring the PCT” webinar series, entitled “Understanding PCT incorporation by reference”, which took place on 27 May 2021; you can listen to the recording by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF version of the presentation, at:

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

Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: ePCT, filing an international application with RO/IB

Recordings are available of the webinars entitled “Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: ePCT, filing an international application with RO/IB”, which took place on 2 and 3 June 2021; you can listen to the recordings by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF version of the presentation, at:

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

Webinar in Arabic

A recorded webinar in the “Exploring the PCT” webinar series, entitled “Best practices for filing a PCT application”, is now available in Arabic; you can listen to the recording by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF version of the presentation, at, respectively:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/3420069816628351752> and

https://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/seminar/webinars/2021/8_6_2021.pdf

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitation

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO (IB) and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from “WPTD Office – World Patent & Trademark Database”. To view an example of the invitation, as well as the many other examples that have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, please refer to:

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

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

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

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

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

Practical Advice

Addressing a finding of lack of unity of invention by the ISA

Q: I have received from the International Searching Authority (ISA) an invitation to pay additional search fees due to the finding by the ISA that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention (Form PCT/ISA/206). The ISA has notified me that, unless the additional fees are paid, the ISA will establish the International Search Report (ISR) only on those parts of the international application that relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims. I disagree with the ISA’s finding of lack of unity and would still like to have all the claims searched. Is there a way to respond to the lack of unity finding without having to pay the additional fees?

A: The search fee is intended to cover the cost to the ISA of carrying out an international search on the international application (as well as for performing all other tasks relating to the

search), but only to the extent that the application meets the requirement of unity of invention.² If the ISA finds that there is a lack of unity of invention, it is entitled to request the applicant to pay an additional search fee for each additional invention (PCT Rule 40.1).

If you fail to pay the additional search fees as invited within one month from the date of mailing of the invitation, the ISA will not search the inventions for which the additional fees are required. You will receive an ISR and a written opinion of the ISA (WO-ISA) based only on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims (“the main invention”), that is, it will cover only certain claims as indicated in Form PCT/ISA/206. If you pay all the additional search fees requested within the above-mentioned time limit, the ISR will include the results of the search of all inventions in the application. Accordingly, to have all claims searched, you must pay the additional fees determined by the ISA.

If you disagree with the finding of lack of unity of invention by the ISA, you have the option of paying the additional fees under protest (PCT Rule 40.2(c)). To use the protest procedure, you would need to:

- pay the additional search fees (within the applicable time limit), and a protest fee, if the ISA charges such a fee - please refer to the information on your ISA in Annex D of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*³; and
- file a reasoned statement explaining why you consider that unity of invention has been complied with, or that the number of additional fees required is excessive.

Once the fees have been paid, your protest would then be examined by a review body constituted within the ISA, which, if it finds your protest justified, would order the reimbursement to you of the additional fees, either totally or partially, depending on its conclusions. Any protest fee that has been paid would also be refunded if the review body finds that the protest was fully justified. On the request of the applicant, the text of both the protest statement and decision thereon would be notified to the designated (or elected) Offices together with the ISR (PCT Rule 40.2(c)).

Please be aware that if you do not pay the additional fees to the ISA, and you subsequently file a demand for international preliminary examination, the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) is not obliged to examine any claims relating to an invention in respect of which no ISR has been established (PCT Rule 66.1(e)), and, in practice, it would not do so. Note also that the IPEA may reach a different conclusion from the ISA on the question of lack of unity of invention and if the IPEA finds that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with, it may choose to invite the applicant, at his/her option to restrict the claims or to pay additional fees (PCT Rule 68.2).

You also have the possibility to file informal comments on the WO-ISA, arguing against the findings of the ISA that the application lacks unity of invention (provided that you do not file a demand for international preliminary examination). Informal comments are not examined but are made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE as from the date of publication, and forwarded to the designated/elected Offices for consideration in the national phase. For further information

² According to PCT Rule 13.1, the international application must relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

³ Note that, although an additional fee is required for each separate invention, only one protest fee is payable (where applicable), regardless of the number of additional search fees that you have been invited to pay.

on informal comments please refer to the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 01/2015 and 04/2015 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2015/pct_news_2015_13.pdf

Note that if you request supplementary international search, while you may indicate that the supplementary international search should be restricted to one of the inventions as identified by the ISA (PCT Rule 45bis.1(d)), the SISA may, similarly to the IPEA, exclude from the search any claims that were not the subject of the international search (PCT Rule 45bis.5(d)). For further information on the supplementary international searches offered by certain Authorities, see the SISA Annex of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Although you do have the opportunity to amend the claims before each designated Office under PCT Article 28 (or each elected Office under PCT Article 41, as the case may be) upon entry into the national phase to satisfy any national requirements on unity of invention, you should be aware that such amendments must not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed unless the national law of the designated (or elected) State permits this (PCT Articles 28(2) and 41(2)). Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Articles 17(3)(b) and 34(3)(c), the national law of any designated (or elected) State may provide that, if its national Office is of the opinion that the finding of lack of unity of invention by the ISA is justified, any unsearched parts of the international application are considered withdrawn as far as that State is concerned unless a fee is paid by the applicant. In practice, some Offices require the payment of an additional fee for the national search of the unsearched parts, while other Offices require the filing of divisional applications and the payment of related filing fees concerned (details are given in the respective National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*). However, in some cases, if a designated (or elected) Office does not agree with a decision made by the ISA, for example, because the applicant has convincingly argued through the informal comments on the WO-ISA or in response to the written opinion of the IPEA that the requirement of unity of invention is satisfied, the Office concerned may carry out an additional search and examination without requesting additional fees or the filing of divisional applications.

In conclusion, it is not possible to respond to the lack of unity of invention finding and have all claims searched without paying the additional fees. If, however, you decide not to pay the additional fees in the international phase, you may still have the possibility of addressing the issue in the national phase, as indicated above, but you may need to pay a special fee for the unsearched parts or to file divisional applications at each designated Office.

Further information on the requirement of unity of invention can be found in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex B, at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai/annex_b.html

as well as in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 5.114 to 5.123 and 7.015 to 7.021 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

PCT Seminar Calendar

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)
(situation on 22 June 2021)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
27 September 2021 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT within the framework of the CEIPI basic course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
30 September 2021 Virtual lecture	English	Lecture on the PCT within the framework of the IP Paralegal Conference 2021 WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
6 October 2021 Online seminar	English	Overview of the PCT procedure within the framework of an IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Mr. Rainer K. Kuhnen and Dr. Christian Thomas) e-mail: seminars@kuhnen-wacker.com
7 October 2021 Ecully (FR) <i>(previously scheduled for 8 April 2021)</i>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
24-26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
22 June 2021 10:00 – 11:00 CEST	French	PCT System: Best practices to file an international application WIPO speakers: Mr. Roy and Ms. Gateau	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2587425054145363726
22 June 2021 11:00 – 12.30 Moscow time (10:00 – 11:30 CEST)	Russian	PCT System: Fees and benefits WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova and Ms. Morgulova	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2972907232340108047?source=Code
23 June 2021 09:00 – 10:00 CEST	Chinese	PCT System: Best practices to file an international application WIPO speakers: Mr. Yu and Mr. Zhou	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6747489969804175373
22 June 2021 15:00 – 16:00 CEST	Portuguese	PCT System: Best practices to file an international application WIPO speakers: Ms. Nhane and Mr. Perez	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/563815684603379983

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
23 June 2021 17:00 – 18:00 CEST	Spanish	PCT System: Best practices to file an international application WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernandez Vigaud and Mr. Perez Gomes	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/213819143311976974
24 June 2021 15:00 – 16:00 CEST	English	PCT System: How to best utilize PCT declarations WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Kang	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7553225284819874315
29 June 2021 14:30 – 15:30 CEST	German	PCT System: Best practices to file an international application WIPO speakers: Mr. Henninger and Ms. Schumm	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2239661620689095951
30 June 2021 09:00 – 10:00 CEST	Chinese	PCT System: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference WIPO speakers: Mr. Yu and Mr. Zhou	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2456516100036364557
1 July 2021 14:30 – 15:30 CEST	German	PCT System: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference WIPO speakers: Mr. Henninger and Ms. Schumm	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1147627771712470798
5 July 2021 09:00 – 12:00 CEST	French	Journée PCT (Session annuelle de mise à jour sur le PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other speaker: Mr. Bogliolo (European Patent Office)	Compagnie Nationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (CNCPI) (Ms. Caroline Sennedot) E-mail: caroline.sennedot@cncpi.fr Registration: https://www.cncpi.fr/la_cncpi/presentation_generale/Juillet-2021_Session_PCT_Interventions_OEB_OMPI_WEBINAR_Inscription

PATENTSCOPE Webinars (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
7 July 2021 16:00 – 17:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Summer Course – Session 1 (practical session, including exercises) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/urqz4jHdBoZxRM0ok4VgUW0M0eKKZg
13 July 2021 17:30 – 18:30 CEST or 15 July 2021 8:30 – 9:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE: an overview WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7533110818395411980
21 July 2021 16:00 – 17:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Summer Course – Session 2 (practical session, including exercises) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/urqz4jHdBoZxRM0ok4VgUW0M0eKKZg

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,860	21	–	280	420	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: ⁹ 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,782	20	–	268	402	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,170	100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DO	USD 316	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453 or EUR 1,233	16 14	– –	218 185	328 278	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR 75	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,028	12	–	155	232	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	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 444,200	5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 93 or USD ¹⁴ 109	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,233 or USD 1,453	15 14 16	100 93 109	200 185 218	300 278 328	Refer to footnote 15
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN SE US (from 1.7.21: JP)
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 184,200	2,100	–	27,700	41,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 153,600	1,700	–	–	34,600	EP JP SG (from 1.7.21: IN)
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU XV

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

(amounts on 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ²⁰	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	(from 1.8.21: 185)	(from 1.8.21: 278)	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CLEPESKRSE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,750	140	–	1,920	2,880	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,025	23	–	305	457	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ²⁰	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AUEGEPUS
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,990 ²⁴	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,280	140	–	1,850	2,770	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV		None ²⁶	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA

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

(amounts on 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
UG	UGX —	UGX eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	—	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 130 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 65 ²⁸	USD 1,453	16	109	218	—	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,453	16	—	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	—	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,453	16	—	—	—	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,630	230	—	3,100	4,650	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	—	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.7.21:	CHF 1,915 ZAR 30,610)	KRW 2,422,000	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091	ZAR*	32,730	
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,697	CHF 1,573 ZAR 24,970	EUR 1,429	KRW 1,829,000	NZD 2,379	SGD	2,150	
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.7.21:	BRL 1,685 USD 302)	CHF 274	EUR 254	USD*	318		
	On paper: *(from 1.7.21:	BRL 2,525 USD 453)	CHF 411	EUR 381	USD*	476		
CA	CAD 1,632	CHF 1,218	EUR 1,060	USD*	1,243	*(from 1.8.21:	USD 1,353)	
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,831	EUR 1,697					
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :	USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339				
	In case of filing by a university ³² :	USD 300	CHF 275	EUR 255				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 301	EUR 262	USD*	309	*(from 1.7.21:	USD 328)	
EG ³³	EGP 4,000	CHF 233	EUR 216	USD	254			
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,775 JPY** 221,100 ZAR* 32,730 * (from 1.7.21: ** (from 1.8.21:	CHF 1,915 NOK 17,880 ZAR 30,610) JPY 236,100)	DKK 13,210 NZD 2,942	GBP 1,526 SEK 18,610	HUF 639,500 SGD 2,846	ISK 268,000 USD 2,091		
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091					
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091					
IL	ILS 3,553	CHF 976	EUR 903	USD 1,107				
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 125 31	EUR 116 29	USD 137 34	(from 1.7.21:	JPY 14,400) (from 1.7.21:	JPY 3,600)	
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 * (from 1.8.21:	CHF 606 EUR 526)	EUR* 562	KRW 714,000	USD 662			
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000 * (from 1.8.21:	CHF 1,351 EUR 1,173)	EUR* 1,252	SGD 2,008	USD 1,476			
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean: SGD 529 For IAs in English: SGD 1,410	KRW 450,000 USD 389 KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,036	AUD 541 1,443	CHF 356 949	EUR 330 879	NZD 585 1,561		
PH	USD 1,000 Small entity or government ³⁷ :	CHF 916 USD 400	EUR 849 CHF 366	EUR 339				

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:		RUB	8,500	CHF	106	EUR	92	USD	115		
	For IAs in English:		RUB	40,000	CHF	498	EUR	433	USD	543		
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880
	USD	2,091										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118		
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353		
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR*	33,650		
	*(from 1.7.21:		ZAR	31,120)								
	For small entity ²⁹ :		USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR*	16,830
	*(from 1.7.21:		ZAR	15,560)								
	For micro entity ²⁹ :		USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR*	8,410
	*(from 1.7.21:		ZAR	7,780)								
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 917
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,284
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,834
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 147	CHF 200
	CHF 235 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

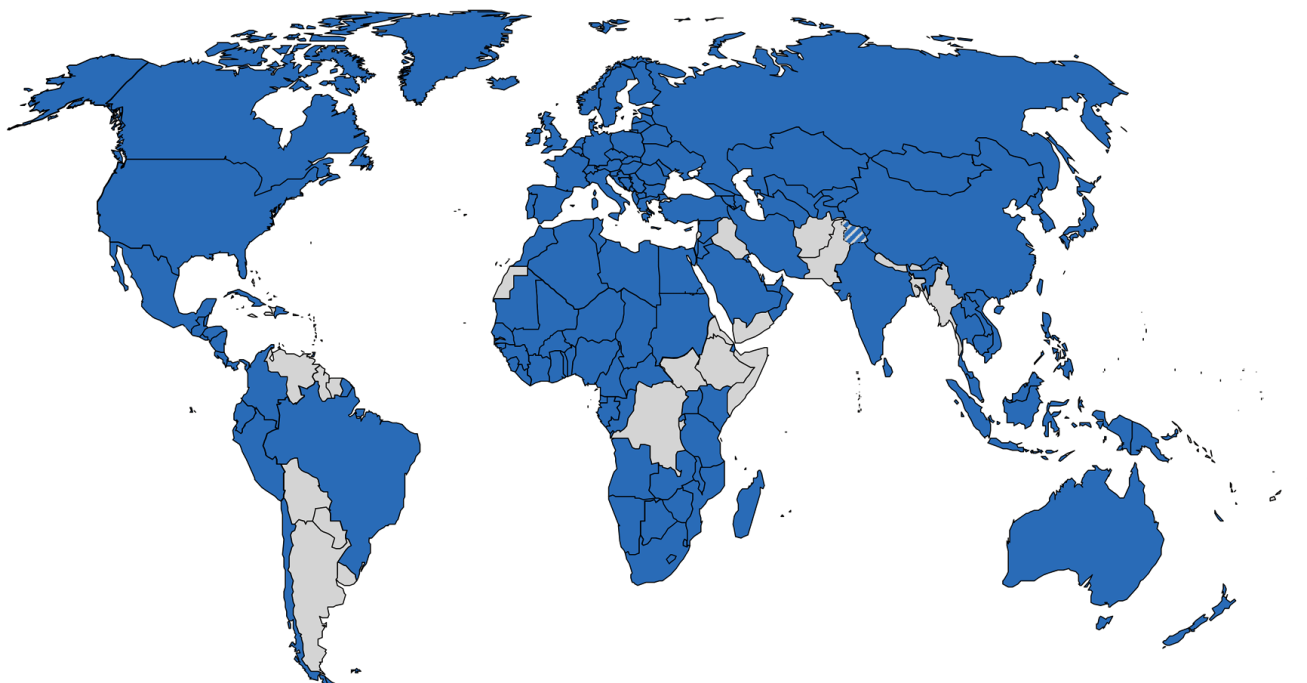
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁰	Handling fee^{2, 40}(CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 185
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴¹	AUD 280
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 816	CAD 268
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 218
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 218
EP	EUR 1,830 ³⁴	EUR 185
ES	EUR 589.48 ³⁴	EUR 185
FI	EUR 600	EUR 185
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 745
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000	USD 218
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 26,000 For IAs in English: JPY 58,000	JPY 23,100
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 253,000
PH	USD 500 Small entity or government: ³⁷ USD 200	USD 218
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³	USD 218
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,850
SG	SGD 830	SGD 297
TR	TRY 1,000	CHF 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70	EUR 185
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁴ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 320 400 ⁴⁴ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 160 200 ⁴⁴	USD 218
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,380
XV	EUR 900	EUR 185

[Footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should 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 (refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/mailling costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus 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.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshlyny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 June 2021)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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Filing and Processing of International Applications in Electronic Form

Ceasing of development, distribution and support for the PCT-SAFE software by the International Bureau

As from 30 June 2022, the International Bureau (IB) will end its development, distribution and support of the PCT-SAFE software; the final scheduled release will be in April 2022, and no further updates to the software will be provided after that date. It is recalled that since 1 July 2021, the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO) has no longer been accepting international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software. It is expected that the few remaining ROs that currently accept PCT-SAFE filings will notify the IB that they will no longer accept PCT-SAFE filings after 30 June 2022.

Any remaining PCT-SAFE users are strongly advised to transition to ePCT-Filing as soon as possible, if accepted by their competent RO¹. For the list of ROs which accept ePCT-Filings (currently 72 Offices²), please refer to:

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

The IB strongly advises applicants, as from 1 July 2022, **not** to prepare and file PCT applications using any existing versions of the PCT-SAFE software, even if an RO has not yet formally notified the IB by that date that it will no longer accept PCT-SAFE filings. Filers who use PCT-SAFE as from 1 July 2022 will do so at their own risk.

Very few applicants still file their international applications using PCT-SAFE, as the majority have already switched to using ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from its many safeguards and other advantages. The main benefits of ePCT-Filing are listed in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2020, page 3 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2020/pct_news_2020_10.pdf

For details on all the features available in ePCT, please refer to:

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

¹ It is recalled that nationals and/or residents of any PCT Contracting State may file a PCT application using ePCT if they file with RO/IB, provided that any applicable national security requirements have been met.

² The number of Offices will be 73 on 1 August 2021 as the Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro) as RO will start accepting such filings as from that date.

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

A number of webinars have been given recently on the subject of ePCT-Filing. You can listen to the webinar recordings by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF version of the presentations, at:

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

Further information on switching from PCT-SAFE to ePCT, with a particular emphasis on PCT applicants filing with the USPTO (which uses ePCT in combination with the USPTO's EFS-Web system) can be found at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/30/2020-18743/facilitating-the-use-of-the-world-intellectual-property-organizations-epct-system-to-prepare>

the "Practical Advice" published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2021, page 8, at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2021/pct_news_2021_1.pdf

PCT Newsletter No. 10/2020, page 2, at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2020/pct_news_2020_10.pdf

"Filing at RO/US using ePCT in combination with EFS-Web":

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=452>

Furthermore, a webinar about electronic filing with the USPTO ("ePCT-Filing with RO/US in combination with EFS-Web") will take place from 16:00 to 17:30 CEST (Central European Summer Time) (10:00 to 11:30 EDT (New York time)) on 5 August 2021. If you would like to attend, please register at:

https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c9-RykbQTsqDICSqnr8kDA

Finally, a wealth of information is available on the WIPO website to help users get started using ePCT. Please refer to:

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

https://pct.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/pct_wipo_accounts_faq.html

"Filing an application": <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=196>

"Getting started": <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=588>

"eOwnership, eHandshakes and Access Rights":

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

The IB is providing support for applicants and Offices throughout the transition from PCT-SAFE. For further information and assistance with the transition from PCT-SAFE to ePCT-Filing, please contact the PCT Operations Customer Support Section at: pct.eservices@wipo.int

Brief history of PCT-SAFE

PCT-SAFE was first developed as a limited pilot in 2002 and was based on its precursor, PCT-EASY, which had been in use by an increasing number of applicants since its release on 1 January 1999. WIPO worked in collaboration with the European Patent Office (EPO) on the development of PCT-SAFE, based on the latter's experience with the epoline® software and their epoline® receiving servers. Initially, PCT-SAFE filings were accepted by the IB and the EPO, but other Offices started accepting such filings as from 1 January 2004. PCT-SAFE soon overtook PCT-EASY in terms of numbers of users as it enabled applicants to file their

applications in fully electronic form.³ By 1 January 2013, 27 ROs were accepting PCT-SAFE filings.

With the development of ePCT-Filing (the first international application filed using ePCT was filed under its pilot phase in May 2013), and given the many advantages and safeguards that ePCT has compared with PCT-SAFE, an increasing number of ROs have enabled ePCT-Filing. The majority of the PCT-SAFE ROs have already stopped accepting PCT-SAFE filings in favor of ePCT.

Combined July-August Issue

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

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>

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

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS)

National Institute of Industrial Property (France)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (France), which is already a depositing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) for certified copies of patent and utility model applications as priority documents, including PCT applications filed with it on or after 1 October 2019, has notified the IB that it has extended the scope of its DAS digital library to trademark and industrial design applications with effect from 5 July 2021.

For further information, see:

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11651

A list of the DAS participating Offices is available at:

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

³ PCT-EASY, which was decommissioned on 1 July 2015, was only ever intended to be an interim step prior to the development of a fully electronic filing system. It allowed a diskette or CD-R containing bibliographic data and the abstract in text format to be provided, together with a printout of the request form and the application body in paper form, at a time when it was not yet possible to submit the request form and application body in electronic form.

Modified PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

The following parts of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination (ISPE) Guidelines have been modified with effect from 1 July 2021:

- Chapter 10 on unity of invention; and
- Paragraph 15.09 relating to the responsibilities of the examiner during the international search.

For further information on the above-mentioned modifications, please refer to PCT Circulars C. PCT 1610 and C. PCT 1624 at, respectively:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/2020/1610.pdf> and

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/2021/1624.pdf>

Revised consolidated versions of the ISPE Guidelines (document PCT/GL/ISPE/11) are available in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

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

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

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

Changes to the PCT Publication Schedule

Publication of 9 September 2021

Due to the fact that Thursday, 9 September 2021, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 10 September 2021. The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will, however, remain unchanged, and any changes that should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight (Central European Summer Time (CEST)) on Tuesday, 24 August 2021.

PCT Information Update

CA Canada (mailing address; who can act as agent; special requirements)

There has also been a change in the mailing address of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as follows:

The Commissioner of Patents
Canadian Intellectual Property Office
Place du Portage I
50 Victoria Street, Room C-114
Gatineau
Quebec
Canada K1A 0C9 (Courier J8X 3X1)

There has also been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected Office). With effect from 28 June 2021, an individual who holds a patent agent licence or a patent agent-in-training licence issued by the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents may act as such. An applicant may appoint all of the patent agents who work at the same firm to represent them in respect of their application.

Furthermore, the requirement for the agent, where he or she does not reside in Canada, to appoint an agent who resides in Canada as associate agent, has been removed from the consolidated list of requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (CA), C (CA) and National Chapter, Summary (CA))

CL Chile (fees)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has clarified that that no fee for priority document is payable to it as receiving Office where, as a depositing Office participating in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS), it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

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

CN China (*corrigendum* concerning PCT Fee Table I(b) published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2021)

The date of effect of the change in the equivalent amount in USD of the search fee payable to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) that was indicated in PCT Fee Table I(b) in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2021 was erroneously indicated as 1 July 2021. It should be corrected to read 1 August 2021.

CO Columbia (fees)

The amounts of the transmittal fee, payable to the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee:

– electronic filing:	COP	419,640
– paper filing:.....	COP	503,470

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed with effect from the same date:

For patent:

Filing fee:

– online:	COP	84,840
– on paper:.....	COP	105,160

Annual fees for the 1st to the 4th year, per year:

- online: COP 279,420 (415,580)⁴
- on paper:..... COP 335,820 (498,390)⁴

For utility model:

Filing fee:

- online: COP 75,190
- on paper:..... COP 92,460

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

CZ Czechia (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic has changed, as follows:

Internet: <https://www.upv.gov.cz>

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

IL Israel (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Israel Patent Office has changed, as follows:

Internet: <https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ilpo>

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

IS Iceland (means of telecommunication)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2021, the Icelandic Patent Office has informed the International Bureau (IB) that, since 1 January 2021, it accepts the filing of documents by e-mail and the original of the document is not required.

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

SA Saudi Arabia (telephone numbers; fees)

One of the telephone numbers of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) has changed. The numbers to be used are now as follows.

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 76, 280 12 21

The amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to the Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 June 2021, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority USD 534 (276)⁵

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

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

⁵ The amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of filing by an individual.

TR Turkey (requirements concerning the translation of the international application; fees)

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT), in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified a change in the time limit for furnishing a translation of the international application – the translation of the international application should now be furnished within two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

Furthermore, the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2021:

Filing fee:	TRY	2,015
Fee for certificate of grant:.....	TRY	400
Renewal fee for third year:.....	TRY	400
Reinstatement of rights:.....	TRY	2,610

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

UA Ukraine (name of Office)

The name of the Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property, has changed as follows:

Name of Office:	National Intellectual Property Authority State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (UA))

WS Samoa (types of protection)

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) has notified the IB that the types of protection that are available via the PCT in Samoa are patents and innovation patents.

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

As from 1 September 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	ZAR
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	EUR
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	JPY
Japan Patent Office	SGD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	CHF, EUR, USD

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

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

Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees

The lists of States discussed below, the nationals and/or residents of which are eligible for certain PCT fee reductions, have been updated with effect from 1 July 2021, as explained below, and are available at:

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

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

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

1. by a natural person who is a national of and resident in a state which is not a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention, and which on the date of filing of the application, or of payment of the supplementary international search or the international preliminary examination fee, is classed by the World Bank as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy; or
2. by a natural or legal person who is a national of and resident in a State in which a validation agreement with the EPO is in force.⁶

The following States have been added to the list of States which fall under 1., above:

- Belize
- Indonesia
- Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- Samoa

and the Republic of Moldova has been removed from that list. However, applicants from the Republic of Moldova continue to be entitled to a fee reduction as a validation agreement with the EPO remains in force in that State.

Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

It is recalled that the search fee and preliminary examination fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office are reduced by 75% if the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low-income”, “lower-middle-income” or “upper-middle-income”.

⁶ For further information, please refer to the *Official Journal* of the EPO, January 2020 at: <https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html>

The following States have been added to the list of States which fall into that category:

- Panama
- Mauritius⁷

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

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

The IB has published information on 8 July 2021 on the Offices that have notified the IB of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* (from page 125) at:

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

Exceptional Non-working Days

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the IB that it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business on 20 July 2021, due to the designation of that day as a regular holiday throughout the country by the President of the Philippines.

It is recalled that, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach one of the above-mentioned Offices fell on one of the closed dates indicated for the Office concerned, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

New/Updated PCT Resources

PCT meeting documents

The report of the thirteenth session of the PCT Working Group (document PCT/WG/13/15) and the report of the thirty-first session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (document PCT/CTC/31/4), which both took place during the period from 5 to 8 October 2020,

⁷ Note that Mauritius is not a PCT Contracting State. It is recalled that, in order to file an international application, at least one applicant must be a national of, or a resident in, a PCT Contracting State (PCT Article 9(1)). Applicants from non PCT Contracting States must therefore file a PCT application together with an applicant who is a national of and/or resides in a PCT Contracting State, and they may only benefit from a fee reduction if both (or all) applicants are entitled to the reduction.

have been adopted by correspondence. The reports are available, together with the other documents for the sessions at, respectively:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55850

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55849

Webinar recordings in languages other than English

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2021 about webinar recordings and PDF versions of the presentations being available in English and Arabic, the recordings and PDF presentations of the webinars mentioned below which were given in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish are now also available. The corresponding links for accessing the registration page for listening to the recordings, as well as the PDF version of each presentation, are given under each webinar description, below:

- *Webinars in Chinese*: Two recorded webinars in the “Exploring the PCT” webinar series, entitled “Best practices for filing a PCT application” and “Understanding PCT incorporation by reference”:

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

- *Webinars in French*: Recordings of a webinar in the “Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series”, entitled “Functions and advantages of electronic filing using ePCT” and a webinar entitled “Best practices for filing a PCT application” (which took place on 1 and 22 June 2021, respectively):

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

- *Webinars in German*: Recordings of two webinars in the “Exploring the PCT” webinar series, entitled “Best practices for filing a PCT application”, and “Understanding PCT incorporation by reference” (which took place on 29 June and 1 July 2021, respectively):

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

- *Webinars in Japanese*: Two recorded webinars in the “Exploring the PCT” webinar series, entitled “Best practices for filing a PCT application” and “Understanding PCT incorporation by reference”:

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

- *Webinar in Korean*: A recording of the webinar in the “Exploring the PCT” webinar series, entitled “Best practices to file an international application” (which took place on 27 May 2021):

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

- *Webinar in Portuguese*: A recording of the webinar in the “Exploring the PCT” webinar series, entitled “Best practices to file an international application” (which took place on 22 June 2021):

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

- *Webinar in Spanish*: A recording of the webinar in the “Exploring the PCT” webinar series, entitled “Best practices to file an international application” (which took place on 23 June 2021):

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

PCT in the News

A link to the following article in the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 2/2021) has been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct_news.html

Key IP considerations for smaller enterprises

An article by Phil Wadsworth (Senior Advisor, Innovation Council (previously Chief Patent Counsel, Qualcomm)), together with Jennifer Brant and Peter Brown (Innovation Council), looks at how important it is, in order to ensure the success of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the ever-expanding innovation economy, to build awareness among small businesses about how to protect and manage their intellectual property assets.

“While the patenting process can be onerous for SMEs, the WIPO-administered Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) offers a cost-effective option when seeking protection in multiple countries. For example, by filing a single international application under the PCT, an applicant can defer the payment of some significant patent filing fees relating to internationalization by 2.5 years, allowing time to assess the commercial value of an invention. In addition, a growing number of countries offer discounts to SMEs, to make the process more affordable,” states Phil Wadsworth.

The *WIPO Magazine* is available at

https://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/index.html

and issue No. 2/2021 is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2021/02/

Practical Advice

Requesting incorporation by reference of correct drawings in the case of erroneously-filed drawings

Q: After filing an international application claiming priority of two earlier applications, I received Form PCT/RO/107 (“Invitation relating to missing parts or erroneously filed elements or parts”) from the receiving Office stating that the drawings appear to have been erroneously filed (the description and claims referred to figures that did not correspond with the drawings submitted with the application). It was at this point that I realized that I had submitted the wrong set of drawings. In order to remedy this situation, I would like to submit the correct drawings and confirm incorporation by reference under PCT Rule 4.18 in order to maintain my international filing date. However, not all of the drawings were included in the same earlier application—some are included in the first priority application and the others are included in the second priority application. Is it possible to incorporate the correct set of drawings by reference based

on multiple priority applications? Also, is it possible to remove the originally-filed drawings from the file of the international application so that they are not available to the public?

A: PCT Rule 20.5*bis* enables applicants to request confirmation of incorporation by reference of the correct elements and parts in the case where an element or part was erroneously-filed and the correct element or part is completely contained in the earlier application, the priority of which is claimed in the PCT application at the time of filing. This also applies where there is more than one priority claim, provided that each drawing is completely contained in one or more of the earlier applications.

In order to do this, you must, in accordance with PCT Rule 20.6, submit to the receiving Office within two months from the date of mailing of the invitation such as the one you received⁸:

- a written notice confirming that the correct drawings are incorporated by reference in the international application under PCT Rule 4.18;
- the correct drawings as contained in the earlier applications; and
- a copy of the earlier applications as filed where they have not yet been submitted as a priority document (if you do not yet have a certified copy of the earlier applications, this can also be a photocopy of them).

To facilitate the work of the receiving Office when determining whether the drawings are completely contained in the earlier applications, you must indicate in the written notice where in one or the other of the earlier applications each drawing appears. Provided that the receiving Office determines that the correct set of drawings is completely contained in the earlier applications, those drawings will, in accordance with PCT Rule 20.6(b), be considered to have been contained in the international application on the international filing date that was originally accorded by the receiving Office, and the international filing date will not change.

Please note, however, that in the situation where the correct set of drawings has been incorporated by reference under PCT Rule 20.6(b), the erroneously filed set of drawings cannot be removed from the file of the application (PCT Rule 20.5*bis*(d)). The receiving Office will mark those erroneously filed sheets as “ERRONEOUSLY FILED (RULE 20.5*bis*)”, move those sheets to the end of the drawings (without repagination), and will transmit them to the International Bureau (IB). The IB will publish those sheets on PATENTSCOPE as part of the international application.

Please be aware that incorporation by reference is not necessarily a complete or comprehensive solution to the issue you encountered for all PCT applicants, because a few PCT receiving Offices do not apply the rules regarding incorporation by reference and thus do not allow applicants to confirm incorporation by reference of correct elements or parts. Furthermore, not all designated Offices apply decisions made by a receiving Office to accept incorporation by reference of the drawings. Please refer to the list of Offices that have made notifications of incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(a), (a-*bis*), (b) or (b-*bis*) at:

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

Note that if an international application were to be filed with a receiving Office that has notified the IB of such a legal incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), the applicant may request the

⁸ If the applicant is not responding to an invitation from the receiving Office, and provided that the Office applies the PCT Rules on incorporation by reference, the applicable time limit is within two months from the date on which one or more elements referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the Office (PCT Rule 20.7(a)(ii)).

receiving Office to transmit the international application under PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii) to the IB as receiving Office, which does accept the incorporation by reference of correct elements (or parts) where elements (or parts) have been erroneously filed.

You also have two other options if you do not wish to make use of incorporation by reference:

- refile the international application with the correct drawings, and withdraw the original application; or
- request the receiving Office to exchange the drawings with the correct ones (PCT Rule 20.5*bis*(b) and (c)).

However, if you choose either of these options, and you do not perform the actions required on the same date as you originally filed your application, the international filing date would be changed to the date on which the receiving Office receives the correct drawings. You should therefore bear in mind the expiration of the 12-month priority period of the earliest priority application when selecting either of these options. Note that in the case of the second option, the correct drawings will replace the erroneously filed drawings, which will, contrary to the case where the correct drawings are added following incorporation by reference, be removed from the application and will not be published as part of the international application or made available on PATENTSCOPE.

We highly recommend applicants to pay careful attention to the following best practice tips to avoid filing incorrect elements or parts:

- assign the various files which will make up the international application clear and distinct file names;
- double-check everything before submitting by opening all attachments;
- if possible, ask a second person to review the contents of the international application before submitting it; and
- if possible through the electronic filing system used by the receiving Office, review the contents of the application using online file inspection as soon as possible after filing – this feature is available when filing via ePCT; if any element or part is detected as erroneously-filed, replace it with the correct element or part within the same day.⁹

For further information on incorporation by reference in general, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 6.024 to 6.031 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

For more information on incorporation by reference specifically where an incorrect element has been filed with the application, please also refer to the Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2020 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2020/pct_news_2020_7_8.pdf

⁹ Since same-day corrections are not necessarily accepted by all receiving Offices, unless they fall under PCT Rule 20.5(c), please check with your receiving Office.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)

(situation on 21 July 2021)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
27 September 2021 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT within the framework of the CEIPI basic course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
30 September 2021 Virtual lecture	English	Lecture on the PCT within the framework of the IP Paralegal Conference 2021 WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
6 October 2021 Online seminar	English	Overview of the PCT procedure within the framework of an IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Mr. Rainer K. Kuhnen and Dr. Christian Thomas) e-mail: seminars@kuhnen-wacker.com
7 October 2021 Ecully (FR) <i>(previously scheduled for 8 April 2021)</i>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8 October 2021 Virtual seminar	English	PCT presentations: "Patents and Technology: Perspective, Truth, and Change" and "Strategies for Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Filings" within the framework of the International IP Practice Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Jorgenson, Mr. Reischle-Park and Mr. Xiao Other WIPO speaker on another IP topic: Ms. Honculada	UIC Law Center for IP, Information and Privacy Law (co-organizer) (Mr. Adam Ernette) E-mail: aernette@uic.edu Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-ippractice-seminar-tickets-155839370753
24-26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
4 August 2021 10:00 – 11:00 CEST (17:00 – 18:00 Tokyo time)	Japanese	PCT system: How to best utilize PCT declarations WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2806521438141693451
5 August 2021 16:00 – 17:00 CEST (10:00 – 11:30 New York time)	English	ePCT-Filing with RO/US in combination with EFS-Web WIPO speakers: Ms. Mo and Mr. Piriou	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/register/WN_c9-RykbQTsqDICSqnr8kDA

PCT Webinars [continued]

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
26 August 2021 14:30 – 15:30 CEST	German	PCT system: How to best utilize PCT declarations WIPO speakers: Mr. Henninger and Ms. Schumm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1587340064557484304

PATENTSCOPE Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
21 July 2021 16:00 – 17:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Summer Course – Session 2 (practical session, including exercises) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5llc-urqz4jHdboZxRM0ok4VgUW0M0eKKZg
11 August 2021 16:00 – 17:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Summer Course – Session 3 (practical session, including exercises) WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1wyxVSqdRlyqTThrns3GYg
17 August 2021 17:30 – 18:30 CEST	English	IPC & CPC in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jQ74K7bBSVOBASAFnNhLSg
19 August 2021 08:30 – 09:30 CEST	English	IPC & CPC in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k7OAHi7gSjiJREhf9H4cSg

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 July 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 July 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,860	21	–	280	420	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: ⁹ 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,782	20	–	268	402	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 July 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴		
					Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶		Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP	2,400	CUP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD	100	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
	or eq DJF									
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,170		100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DO	USD	316	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP RU
			or EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	
EC	USD	300	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,233		14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR	75	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,028		12	–	155	232	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹²	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	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	444,200		5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴	100	CHF	1,330		15	100	200	300	Refer to footnote 15
	or EUR ¹⁴	93	or EUR	1,233		14	93	185	278	
	or USD ¹⁴	109	or USD	1,453		16	109	218	328	
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	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS	554	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR	3,500 ¹⁶	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
	INR	17,600 ¹⁷								
	No fee for e-filings									
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)								
IS	ISK	18,200	ISK	184,200		2,100	–	27,700	41,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁸	JPY	153,600		1,700	–	–	34,600	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁹	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	KHR	420,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	50	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– ²¹	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP RU XV

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

(amounts on 1 July 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ²⁰	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,750		140	–	1,920	2,880	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,025		23	–	305	457	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ²⁰	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD	16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD	16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD	16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,990 ²⁴	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,280		140	–	1,850	2,770	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977		22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV		None ²⁶	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²⁰	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453		16	–	–	–	EP RU UA

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

(amounts on 1 July 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
UG	UGX —	UGX eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	—	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 130 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 65 ²⁸	USD 1,453	16	109	218	—	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,453	16	—	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	—	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,453	16	—	—	—	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,630	230	—	3,100	4,650	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	—	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 July 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	KRW 2,422,000	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091	ZAR 30,610		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,697	CHF 1,573 ZAR* 24,970	EUR 1,429 *(from 1.9.21: USD 300)	KRW 1,829,000 ZAR 23,560)	NZD 2,379	SGD 2,150		
BR ⁸	Online: * (from 1.9.21: On paper: * (from 1.9.21:	BRL 1,685 CHF 306 BRL 2,525 CHF 458	CHF* 274 EUR 285 CHF* 411 EUR 428	EUR* 254 USD 330) EUR* 381 USD 495)	USD* 302			
CA	CAD 1,632	CHF 1,218	EUR 1,060	USD* 1,243	*(from 1.8.21: USD 1,353)			
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,831	EUR 1,697	USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339		
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : In case of filing by a university ³² :	USD 300	CHF 275	EUR 255				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 301	EUR 262	USD* 309	*(from 1.8.21: USD 328)			
EG ³³	EGP 4,000	CHF 233	EUR 216	USD 254				
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,775 JPY* 221,100 ZAR 30,610 * (from 1.8.21:	CHF 1,915 NOK 17,880 JPY 236,100)	DKK 13,210 NZD 2,942	GBP 1,526 SEK 18,610	HUF 639,500 SGD 2,846	ISK 268,000 USD 2,091		
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091					
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091					
IL	ILS 3,553	CHF 976	EUR 903	USD 1,107				
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 125 31	EUR 116 29	JPY 14,400 3,600	USD 137 34			
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 * (from 1.8.21: For IAs in English: JPY 156,000 * (from 1.8.21: ** (from 1.9.21:	CHF 606 EUR 526) CHF 1,351 EUR 1,173) SGD 1,906)	EUR* 562	KRW 714,000 SGD** 2,008	USD 662 1,476			
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean: KRW 450,000 SGD 529 For IAs in English: KRW 1,200,000 SGD 1,410	AUD 541 CHF 356 EUR 330 NZD 585	AUD 1,443 CHF 949 EUR 879 NZD 1,561					
	USD 1,000 Small entity or government ³⁷ :	CHF 916 USD 400	EUR 849 CHF 366	EUR 339				

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 July 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	106	EUR*	92	USD	115			
	* (from 1.9.21:	EUR	98)									
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	498	EUR*	433	USD	543			
	* (from 1.9.21:	EUR	459)									
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880
	USD	2,091										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY*	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
	* (from 1.9.21:	JPY	183,400)									
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR	31,120		
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR	15,560	
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR	7,780	
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 July 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 917 – for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,284 – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,834	CHF 200
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 147 CHF 235 ³⁹	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,915 – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 59	CHF 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 97 – for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 97 – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 76 – for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv): CHF 65	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,915 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 580	CHF 200
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,915 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 593	CHF 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 July 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

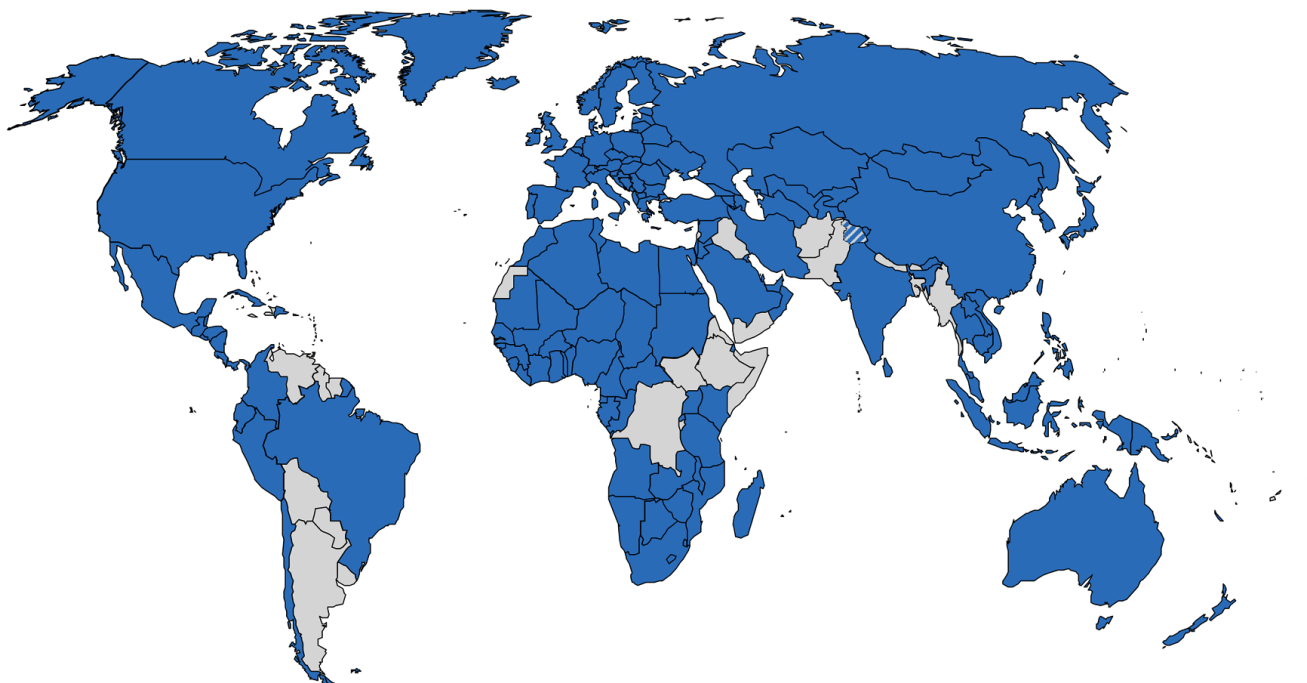
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁰	Handling fee^{2, 40}(CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 185
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴¹	AUD 280
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 816	CAD 268
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 218
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 218
EP	EUR 1,830 ³⁴	EUR 185
ES	EUR 589.48 ³⁴	EUR 185
FI	EUR 600	EUR 185
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 745
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000	USD 218
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 26,000 For IAs in English: JPY 58,000	JPY 23,100
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 253,000
PH	USD 500 Small entity or government: ³⁷ USD 200	USD 218
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³	USD 218
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,850
SG	SGD 830	SGD 297
TR	TRY 1,000	CHF 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70	EUR 185
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁴ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 320 400 ⁴⁴ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 160 200 ⁴⁴	USD 218
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,380
XV	EUR 900	EUR 185

[Footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should 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 (refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/mailling costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus 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.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshlyny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 July 2021)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) Delegates Receiving Office Functions to the International Bureau

The Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 September 2021, it has delegated its receiving Office functions to the IB. The competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the IB as receiving Office are: the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.¹

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 November 2021, it will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software. Consequently, as from that date, the only form of electronic filing available for applicants filing with the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office will be EPO Online Filing.

Furnishing by the International Bureau of Copies of IPEA Documents

Under amended PCT Rule 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 July 2020, the European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of that Office, copies of any document transmitted to it under PCT Rule 71.1(a) or (b) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), in accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

¹ The EPO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or has been carried out by the EPO, the Austrian Patent Office or the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office are competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities only if the international search is being or has been carried out by the same Office.

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

PCT Information Update

AM Armenia (name of Office; location and mailing address; provisions of national law; types of protection; language of filing; criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority; fees)

The name, location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Mtavor Sepakanutyun Grasenyak
Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia

Location and mailing address: Republic Square
Government House 3
0010 Yerevan
Armenia

There has also been a change to the provisions of the national law of Armenia concerning restrictions applicable to the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office: the applicable provisions are available under the Law on Patents, Article 58.

Furthermore, there has been a change concerning the types of national protection available in Armenia via the PCT – with effect from 1 July 2021, patents and short-term patents are available, and utility models are no longer available. This updates the table of “Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States” at:

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

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that, since 1 July 2021, the Office accepts Russian², in addition to English, as a language in which international applications and request forms may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c)).

The Office has notified the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that, in its capacities as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, it applies the “unintentional” criterion instead of the “due care” criterion in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority, with effect from 1 July 2021.

There has also been a change concerning the claim fee component of the national filing fee, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office: since 1 July 2021, an additional fee is payable for each claim in excess of five, instead of for each independent claim in excess of one (the amount of the fee has not changed).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (AM), Annex C (AM) and National Chapter, Summary (AM))

² If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 November 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in AUD of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

AZ Azerbaijan (fees)

The Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan has notified the IB that the amounts of the national filing fee (including examination), additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one and additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10, payable to the Office as designated Office, are no longer subject to Value Added Tax (VAT).

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

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (location and mailing address; fees)

The Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina has notified the IB of additional information regarding the location and mailing address of its Sarajevo branch office. The address is as follows:

Location and
mailing address: Bulevar Meše Selimovića 95
 Lamela C, 3 sprat
 71000 Sarajevo
 Bosnia and Herzegovina

The amount of the fee for priority document, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed, as follows:

Fee for priority document:.....	BAM	40
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (BA) and Annex C (BA))

DO Dominican Republic (e-mail addresses; deposits of microorganisms and other biological material; fees)

The e-mail addresses of the National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) have changed, as follows:

E-mail: i.ramirez@onapi.gob.do
 r.nunez@onapi.gob.do
 l.castillo@onapi.gob.do

The Office has furnished a reference for further information concerning deposits of microorganisms and other biological material: reference should be made to Article 13(3) and (4) of Law No. 20-00 on Industrial Property, of 8 May 2020.

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

For patent:

Filing fee:

- Up to 30 sheets:..... DOP 11,500
- For each additional sheet:..... DOP 75

For utility model:

Filing fee:

- Up to 30 sheets:..... DOP 8,050
- For each additional sheet:..... DOP 75

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

EA Eurasian Patent Office (requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Eurasian Patent Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. In the case where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) must now be furnished, not later than that request, and any additional indications must now be furnished at the time of filing, as part of the description.

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

EE Estonia (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Estonian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

- Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:..... EUR 13

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

ES Spain (filing of international applications in electronic form)

For information on the ceasing of the acceptance of electronic filings via PCT-SAFE, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

GT Guatemala (location and mailing address; telephone numbers; discontinuation of use of facsimile machine)

The location and mailing address and one of the telephone numbers of the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 7a. Avenida 7-61 zona 4
primer nivel
Guatemala Ciudad, 01004
Guatemala

Telephone: (502) 232 470 70, ext. 105 or 109

Furthermore, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine.

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

For information on the delegation by the Office of its receiving Office functions to the IB, please refer to "Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) Delegates Receiving Office Functions to the International Bureau", above.

KG Kyrgyzstan (name of Office; telephone numbers)

The name of the State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Kyrgyz Respublikasynyn Ministrler Cabinetine karashtuu
Intellektualdyk Menchik jana Innovacialar Mamlekettik Agenttik
(Kyrgyzpatent)

State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under
the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)

The Office has also notified an additional telephone number; the numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (996 312) 68 08 19, 68 10 71

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

KZ Kazakhstan (location and mailing address; fees)

The location and mailing address of the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Mangilik Yel Avenue 57A
010000 Nur-Sultan
Kazakhstan

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed:

Fee for priority document:

Filing by a natural person: KZT 1,100

Other cases:..... [No change]

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

For a patent:

Filing fee:	KZT 20,320.16
Examination fee:	[no change]
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT 20,320.16

For a utility model:

Filing fee:.....	KZT 16,450.56
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT 16,450.56

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

RS Serbia (fees)

There has been a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2021, as follows (all fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person):

Transmittal fee:.....	RSD	8,210
Fee for priority document:		
–for the first document up to ten pages	RSD	1,970
–plus, for each subsequent document up to ten pages...	RSD	490
–plus, per page in excess of ten	[no change]	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	RSD	3,300

The amounts of the following components of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from the same date (all fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person):

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD	8,210
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD	800
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:.....	[no change]	
Examination fee:	RSD	8,210
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD	11,510

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD	8,210
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[no change]	

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

VN Viet Nam (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirement of the Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam) as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

- an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Viet Nam or has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in Viet Nam;
- an agent is required if the applicant is a non-resident or, where there are two or more applicants, the first-named applicant on the request form (PCT/RO/101) does not reside in Viet Nam.

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office)

As from 1 November 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. The new amount will be CHF 1,449.

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

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office, Israel Patent Office)

As from 1 November 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office and in ILS to the Israel Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities. The new amounts will be AUD 304 and ILS 704, respectively.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (AU) and (IL))

Exceptional Non-working Days

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business from 6 to 20 August 2021 (inclusive). Further information on measures adopted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available in the corresponding section of the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

In the context of the above-mentioned Office closure, please note that pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of those dates, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

PCT in Blog Posts

Time to ‘Think PCT’: Rethink Your Global Patent Strategy to Preserve Your Seat at the Table

An interesting blog post has been written by John White, U.S. patent attorney, patent lecturer and CEO/Managing Director of the PCT Learning Center (<https://www.PCTLearningCenter.org>) about the use and implementation of a PCT strategy in the modern era. Although the post is aimed primarily at a US readership, it is also relevant to other PCT users. It discusses the way in which patent strategy has changed over the years due to ever-increasing globalization and, with it, the increasing importance of protecting inventions internationally.

John discusses the value of filing a PCT application, which:

“...keeps the ‘worldwide patent pending’ status going for another 18 months [beyond a U.S. provisional filing]. A terrific value too; a PCT filing often costs less than a single foreign filing, yet it preserves the possibility of protection in about 100% of world GDP.”

Furthermore:

“...where you choose the United States to do your initial Search and Preliminary Report, and it turns out positive on novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability, you’re eligible for fee discounts when entering the U.S. national stage, and you’re even eligible for patent prosecution highway (PPH) treatment, i.e., a free jump to the front of the line. That’s right – I said it: a PCT saves time and money when done right. PPH cases are allowed at a higher rate, with fewer office actions, faster. Pretty nifty. No big Prioritized Examination checks to write, in addition to the usual filing fees.”

John concludes that the PCT:

“... keeps your seat at the table of the future – across the globe. The United States is now about 20% (and falling) of the world’s GDP, which means 80% of GDP, i.e., the future, beckons from beyond our shores. Today’s industries have a much lighter footprint. The “bulk” of the past is gone. Decisions and business move at the speed of the web. A PCT preserves all options as that speed manifests. You can then, once the 30-month PCT clock has run its course, tag on Regional Filings, i.e., European Patent Office, to keep that “patent pending” status quo alive. And, if at any point prior art turns up that “tags you out”, well you’ve saved further filings and fees for another day and another invention. Pruning is earlier, and costs are reduced.”

The full text of this blog post is available at:

<https://pctlearningcenter.org/time-to-think-pct-rethink-your-global-patent-strategy-to-preserve-your-seat-at-the-table/>

PCT Case Study

EHang: The Sky's the Limit

Guangzhou EHang Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd. (known as EHang) is a world-leading autonomous aerial vehicle technology company which develops autonomous aerial vehicle products and commercial solutions, including air mobility (passenger transportation and logistics), smart city management and aerial media solutions. Their mission is to make safe, autonomous and eco-friendly air mobility accessible to everyone. In a case study about the company that was published on the WIPO website, the company explains the significance of intellectual property (IP) management for their business, the IP challenges they have faced in bringing their ideas to market and their plans for the future.

“EHang has applied for 318 domestic patents, 43 foreign patents and has filed 76 international patent applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)” [as well as 450 trademarks]... “In just a few years, EHang has significantly enhanced its ability to acquire, manage and protect its IP rights. This has helped us establish a strong IP strategy and to develop an operating system that supports our business development goals.”

EHang has also made good use of WIPO's global databases:

“Finding information about IP services and policies was made easy thanks to WIPO's Global Databases for brands, designs and patents. By using these databases, we have been able to retrieve the patent, brand and design information we needed, and were also able to learn about IP laws around the world. These databases support cross-language retrieval, graphic analysis, machine translation and other auxiliary functions, which greatly improves access to IP-related information.”

The full article is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/2021/case-studies/ehang.html>

New/Updated PCT Resources

Meeting documents (PCT Assembly)

Documents which have been prepared for the fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) (PCT Assembly), to be held in Geneva during the period from 4 to 8 October 2021, are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62980

Webinar recordings

Webinars in Arabic

Recordings of the following webinars in Arabic, as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place earlier this month), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference;
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

Webinars in English

Recordings of the following webinars in English, as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated below), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations (24 June 2021)
- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: ePCT, filing an international application with RO/US (5 August 2021)
- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: eHandshakes-Access Rights-eOwnership (7 September 2021)

Webinar in French

A recording of the WIPO/EPO Annual PCT Update webinar in French (which took place on 5 July 2021), as well as the accompanying presentations, can be accessed at:

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

Webinar in German

Recordings of the following webinars in German, as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated below), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations (26 August 2021)
- WIPO Standard ST.26: Introduction (7 September 2021)

Webinar in Japanese

A recording of the following webinar in Japanese, as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 4 August 2021), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

Webinar in Korean

A recording of the following webinar in Korean, as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 10 September 2021), can be accessed at:

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

- WIPO Standard ST.26: Introduction

Webinar in Russian

A recording of the following webinar in Russian, as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 4 August 2021), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

Webinar in Spanish

A recording of the following webinar in Spanish, as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 27 August 2021), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference

Practical Advice

Requesting accelerated national phase processing of an international application

Q: I have filed a PCT application with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) (RO/SG) in which I selected IPOS as International Searching Authority (ISA/SG). I have just received the international search report and the written opinion of the ISA (WO/ISA) and the results are positive, as several claims are considered patentable. As I would like to be granted a patent quickly in certain countries where I have competitors, in particular in Australia, China and some European countries, I am wondering what the best strategy would be in this situation. I have heard about schemes for accelerated processing. Could you please provide me with some advice?

A: Although you could enter the national phase early by performing all the necessary actions under PCT Article 22(1) and request the Offices concerned to start the national phase processing early as provided for by PCT Article 23(2), there is no guarantee that your application will receive accelerated processing. However, by taking advantage of schemes such as the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH), the Offices where you wish to enter the national phase early may be able to take into account the earlier determination that some claims are patentable, and thereby accelerate the processing of the application. The PPH is a work-sharing scheme under which applicants may request that their applications be processed in an accelerated manner under certain conditions. Under the PPH scheme, the applicant may request an Office of Later Examination (OLE) to accelerate examination if at least one claim of a corresponding application has been found patentable by an Office of Earlier Examination (OEE) and the claims “sufficiently correspond”.

The benefits of using the PPH scheme for applicants are that they can obtain patent protection faster and may build a global portfolio more quickly and in a more predictable manner. The overall prosecution costs are generally lower compared to ordinary procedures, with fewer negative office actions and a higher grant rate compared to non-PPH applications. Most Offices that provide for a PPH procedure do not charge any fee for making such a request.

You need to distinguish between using PPH based on national or regional work products of an OEE and using PCT-PPH. Under PCT-PPH, accelerated examination is based on PCT work products, where a PCT application has received a positive WO/ISA or a positive written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) or international preliminary report on

patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty). At least one claim must meet the PCT criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. Furthermore, all the claims of your national (or regional) phase filing must sufficiently correspond to the claims deemed to meet the PCT criteria, that is, they must be the same or similar scope or of a narrower scope than the claims in the PCT. The availability of the results of your international search and/or examination from one PCT-PPH-participating Office should reduce the time between national phase entry and the granting of a patent at another eligible PCT-PPH-participating Office.

There are many bilateral PCT-PPH agreements between different participating Offices, and many sets of requirements, guidelines and forms, but they all share some common policies, encouraging Offices to:

- maximize work-sharing efforts;
- expedite examination through all stages, from the PPH request to the final decision on patent grant; and
- communicate effectively and timely with the applicant at all stages of examination.

Further information concerning forms and guidance on the administrative procedures of each participating Office is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

As your application would be eligible for requesting processing under the PCT-PPH program given that you have received a positive written opinion from the ISA/SG, a check of the bilateral agreements at the above-mentioned web page shows that IPOS has bilateral PPH agreements with the European Patent Office (EPO) and the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) (as well as the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Brazil)). This means that, for two of your areas of interest (China and the countries covered by a European patent), you could request accelerated national/regional phase processing based on your positive written opinion from ISA/SG through the respective bilateral agreements.

As far as the Australian Patent Office is concerned, both IPOS and the Australian Patent Office are participating Offices in the Global PPH pilot. The Global PPH allows you to request accelerated processing at any of the participating Offices (currently 27) based on work products, including PCT work products, from any one of the other participating offices under unified criteria. This includes examination based on PCT work products where the OEE is a participating Office and also an ISA or IPEA. The single set of qualifying requirements simplifies the PPH network of bilateral agreements. Note that EP and CN are not participating Offices in the Global PPH.

As PCT-PPH possibilities are determined by the Office which you have selected to carry out your international search (and/or preliminary examination), it is generally worth thinking about PPH possibilities already at the time of selecting an ISA. As you filed with RO/SG, you could have also selected, for example, ISA/EP, which has a bilateral agreement with the Australian Patent Office. On the other hand, the EPO and CNIPA are participating Offices in the IP5 PPH pilot, which is a multilateral agreement among the IP5 Offices (CNIPA, EPO, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office(USPTO)).

Other multilateral PPH agreements also exist, such as PROSUR³ and Alianza del Pacífico. Links to further information on all of the programs mentioned above (PPH, Global PPH, IP5 PPH, PROSUR-PPH and Alianza del Pacífico) are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html.

Please note that while there are generally many benefits to using PPH, the conditions for requesting it also imply certain limitations. For examination to be fast-tracked under PPH, the claims must be the same or narrower than the claims of the corresponding application, meaning that amendments may need to be filed with a PPH request. Other supporting documentation may also be required before some Offices. In the United States of America, for example, if any amendment or new claims have been submitted, the applicant must certify that the claims sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claims in the OEE application and that the amendments do not expand the scope of the claims.

Please also note that some Offices offer additional accelerated prosecution schemes that are different from PPH, such as PACE by the EPO or Track One at the USPTO. It may be more appropriate to request separate (non-PPH) prosecution in situations where applicants, in order to take into account differences in patent laws and local practice, prefer to include different scopes of claims in different countries.

³ A practical advice on the PPH-PROSUR agreement was published in PCT Newsletter No. 01/2017 at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2017/pct_news_2017_1.pdf

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 15 September 2021)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15 - 16 September 2021 Online seminar	Arabic	WIPO Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Dubai Police (DP) Innovators, Dubai Government, Dubai, United Arab Emirates WIPO Speakers: Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Abdelnasser, Mr. Jazairy	Dubai Government (Ms. Amna Alshehhi) aa.alshahi@dubaipolice.gov.ae
27 September 2021 Zurich (CH) Online seminar	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT within the framework of the CEIPI basic course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
30 September 2021 Online lecture	English	Lecture on the PCT within the framework of the IP Paralegal Conference 2021 WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
5 - 6 October 2021 Online seminar	Arabic	WIPO Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for IP Office Staff and Users, Baghdad, Iraq WIPO Speakers: Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Abdelnasser, Mr. Jazairy	Iraq IP Office (Ms. Aisha Alenze) aaishaalenze@yahoo.com
6 October 2021 Online seminar	English	Overview of the PCT procedure within the framework of an IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Mr. Rainer K. Kuhnen and Dr. Christian Thomas) e-mail: seminars@kuhnen-wacker.com
7 October 2021 Online seminar <i>(previously scheduled for 8 April 2021)</i>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8 October 2021 Online seminar	English	PCT presentations: "Patents and Technology: Perspective, Truth, and Change" and "Strategies for Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Filings" within the framework of the International IP Practice Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Jorgenson, Mr. Reischle-Park and Mr. Xiao Other WIPO speaker on another IP topic: Ms. Honculada	UIC Law Center for IP, Information and Privacy Law (co-organizer) (Mr. Adam Ernette) E-mail: aernette@uic.edu Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-ippractice-seminar-tickets-155839370753
12 - 13 October 2021 Online seminar	Arabic	WIPO Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for IP Office Staff and Users, Khartoum, Sudan WIPO Speakers: Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Abdelnasser, Mr. Jazairy	Sudan IP Office (Ms. Nadia Al Mudawi) info@ipsudan.gov.sd
28 and 29 October 2021 8:30-12:00 (Eastern time) Online presentation	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Kang	Boston Patent Law Association E-mail: president@bpla.org activities@bpla.org Internet: https://www.bpla.org

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24 - 26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
16 September 2021 10:00 (CEST)	Russian	PCT System: Online Regional Prime Webinar on the PCT for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC) WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Grikov, Mr. Demitrov, Ms. Krysanova and Mr. Shevchenko EAPO speaker: Mr. Rogozhin	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/788524861452813?source=Code
20 September 2021 15:30 - 17:30 (CEST)	English/ Spanish	High-Level Regional Webinar for the Latin America IP Community, organized by WIPO and the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA), with the cooperation of the Intellectual Property Office of the United Kingdom (UK IPO) and the Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIPI) WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms. Aeri Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Roca Campaña, Mr. Mailänder, Ms. Miyamoto and Mr. Pradilla	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=66052
21 September 2021 11.00 - 12.30 (Moscow time) (10:00 - 11:30 (CEST))	Russian	PCT System: How to best utilize PCT declarations WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7138885324861452813?source=Code
22 September 2021 10:00 – 11.00 (CEST)	Chinese	PCT System: How to best utilize PCT declarations WIPO speaker: Mr. Zhou	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8801220462643323659?source=PCT+webinars+page
23 September 2021 15:00 - 16:00 (CEST)	English	Mastering priority claims in PCT applications WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Kang	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2399509722392472592
28 September 2021 11.00 - 12.30 (Moscow time) (10:00 - 11:30 (CEST))	Russian	Introduction to the PCT system for students and universities WIPO speakers: Ms. Dolotbaeva, Ms. Krysanova	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1845665924091408400?source=Code

WIPO Standards Webinars (<i>by language</i>) (https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=330)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; Speakers	Registration
24 September 2021 08:00 - 09:30 (CEST)	Chinese	WIPO ST. 26: Introduction CNIPA Speaker: Ms. Lijing	Pre-recorded session: the recording will be available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65868
28 October 2021 08:00 - 09:30 (CEST)	Chinese	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced CNIPA Speaker: Ms. Lijing	Pre-recorded session: the recording will be available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65869
22 September 2021 14:00 - 15:30 (CEST)	French	WIPO ST. 26: Introduction EPO Speaker: Clara Boiangiu and Leslie Ripaud	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65788
11 October 2021 14:00 - 15:30 (CEST)	French	WIPO ST.26: Advanced EPO Speakers: Ms. Boiangiu and Ms. Ripaud	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65790
12 October 2021 10:00 - 11:30 (CEST)	German	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced DPMA Speaker: Dr. Riedel	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65772
28 September 2021 08:30 - 10:00 (CEST)	Japanese	WIPO ST. 26: Introduction JPO Speaker: Daiki Misu (三須 大樹)	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65789
15 October 2021 08:30 - 10:00 (CEST)	Japanese	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced JPO Speaker: Daiki Misu (三須 大樹)	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65774
22 October 2021 08:30 - 10:00 (CEST)	Korean	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced KIPO Speaker Dr. Byungwook Lee	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65792
13 October 2021 12:00 - 13:30 (CEST)	Russian	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced ROSPATENT Speakers: Olga Darina (Дарина Ольга Николаевна) / Irina Kochneva / Yury Zontov (Зонтов Юрий Владимирович)	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65773
19 October 2021 12:00 - 13:30 (CEST)	Spanish	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced OEPM Speaker: Gabriel González Limas	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65791

PATENTSCOPE Webinars (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
21 September 2021 17:30 - 18:30 (CEST)	English	PATENTSCOPE: The Basics WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ji0z_5VMTKiqDgSIGtX1_g
23 September 2021 08:30 - 09:30 (CEST)	English	PATENTSCOPE: The Basics WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MEgOqTaERcutTtZWUk4Sog
12 October 2021 17:30 - 18:30 (CEST)	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ykV1KGYlRMC1Pcsz3Z3O_A
14 October 2021 08:30 - 09:30 (CEST)	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4YJ7ZwfISjW2KbG0RK3eaA

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,860 (from 1.11.21: 2,019)	21 (23)	– (–)	280 (304)	420 (455)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: ⁹ 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,782	20	–	268	402	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,170	100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DO	USD 316	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453 or EUR 1,233	16 14	– –	218 185	328 278	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR 75	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,028	12	–	155	232	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	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 444,200	5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 93 or USD ¹⁴ 109	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,233 or USD 1,453	15 14 16	100 93 109	200 185 218	300 278 328	Refer to footnote 15
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 184,200	2,100	–	27,700	41,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 153,600	1,700	–	–	34,600	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
					Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶		Item 4(c) ⁷
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ²⁰	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,750	140	–	1,920	2,880	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,025	23	–	305	457	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ²⁰	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	8,210 ²⁴	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,280	140	–	1,850	2,770	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV		None ²⁶	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX	–	UGX eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG

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

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 130 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 65 ²⁸	USD 1,453	16	109	218	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,630	230	–	3,100	4,650	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	KRW 2,422,000	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091	ZAR 30,610				
AU	AUD 2,200	CHF* 1,573	EUR 1,429	KRW 1,829,000	NZD 2,379	SGD 2,150				
	USD 1,697	ZAR 23,560	* (from 1.11.21: CHF 1,449)							
BR ⁸	Online: BRL 1,685	CHF 306	EUR 285	USD 330						
	On paper: BRL 2,525	CHF 458	EUR 428	USD 495						
CA	CAD 1,632	CHF 1,218	EUR 1,060	USD 1,353						
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,831	EUR 1,697							
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		CHF 366	EUR 339						
	In case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300		CHF 275	EUR 255						
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 301	EUR 262	USD 328						
EG ³³	EGP 4,000	CHF 233	EUR 216	USD 254						
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	DKK 13,210	GBP 1,526	HUF 639,500	ISK 268,000				
	JPY 236,100	NOK 17,880	NZD 2,942	SEK 18,610	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091				
	ZAR 30,610									
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091							
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091							
IL	ILS 3,553	CHF 976	EUR 903	USD 1,107						
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 125	EUR 116	JPY 14,400	USD 137					
	In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 31	EUR 29	JPY 3,600	USD 34					
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000	CHF 606	EUR 526	KRW 714,000	USD 662					
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 1,351	EUR 1,173	SGD 1,906	USD 1,476					
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean: KRW 450,000	AUD 541	CHF 356	EUR 330	NZD 585					
	SGD 529	USD 389								
	For IAs in English: KRW 1,200,000	AUD 1,443	CHF 949	EUR 879	NZD 1,561					
	SGD 1,410	USD 1,036								
PH	USD 1,000	CHF 916	EUR 849							
	Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339							

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	106	EUR	98	USD	115			
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	498	EUR	459	USD	543			
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880
	USD	2,091										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	183,400	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR	31,120		
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR	15,560	
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR	7,780	
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 917
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,284
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,834
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 147	CHF 200
	CHF 235 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

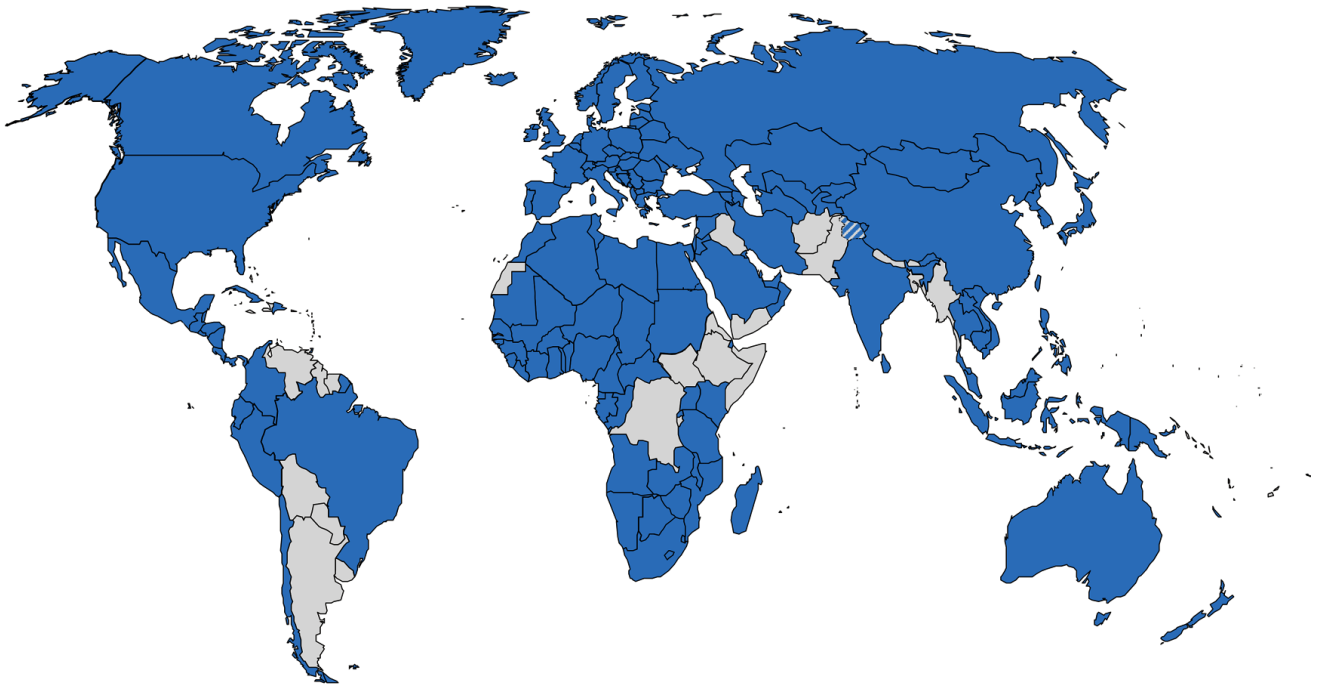
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁰			Handling fee^{2, 40}(CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ³¹		EUR	185
AU	AUD	590	820 ⁴¹	AUD	280 (from 1.11.21: 304)
BR	Online:	BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper:	BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	816		CAD	268
CL	USD	1,500		USD	218
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400				
	in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300				
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000		USD	218
EP	EUR	1,830 ³⁴		EUR	185
ES	EUR	589.48 ³⁴		EUR	185
FI	EUR	600		EUR	185
IL	ILS	1,523		ILS	745 (from 1.11.21: 704)
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			USD	218
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:	JPY	26,000	JPY	23,100
	For IAs in English:	JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW	253,000
PH	USD	500		USD	218
	Small entity or government: ³⁷	USD	200		
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³	USD	218
	For IAs in English:	RUB	16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³		
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,850
SG	SGD	830		SGD	297
TR	TRY	1,000		CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			EUR	185
US	USD	640	800 ⁴⁴	USD	218
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	320 400 ⁴⁴		
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	160 200 ⁴⁴		
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	1,380
XV	EUR	900		EUR	185

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should 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 (refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus 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.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 September 2021)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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Assembly of the PCT Union

The 53rd session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 4 to 8 October 2021, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, as set out in the annexes to document PCT/A/53/3. The amendments consist of the following:

- PCT Rules 5, 12, 13^{ter}, 19 and 49: Implementing WIPO Standard ST.26 “Recommended Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)” in the PCT. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2022 and will apply to any international application with an international filing date on or after that date. For further information, please refer to document PCT/WG/13/8 and paragraphs 4 and 5 of document PCT/WG/13/14, and “Implementation Date of WIPO Standard ST.26”, below.
- PCT Rule 82^{quater}: Strengthening safeguards for applicants and third parties in case of general disruption that affect meeting time limits under the Regulations. For further information, please refer to document PCT/WG/14/11 and paragraphs 8 to 14 of document PCT/WG/14/18. These amendments will also enter into force on 1 July 2022 and apply to any time limit that expires on or after that date.

The Assembly appointed the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT (document PCT/A/53/1). The appointment will become effective from a future date to be notified by the Office when it is ready to begin operations.

The Assembly noted a report on the Supplementary International Search system (document PCT/A/53/2) and invited the International Bureau (IB) to continue to monitor the system and report to the Meeting of International Authorities and the PCT Working Group on significant developments. The Assembly also invited the IB to review the system again at a time to be recommended by the IB, or on request by a Contracting State, but no later than 2027.

The documents referred to above are available from the WIPO website as follows:

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

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/53

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WIPO General Assembly document (including the report once it becomes available):

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=wo/ga/54

PCT Working Group documents:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/13
(13th session)

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/14
(14th session)

Implementation Date of WIPO Standard ST.26

The 54th session of the WIPO General Assembly approved the implementation date of WIPO Standard ST.26 “Recommended Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)” at national, regional and international levels of 1 July 2022 – please refer to document WO/GA/54/14 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo_ga_54/wo_ga_54_14.pdf

and paragraph 45 of document A/62/12 at:

https://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/assemblies/2021/a_62/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=552851

The transition to WIPO Standard ST.26 will therefore take place six months after the date previously decided by the Committee of WIPO Standards at its fifth session in 2017 – (please refer to paragraphs 42 to 44 of document CWS/5/22 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/cws/en/cws_5/cws_5_22.pdf

Where previous editions of the *PCT Newsletter* have referred to 1 January 2022 as the date from which WIPO Standard ST.26 will apply¹, this date should now read 1 July 2022.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Djibouti and Samoa: Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) and Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa), in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 3 January 2022 and 31 January 2022, respectively.

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

¹ The following issues of the *PCT Newsletter* indicated 1 January 2022 as the date from which WIPO Standard ST.26 will apply: No. 06/2019 (page 3), No. 10/2020 (page 1), No. 12/2020 (page 8) and No. 04/2021 (page 7).

The notifications containing the requirements and practices of those Offices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 14 October 2021 at:

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (DJ and WS))

New Landing Page for the Payment of PCT Fees

It is recalled that on 14 June 2021, WIPO introduced a new payment platform for the online payment of certain PCT-related fees and other fees payable to WIPO (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2021). For the convenience of users, a new landing page, "WIPO Pay", is now available at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/public/index.xhtml>

You can also access WIPO Pay via a link on the main PCT System page, under "PCT Resources", at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/> and on the right-hand side of the "Fees and Payments – PCT System" page at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>.

WIPO Pay is a streamlined system allowing you to make payments and view your pending payments with one click, including the possibility to pay several transactions at once. It is secure and encrypted, and payments are processed quickly and confirmed by e-mail.

Further information on payment methods at WIPO is available at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/public/payment-methods.xhtml>

WIPO 2021 PCT User Survey

In order to regularly assess customer satisfaction with all aspects of the PCT, WIPO will shortly be conducting its biennial survey of the user community. The input received from PCT users of the PCT services provided by the International Bureau is extremely valuable to us. We encourage you to take the time to provide us with your feedback by participating in the survey, which will take approximately 10 to 20 minutes to complete. To participate, please send an e-mail with the title "Participation in the 2021 PCT User Survey" to:

survey@wipo.int

and you will receive a link to the survey as soon as it has been launched.

Exceptional Non-working Days

Canadian Intellectual Property Office

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business on 30 September 2021, due to the designation of that day as a new federal statutory holiday.

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

It is recalled that, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach an Office fell on a closed date, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

PCT Information Update

CN China (fees)

Equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30 payable to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) have been established in CNY with effect from 1 December 2021. The amounts in CNY of those fees that will be payable from that date, as well as the amounts in CNY of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

DJ Djibouti (e-mail address; electronic filing)

The e-mail address of the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: dj.epct@odpic.dj

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

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 3 January 2022, by the 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, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

DO Dominican Republic (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) as designated (or elected) Office has changed one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* for entry into the national phase – where applicable, the Office now requires the furnishing of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing on paper and in electronic form.

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

GM Gambia (types of protection; fees)

National protection by way of utility models is now available in the Gambia via the PCT – applicants now have the choice of utility models or patents.

Furthermore, the Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of a national filing fee for utility models, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee is GMD 2,500 or, for applicants who are not residents of the Gambia, USD 200.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (GM) and the National Chapter, Summary (GM), as well as the table of “Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States”)

LR Liberia (types of protection; who can act as agent; applicable criteria for requests for restoration of the right of priority; fees)

National protection by way of utility models is now available in Liberia via the PCT – applicants now have the choice of utility models or patents.

There has been a change concerning who can act as agent before the Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO) in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – any attorney certified by the Office and registered by the Legal Bar Association or any IP agent certified by the Office may now act as agent.

The Office has notified the IB that, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB of a change in the currency and amount of the national filing fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee is now USD 400.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (LR), National Chapter, Summary (LR) as well as the table of “Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States”)

ME Montenegro (name of Office)

The name of the Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro) has changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (ME))

PA Panama (e-mail addresses)

The Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) has notified the IB of an additional e-mail address. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: dgrpi@mici.gob.pa
epct@mici.gob.pa

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

PL Poland (location; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The location and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland have changed, as follows:

Location: Al. Niepodległości 188/192
PL-00-950 Warszawa
Poland

E-mail: plpctteam@uprp.gov.pl

Internet: <https://www.uprp.gov.pl>

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

TN Tunisia (summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (TN), at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/tn.pdf>

WS Samoa (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 31 January 2022, by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) 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, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

Search fee (Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 December 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in NZD for an international search carried out in Korean or in English by the Korean Intellectual Property Office. The new amounts will be NZD 538 for international applications in Korean, and NZD 1,435 for international applications in English.

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

Handling fee (China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA))

An equivalent amount of the handling fee payable to CNIPA (for the benefit of the International Bureau) has been established in CNY with effect from 1 December 2021. The amount will be CNY 1,390.

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

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

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

The IB has published updated information in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 7 October 2021 on the Offices that have notified the IB of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service at:

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

New webinar recordings

Webinar in Chinese

A recording of the following webinar in Chinese:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 22 September 2021), can be accessed at:

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

Webinars in English

Recordings of the following webinars in English:

- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: eHandshakes-Access Rights-eOwnership (8 September 2021)
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Mastering priority claims in PCT applications (23 September 2021)
- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: ePCT-Filing in Docx (5 October 2021)

as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated above), can be accessed at:

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

Webinars in Portuguese

Recordings of the following webinars in Portuguese:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference (24 September 2021)
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations (1 October 2021)

as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated above), can be accessed at:

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

Webinar in Russian

A recording of the following webinar in Russian:

- WIPO Standard ST.26: Introduction

as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 8 September 2021), can be accessed at:

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

Webinar in Spanish

A recording of the following webinar in Spanish:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 21 September 2021), can be accessed at:

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

PATENTSCOPE News

New in PATENTSCOPE: weekly tips and tricks videos

The weekly tips and tricks videos show how to use specific features of PATENTSCOPE to their full potential. A new short video is released every week on Tuesday at:

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

The first videos that have been posted are on the following subjects:

- how to use the weighting factor in PATENTSCOPE;
- licensing information;
- WIPO Translate;
- statistical information; and
- how to customize statistical information.

Users can e-mail the PATENTSCOPE team to request a video demonstration of a specific feature at: patentscope@wipo.int

Markush search now available in PATENTSCOPE

Markush structures are representations of chemical structures with variable substituents that are used in patent documents to specify groups of related chemical compounds, often in order to claim them as part of the scope of a filed patent application (also referred to as Markush claims).

Markush definitions are now being indexed for the first time in PATENTSCOPE. It is therefore possible to search chemical compounds in patent documents by the name (for example, commercial name, IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) name or INN (International Nonproprietary Name)), structure in a drawing, or when they fall within a Markush definition. Markush searches are available in PATENTSCOPE free of charge for logged-in users – a WIPO account can be created from the Login menu in the top black navigation bar (<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf>). The implementation of the Markush search feature in PATENTSCOPE makes such a search feature accessible to all users worldwide for the first time.

For further information, please refer to:

https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2021/news_0006.html

PATENTSCOPE contributes patent documents relating to green technologies to a fully rebuilt WIPO GREEN

It is recalled that the WIPO GREEN database is a free, solutions-oriented, global innovation catalogue that connects needs for solving problems relating to climate change, food security and the environment with sustainable solutions. WIPO GREEN has been fully rebuilt with new features such as unique AI-assisted search functions, auto-matching, and advanced user upload tracking and statistics, and relevant green technologies have been imported from the PATENTSCOPE database. Upload to the database is free and open to all relevant innovations and needs.

Further information is available at:

<https://wipogreen.wipo.int/wipogreen-database/database>

EPO: Change Affecting the Payment of Fees

New daily limit for credit card payments

It is recalled that the European Patent Office (EPO) started accepting payments of fees, including PCT-related fees, by credit card (in addition to via deposit account and by bank transfer) on 1 December 2017². With effect from 1 October 2021, the EPO has introduced a new daily limit for credit card payments of EUR 10,000 per credit card and per user account.

For further information on the requirements and arrangements for this method of fee payment, please refer to the “Notice from the European Patent Office dated 23 September 2021 concerning the payment of fees by credit card” at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/09/a73.html>

Global Innovation Index

The 2021 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) is now available at:

https://www.wipo.int/global_innovation_index/en/2021/

This edition of the GII presents the latest global innovation ranking of 132 economies, relying on 81 different indicators. While tracking the most recent global innovation trends in the new Global Innovation Tracker, it also focuses on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on innovation.

A summary of the findings of the new edition of the GII was published in Press Release PR/2021/880, at:

https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2021/article_0008.html

² Please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2017 and *Official Journal EPO* 2017, A72 and A73 (<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2017/09/2017-09.pdf>)

Launch of WIPO IP Diagnostics

As part of WIPO's on-going effort to strengthen its program of support for the business sector, WIPO will launch, in collaboration with the International Trade Center (ITC) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), its newest online resource, WIPO IP Diagnostics, at a virtual event to be held on 9 November 2021 at 13:30 (CET).

WIPO IP Diagnostics is a free, comprehensive self-assessment tool designed to help small businesses identify their IP assets and determine how to protect, manage and leverage these assets to unlock new commercial opportunities. It is a useful tool for small businesses to become acquainted with the practical advantages of the IP system. It can also function as a useful resource for business intermediaries, including IP offices, who may rely on it to complement their IP advisory services for businesses. Further information is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/ipdiagnostic/>

The program will include a presentation of the tool, reflections on it by some member states as well as the launch of an initiative with ICC Center of Entrepreneurship for using the tool for building business capacity, which is part of a broader initiative by WIPO to partner with Governments, intergovernmental organizations and national associations to make the tool available to beneficiaries.

The program for the event, as well as information on registration, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65728

Registration requires entry of the following secure code: KBT543EDS8

Interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish.

Practical Advice

Filing strategies: factors to consider when deciding which International Searching Authority to choose where more than one Authority is competent

Q: I am the sole applicant in an international application that I am going to file with a receiving Office for which there are several competent International Searching Authorities. What are the main factors that I should take into account when deciding which Authority to select?

A: Each receiving Office specifies one or more International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) as competent to carry out international searches and international preliminary examination, respectively, on international applications filed with it (PCT Rule 35). Where several ISAs/IPEAs are competent, you may choose between them (subject to any restrictions that will be discussed below). For the sake of simplicity, we will refer only to ISAs and the international search procedure in this practical advice, and not to IPEAs and the international preliminary examination procedure.

Please also note that if you file the international application with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), your choice of competent ISA would be the same as you would normally have when filing with the national Office of the Contracting State of which you (or if there is more than one applicant, one of the applicants) are a resident or national, or the national Office or intergovernmental organization acting for that Contracting State (PCT Rule 35.3).

You can find out which ISA (or ISAs) are competent for each receiving Office in Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. Where two or more International Searching Authorities (ISAs) are competent to carry out the international search, you must indicate the Authority chosen in Box No. VII of the request form at the time of filing.

The main points to consider before making this choice are outlined below.

Different ISAs may be available depending on the receiving Office used: where the Contracting State of which you are a resident is different from the one of which you are a national, you may have a wider choice of receiving Offices with which to file the international application. As each receiving Office specifies its own competent ISAs, you should carefully consider the available ISAs when selecting the receiving Office with which to file your international application. And if in the future you have multiple applicants in an application with differing nationalities and residences, and file with RO/IB, you may have more competent ISAs to choose from since the choice will be the composite of all of the ISAs which would have been competent for any of the national or regional receiving Office which you could have used.

Languages accepted for international search: your choice of ISA should consider the language or languages accepted by the ISA or ISAs that are competent to carry out the search on your international application. You should preferably choose an ISA that accepts the language in which you are filing your international application if you want to avoid having to translate your international application specifically for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3). The language or languages accepted by each ISA are shown in Annex D of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Search fee (and other related fees) charged by the ISA: an important consideration for you may be the cost of having an international search carried out by a particular ISA. Search fees and related fees are fixed by the ISA concerned, and can vary considerably. Furthermore, some ISAs offer reductions in the search fee in certain situations based on their practices as national or regional Offices (in particular, for small- and medium-sized entities or for applicants from low- or middle-income economies), and some fees payable in the national/regional phase are reduced where a particular ISA has carried out the international search. Information on the search fees and any reductions in the search fee, where applicable, can be found in Annex D of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, and information on any available reductions in the national fees can be found, where applicable, in the corresponding National Chapter of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Quality of the international search and timeliness of issuance of the international search reports (ISRs) and written opinions: you may wish to consider the reputation of the ISA, its compliance with Chapter 21 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (“Common Quality Framework for International Search and Preliminary Examination”), and its reliability in terms of timeliness in the issuance of their reports. Useful resources that you may wish to consult for information on this are:

- the PCT International Authority Quality Reports at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html>, and
- the timeliness statistics reproduced in the PCT Yearly Review – the latest edition is available at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo_pub_901_2021.pdf (statistics on timeliness in transmitting ISRs to the IB can be found on pages 84 and 85).

Subject matter that will not be searched by the ISA: in accordance with PCT Rule 39, ISAs are not required to search an international application if its subject matter is listed in items (i) to (vi)

of that Rule. If your international application relates to any of those subject matters, you may wish to choose an ISA which has indicated that it will search the subject matter of your application. Further information is available, for each ISA, in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D.

Whether or not to have a search carried out by an ISA that is different from the Office which searched the earlier national filing: if you are claiming priority of an earlier application (whether it be a national, regional or international application), and the Office that searched the earlier application is also a competent ISA, you may wish to select the same Office as ISA if this may result in receiving the search results more quickly, or in order to benefit from any possible fee reductions. Also, in some cases, it may be possible to make use of the so-called PCT Direct service before certain Offices (currently, this is available at the European Patent Office, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office, the Israel Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office), whereby an applicant filing an international application with an Office offering the PCT Direct Service which claims priority from an earlier application already searched by that Office, may submit informal comments to respond to any objections raised in the search report and written opinion drawn up in relation to the priority application.

Alternatively, you may prefer to have the search carried out by another ISA for a different perspective on the international search, for example, selecting an ISA based on the language expertise of the search examiners or particular document collections that an ISA may search beyond the PCT minimum documentation.

Limitations on the selection of the IPEA: given that some IPEAs will carry out an international preliminary examination only on an application for which they, or another specified ISA, carried out the international search, this may affect your choice of ISA if you are likely to want to request a particular IPEA to carry out the international preliminary examination.

Consideration of prior art: if you are going to seek patent protection only in a specific country or region, it may be useful, where possible, to choose an ISA that would search prior art that is particularly relevant to that region. For example, if protection is sought in the Republic of Korea, it may be useful to choose ISA/KR (if possible) as that Office may find relevant prior art in Korean, which may not be accessible to other ISAs for language reasons. Please also bear in mind that if you enter the national phase at the same Office that produced a positive ISR when it acted as the ISA on your international application, it may be quicker to obtain positive results before that Office upon national examination.

Limitations of international searches by some ISAs: some ISAs have limited the number of international applications that they will search where the international application has been filed with certain receiving Offices. For example the Australian Patent Office and the Israel Patent Office, in their capacities as ISAs, have limited the number of international applications that they will search where the application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office. Any such restrictions are indicated in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (please refer to the part of Annex C relating to the competent receiving Office concerned).

Ability to make use of the Patent Prosecution Highway: if you wish to request accelerated examination of your application in the national phase by requesting one or more national Offices to accelerate the processing of your application using the PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) work-sharing scheme, you should check which national (or regional) Offices have PCT-PPH agreements with the competent ISAs concerned. For further information on bilateral or plurilateral agreements, please consult the PCT-PPH Program page at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

and refer to the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2021 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2021/pct_news_2021_9.pdf

Whether an ISA also offers supplementary international search (SIS): it is recalled that you can, at any point in the international phase, and subject to extra fees (the supplementary search fee and the supplementary search handling fee), request an SIS by any of the 10 Authorities specified for supplementary search (SISA) that currently offer this service. Your choice of SISA does not depend on the receiving Office with which you file the international application, but the SISA must be different from the Authority that has performed the international search. If you are planning to request SIS, this could influence your choice of ISA to carry out your international search, as you would not be able to choose the same ISA as the SISA.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 25 October 2021)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
28 and 29 October 2021 8:30-12:00 (Eastern time) Online presentation	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Kang	Boston Patent Law Association E-mail: president@bpla.org activities@bpla.org Internet: https://www.bpla.org
24 - 26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
2 November 2021 09:00 – 10:30 (CET)	English	ePCT actions (for Australia, Asia and Europe time zones) WIPO speakers: Ms. Lee and Ms. Mo	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EaHhde0VRuSH__gKdx-1eQ
3 November 2021 10:00 – 11:00 (CET)	French	Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize PCT declarations WIPO speakers: Ms. Schumm and Ms. Gateau	Further information: https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/news/2021/news_0045.html Registration: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8203624898254725388
4 November 2021 16:30 – 18:00 (CET)	English	ePCT actions (for North and South America time zones) WIPO speakers: Ms. Lee and Ms. Mo	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cbpocP3tS9yXl4en6U4hoA
15 November 2021 09:00 – 10:45 (CET)	Russian	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov, Mr. Azimov, Mr. Dimitrov, Ms. Ghetu, Ms. Gobechia, and Ms. Krysanova. Other speakers: Mr. Zhuravlev (Rospatent) and Mr. Gulyaeva (Hogan Lovells), Moscow	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65469

WIPO Standards Webinars

(https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=330)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; Speakers	Registration
28 October 2021 08:00 - 09:30 (CEST)	Chinese	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced CNIPA Speaker: Ms. Lijing	Pre-recorded session: the recording will be available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65869

Other WIPO Events

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; Speakers	Registration
9 November 2021 13:30 – 15:15 (CET)	English/ French/ Spanish	WIPO IP Diagnostics Going Global, co-organized by WIPO, the International Trade Center and the International Chamber of Commerce WIPO speakers: Mr. Aleman, Mr. Pessach and Ms. Nanayakkara Other speakers: please refer to the provisional program at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65728	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65728 Secure code for registration: KBT543EDS8

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,860 (from 1.11.21: 2,019)	21 (23)	– (–)	280 (304)	420 (455)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: ⁹ 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,782	20	–	268	402	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330 (from 1.12.21: CNY 9,260)	eq CHF 15 (100)	– (–)	eq CHF 200 (CNY 1,390)	eq CHF 300 (CNY 2,090)	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP	2,400	CUP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
								(from 3 January 2022: 218)	(from 3 January 2022: 328)	
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,170		100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DO	USD	316	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD or EUR	1,453 1,233		16 14	–	218 185	328 278	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,233		14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR	75	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,028		12	–	155	232	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹²	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	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	444,200		5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ or EUR ¹⁴ or USD ¹⁴	100 93 109	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,233 1,453		15 14 16	100 93 109	200 185 218	300 278 328	Refer to footnote 15
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS	554	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR INR	3,500 ¹⁶ 17,600 ¹⁷	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IR	IRR (natural persons) IRR (legal persons)	50,000 500,000	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK	18,200	ISK	184,200		2,100	–	27,700	41,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁸	JPY	153,600		1,700	–	–	34,600	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁹	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	KHR	420,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	50	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– ²¹	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU	
LY	LYD	– ²⁰	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP	
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE	
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU	
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP	
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP	
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU	
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP	
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP	
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CLEPESKRSESG US	
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR	
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP	
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,750	140	–	1,920	2,880	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,025	23	–	305	457	AU EP KR US	
OA	XAF	– ²⁰	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AUEGEPUS	
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US	
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CLEPESKRUS	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU	
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US	
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV	
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP	
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US	
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU	
RS	RSD	8,210 ²⁴	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV	
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU	
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU	
SC	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP	
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,280	140	–	1,850	2,770	EP SE XN	
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG	
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP	
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV	
SV		None ²⁶	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES	
SY	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU	
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US	
TJ	TJS	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU	
TM	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA	
UG	UGX	–	UGX eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG	

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

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						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
US	USD	260 ²⁸	USD	1,453	16	109	218	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
	small entity ²⁹ :	130 ²⁸							
	micro entity ²⁹ :	65 ²⁸							
UZ	UZS	245,000 ³⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT	200	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP PH
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	20,630	230	–	3,100	4,650	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹												
AT ³¹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	KRW	2,422,000	SGD	2,846	USD	2,091	ZAR	30,610	
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF*	1,573	EUR	1,429	KRW	1,829,000	NZD	2,379	SGD	2,150	
	USD	1,697	ZAR	23,560	* (from 1.11.21: CHF 1,449)								
BR ⁸	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	306	EUR	285	USD	330			
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	458	EUR	428	USD	495			
CA	CAD	1,632	CHF	1,218	EUR	1,060	USD	1,353					
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,831	EUR	1,697							
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF	366	EUR	339			
	In case of filing by a university ³² :				USD	300	CHF	275	EUR	255			
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	301	EUR	262	USD	328					
EG ³³	EGP	4,000	CHF	233	EUR	216	USD	254					
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	GBP	1,526	HUF	639,500	ISK	268,000	
	JPY	236,100	NOK	17,880	NZD	2,942	SEK	18,610	SGD	2,846	USD	2,091	
	ZAR	30,610											
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	USD	2,091							
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	USD	2,091							
IL	ILS	3,553	CHF	976	EUR	903	USD	1,107					
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	125	EUR	116	JPY	14,400	USD	137			
	In case of filing by an individual:												
	INR	2,500	CHF	31	EUR	29	JPY	3,600	USD	34			
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:												
	JPY	70,000	CHF	606	EUR	526	KRW	714,000	USD	662			
	For IAs in English:												
	JPY	156,000	CHF	1,351	EUR	1,173	SGD	1,906	USD	1,476			
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:			KRW	450,000	AUD	541	CHF	356	EUR	330	NZD*	585
	SGD	529	USD	389	(from 1.12.21: NZD 538)								
	For IAs in English:			KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,443	CHF	949	EUR	879	NZD*	1,561
	SGD	1,410	USD	1,036	(from 1.12.21: NZD 1,435)								
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	916	EUR	849							
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :			USD	400	CHF	366	EUR	339				

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	106	EUR	98	USD	115			
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	498	EUR	459	USD	543			
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880
	USD	2,091										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	183,400	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR	31,120		
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR	15,560	
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR	7,780	
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 917
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,284
		CHF 1,834
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 147	CHF 200
	CHF 235 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 76
		CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

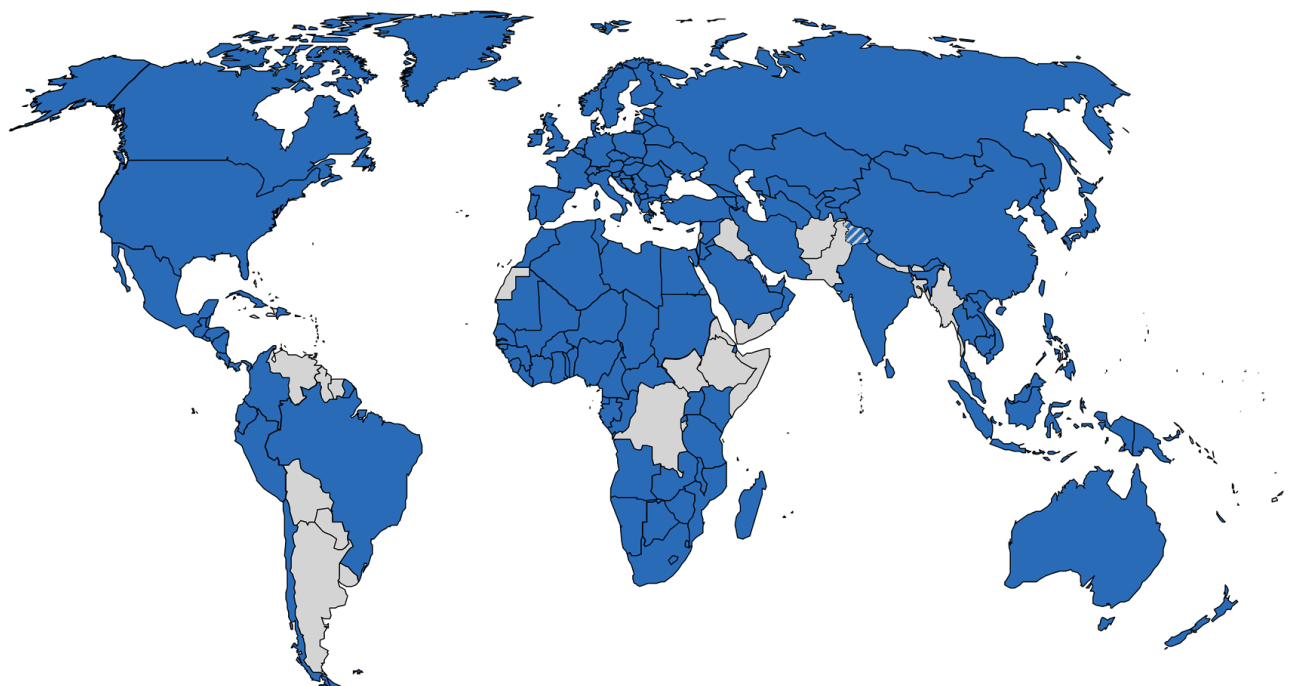
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁰	Handling fee^{2, 40}(CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 185
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴¹	AUD 280 (from 1.11.21: 304)
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 816	CAD 268
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 218
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200 (from 1.12.21: CNY 1,390)
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 218
EP	EUR 1,830 ³⁴	EUR 185
ES	EUR 589.48 ³⁴	EUR 185
FI	EUR 600	EUR 185
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 745 (from 1.11.21: 704)
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000	USD 218
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 26,000 For IAs in English: JPY 58,000	JPY 23,100
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 253,000
PH	USD 500 Small entity or government: ³⁷ USD 200	USD 218
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³	USD 218
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,850
SG	SGD 830	SGD 297
TR	TRY 1,000	CHF 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70	EUR 185
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁴ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 320 400 ⁴⁴ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 160 200 ⁴⁴	USD 218
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,380
XV	EUR 900	EUR 185

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should 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 (refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus 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.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 October 2021)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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New PCT Contracting State

Jamaica (country code: JM)

On 10 November 2021, Jamaica deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, thus becoming the 154th Contracting State of the PCT, and on 10 February 2022, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 10 February 2022 will automatically include the designation of Jamaica. Also, because Jamaica will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 10 February 2022.

Furthermore, nationals and residents of Jamaica will be entitled, as from 10 February 2022, to file international applications under the PCT.

Paris Convention Accession

Accession by Kiribati

On 5 November 2021, Kiribati (country code: KI) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 178. Kiribati will become bound by the Paris Convention on 5 February 2022.

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

The updated table of “States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization” can be found at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/paris_wto_pct.html

Seychelles joins ARIPO

On 1 October 2021, Seychelles deposited its instrument of accession to the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO). Therefore, Seychelles will become a member State of ARIPO

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with effect from 1 January 2022, and the Harare Protocol will enter into force with respect to Seychelles with effect from that date, bringing the number of member States of ARIPO to 21, and the number of States party to the Harare Protocol to 19.

This means that any international application filed on or after 1 January 2022 will include the designation of Seychelles for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent. Furthermore, as from 1 January 2022, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Seychelles to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) and the International Bureau of WIPO.

ARIPO's announcement regarding the accession by Seychelles has been published at:

<https://www.aripo.org/accession-of-the-republic-of-seychelles-to-the-harare-protocol/>

(Updating of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (SC), B2 (AP) and C (AP))

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Lithuania: State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form using ePCT-Filing

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania in its capacity as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, with effect from 15 January 2022, it will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form which have been filed using ePCT-Filing. The Office already receives and processes international applications in electronic form that have been filed using EPO Online Filing. It is recalled that the applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the above-mentioned Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form has been updated and will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 25 November 2021 at:

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

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

Discontinuance of the use of Internet Explorer as a browser for obtaining WIPO digital certificates

It is recalled that WIPO digital certificates are used as a strong authentication method for filing and managing international applications using ePCT. As Internet Explorer will be discontinued in the near future, WIPO is no longer enabling ePCT users to enroll for WIPO digital certificates using that browser. WIPO will send a notification to current digital certificate holders 30 days before the two-year validity expires, informing them of the expiration date and providing links to information about other options. A further reminder will be sent seven days before the expiration date of each certificate. It will still be possible to enroll for digital certificates using Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or Microsoft Edge. WIPO's digital certificates page at:

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

contains general information on digital certificates, as well as user guides on performing the following actions using the above-mentioned browsers:

- how to enroll for your certificate;
- how to pick up your certificate;
- how to import your certificate to the browser and save a back-up copy; and
- how to remove your certificate from the browser.

Further information on WIPO digital certificates as well as other strong authentication methods for filing and managing PCT applications using ePCT is contained in the Practical Advice in this issue.

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

With effect from 1 January 2022, Sections 102(h), 705*bis*, 705*ter*, 709, 713(b) and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been modified, and a new Section 5.1*bis* has been added to Annex F.

The main purposes of these modifications are:

- to provide Offices with more flexibility to design their online filing interfaces for the means of communication with the applicant that they specify (Section 102(h));
- to clarify that Section 705*bis* applies to the case of “scanning” a document filed on paper into electronic form while new Section 705*ter* applies to the case of “conversion” from one electronic format to another electronic format (Section 705*bis*);
- to provide a legal basis for permitting international applications to be converted from one electronic format (for example, PDF) to another electronic format (for example, XML) and processed on that basis, in order to authorize receiving Offices, the International Bureau (IB) and International Searching Authorities to convert international applications into XML format and use the resulting XML version as the home copy, record copy, or search copy (Section 705*ter*);
- to provide a legal basis for an Office to transmit notifications or other documents to the applicant by making them available for retrieval by the applicant through a dedicated electronic system, and to enable an Office, if agreed by the IB, to request the IB to transmit documents to the applicant by electronic means on its behalf – details in this respect would be left to the Office concerned and the IB to discuss if such a request would arise (Section 709);
- to provide a legal basis for applying Sections 705*bis*(b) to (e) to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications filed, processed or communicated in electronic form that are capable of applying, but do not expressly apply, under Section 713(b) (Section 713(b));
- to set out the technical requirements for how an Office may transmit documents to the applicant by making them available for online retrieval (Annex F, Section 5.1*ter*); and
- to prepare for the future decommissioning of PCT-SAFE (Section 703(b)(iv) Editor’s Note; and Annex F, section 6).

The revised consolidated versions of the Administrative Instructions containing these modifications, as in force from 1 January 2022, are available in English and French in PDF format at, respectively:

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

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

Advanced Online PCT Seminars: Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System

WIPO's annual Advanced PCT Seminar, in view of current COVID-19 restrictions, will take place once again in virtual format. In order to make the seminar accessible to PCT users in different time zones, the same event will be offered on three different days and at different times of the day. The online seminars are free of charge and will all be given in English. Registration is now open.

The seminars will take place on the following dates at the following times (Geneva time) for the regions indicated:

- 6 December 2021 (09:00 – 11:30 CET) (for participants from Europe/Middle East/Africa);
- 8 December 2021 (16:30 – 19:00 CET) (for participants from the Americas); and
- 10 December 2021 (08:30 – 11:00 CET) (for participants from Asia).

The seminar speakers will be experienced PCT staff from the International Bureau and the target audience is patent administrators and attorneys who are already familiar with the PCT system. The topics covered will include:

- recent and future PCT developments
- ePCT: latest and future developments

The program and registration details for each seminar can be found at:

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

PCT Information Update

International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

On 1 January 2022, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

These changes are reflected in the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/>):

- Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BG, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CL, CN, CR, CY, CZ, DE, DJ, DK, DO, EA, EC, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, HN, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, KG, KH, KZ, LR, LT, LU, LV, MD, ME, MT, MW, MX, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PG, PH, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SC, SE, SG, SI, SK, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, WS, ZA, ZM, ZW;
- Annex D (International Searching Authorities): All;
- Annex SISA (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): All; and
- Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AT, AU, CA, CL, EG, EP, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, KR, PH, RU, SE, SG, UA, US, XV.

CA Canada (fees)

As from 1 January 2022, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office. The new amount will be CAD 305.39.

The amount of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will also change with effect from the same date:

Basic national fee:	CAD 407.18
Small entities:.....	CAD 203.59
Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD 203.59

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

DJ Djibouti (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) has changed, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.odpic.dj>

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

EG Egypt (fax number)

The fax number of the Egyptian Patent Office has changed. The number to be used is now as follows:

Fax: (202) 279 21 273

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 January 2022, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document in USD, payable to the IB as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD	108
Fee for priority document:	USD	54

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

LT Lithuania (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 January 2022, by the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania 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, please refer to "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

NG Nigeria (fees)

The amount of the national filing fee, payable to the Patents and Design Registry, Commercial Law Department (Nigeria) as designated (or elected) Office, has changed. The new amount is NGN 25,000.

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

PE Peru (fees)

The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has notified a new component of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10:	PEN 23.43

For utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10:	PEN 39.50

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

SA Saudi Arabia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) has specified, with effect from 1 November 2021, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office¹, the Federal Service for

¹ The European Patent Office is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or has been performed by the European Patent Office.

Intellectual Property (Rospatent)(Russian Federation) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia with the SAIP, or with the International Bureau, as receiving Office.

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

TZ United Republic of Tanzania (address)

The location of the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania) has changed, as follows:

Location: BRELA Office Plot No. 23
Block No. 20 Shaaban Robert/Sokoine Drive Junction
Dar Es Salaam
United Republic of Tanzania

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 January 2022, there will be a change in the amount payable in CAD, as well as in the equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR and USD for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property 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: CAD 1,628.74

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 January 2021, there will be a change in the amount payable in CAD for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Fee Table II. There will also be a change in the amount of the following fee payable from the same date:

Additional preliminary examination fee: CAD 814.37

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

Non-Working Days at the International Bureau and Publication Schedule at the End of this Year

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2021 and January 2022, in addition to the weekends, will be:

Friday, 24 December 2021
Friday, 31 December 2021 and
Monday, 3 January 2022

The IB will therefore be open for business over the holiday period from Monday, 27 December 2021 to Thursday, 30 December 2021, inclusive, and will then be open as usual from Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

The dates of operation of the PCT Information Service, the PCT eServices and the PCT Operations Division, as well as information on the publication schedule, are given below.

PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed from Friday, 24 December 2021 to Monday, 3 January 2022, inclusive. It will reopen on Tuesday, 4 January 2022. Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone number: (41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a recorded message providing a telephone number for cases requiring urgent attention.

It is recalled that the PCT Information Service answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT (questions relating to specific applications should be addressed to the PCT Operations Division). For further information, please refer to:

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

PCT Operations Customer Support Section (PCT eServices) and PCT Operations Division

The schedule for the PCT Operations Customer Support Section and the PCT Operations Division during the end-of-year holiday period will be as follows:

Friday, 24 December 2021:	closed
Monday, 27 December to Thursday, 30 December 2021:	open as usual, from 9:00 to 18:00 CET
Friday, 31 December 2021 to Monday, 3 January 2022:	closed
Tuesday, 4 January 2022, onwards:	open as usual, from 9:00 to 18:00 CET

It is recalled that:

- the PCT Operations Customer Support Section responds to inquiries related to services for the purpose of preparing, filing and managing applications electronically: ePCT (<https://pct.wipo.int>), PCT-SAFE (<https://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html>) and the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (<https://www.wipo.int/das/en/>);
- the PCT Operations Division answers specific application-related inquiries. Please note that the PCT Operations Division is under the responsibility of 10 teams. In order to find out the generic e-mail address and telephone number of the competent team, please either check Form PCT/IB/301 or refer to:

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

Publication schedule

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications will be published, as usual, on Thursday, 23 December 2021 and on Thursday, 30 December 2021. There will be no changes to the deadlines for receipt of changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication (which will be, respectively, midnight (CET) on Tuesday, 7 December 2021 and Tuesday, 14 December 2021).

New/Updated PCT Resources

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the International Bureau (IB), with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the PCT website four PDF files containing the complete contents, as of 31 October 2021, of the “International Phase” and the “National Phase” of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* in English and French. The files are available at, respectively:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/eqe/ip.pdf>

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/eqe/np.pdf>

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/eqe/ip.pdf>

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/eqe/np.pdf>

New webinar recordings

Webinars in English

Recordings of the following webinars in English:

- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: ePCT Actions (2 and 4 November 2021);
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Restoring the Priority Right (21 October 2021); and
- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: ePCT-Filing in Docx (7 October 2021)

as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated above), can now be accessed at:

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

Webinars in French

Recordings of the following webinars in French:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize PCT declarations (3 November 2021); and
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference (22 October 2021);

as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated above), can now be accessed at:

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

Webinars in Japanese

A recording of the following webinar in Japanese which took place on 10 November 2021:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Mastering priority claims in PCT applications

as well as the PDF version of the presentation, can now be accessed at:

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

Webinars in Korean

A recording of the following webinar in Korean which took place on 12 October 2021:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference

as well as the PDF version of the presentation, can now be accessed at:

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

New Release of WIPO Sequence

A new release of WIPO Sequence (version 1.1.0) was launched on 28 October 2021. As explained in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2020 at the time of the first release, WIPO Sequence is a desktop application that enables patent applicants to prepare amino acid and nucleotide sequence listings compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26, which will be applicable to sequence listings that form part of a patent application at the international, national or regional level as from 1 July 2022. WIPO Sequence is available free of charge, and will allow all applicants to file a single sequence listing at international, national and regional levels, in contrast to the current situation where often sequence listings must be rewritten for filing at different IP Offices.

A summary of the changes made since the previous release is provided with the release notes for the new version. The new release also contains the terms of use for WIPO Sequence, a set of valid/invalid ST.26 sequence listings for testing purposes and the updated user manual in all 10 PCT languages. All this information is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/sequence/index.html>

The recording of a webinar about WIPO Sequence (presented in English) and the presentation in PDF format are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62849

PATENTSCOPE News

National patent collection: Poland

PATENTSCOPE now includes the national patent collection of Poland, with 294,000 patent applications and utility models, among which over 46,000 documents are Polish full-text (OCR) documents. Patent family information and one-click access to patent documents in the Polish national database are also available for this new collection. The addition of the national

collection of Poland brings to 73 the number of national/regional collections available in PATENTSCOPE.

The collection is available at:

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

World Intellectual Property Indicators 2021

The 2021 edition of the World Intellectual Property Indicators report is now available in English at:

<https://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4571>

This authoritative report analyzes IP activity around the globe. Drawing on 2020 filing, registration and renewals statistics from national and regional IP offices and WIPO, it covers patents, utility models, trademarks, industrial designs, microorganisms, plant variety protection and geographical indications. The report also draws on survey data and industry sources to give a picture of activity in the publishing industry.

Highlights from the World Intellectual Property Indicators have been published in Press Release PR/2021/883 in English, as well as in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish at:

https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2021/article_0011.html

(Languages other than English can be selected at the top of the page.)

Practical Advice

The use of strong authentication methods for filing and managing PCT applications using ePCT

Q: When logging into ePCT with strong authentication, I use a WIPO digital certificate. However, I have just been notified that my digital certificate will expire soon and that I need to request a new one as the certificate cannot be renewed. It seems that there are other ways to log into ePCT with strong authentication. Are they easier to use than digital certificates, as I remember experiencing issues when trying to enroll and pick up my certificate in the past?

A: Strong authentication is required on your WIPO Account to access confidential data and documents in ePCT and to prepare and file new international applications. In addition to your username and password, we recommend that you set up **at least two strong authentication methods** for your WIPO Account in order to sign in securely to ePCT. If you lose access to one strong authentication method, you can still log into your account using the existing one and subsequently set up additional strong authentication options or, if necessary, remove any other strong authentication method that is no longer valid, for example, a phone number recorded for text messages that is no longer operational.

You are not obliged to log into ePCT using a WIPO digital certificate. In fact, the best practice for logging into ePCT with strong authentication is to register a standard authenticator application (app) for generating one-time passwords, installed on your mobile device (such as “Google Authenticator”) or on your desktop (such as “WinAuth”), and to register a mobile or landline phone number for the receipt of one-time passwords by text message (SMS) or voice

message, rather than using a digital certificate. Using a standard authenticator application to generate a one-time password or receiving a one-time password in a message is easier and more efficient than using digital certificates. This also helps to avoid common issues that some ePCT users have experienced when retrieving and installing their digital certificates (for instance, due to the failure to note down the enrolment code and/or default password which are usually required in order to install the certificate).

The use of authenticator apps for one-time passwords

As a main type of strong authentication, we recommend the use of an authenticator app whenever possible, rather than receiving codes via text message. Apps are usually more reliable and efficient because, once installed they continue to function, even when you do not have access to the internet. On the other hand, there may be times when you are unable to receive a text message, for example, if the mobile signal is weak or non-existent, or if you are using a different SIM card while traveling. Another advantage of a one-time password generated by an app is that it is usually instantaneous, whereas a password sent via a text message can take several minutes.

Information about the recommended apps for one-time passwords, as well as instructions on how to set them up in ePCT, can be found at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=614>

The use of one-time passwords via SMS

As we recommend that you set up at least two strong authentication methods to ensure ePCT access in all circumstances, you should also register a mobile phone number with your WIPO account, in order to be able to receive one-time passwords via SMS. You can also use this authentication option with a landline telephone and receive a one-time password by voice message. Instructions on how to register a phone number are available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=489>

The use of WIPO digital certificates

The use of digital certificates is less convenient than using an authenticator app or the SMS, and may take longer to set up as WIPO certificate requests are manually processed only during WIPO's office hours. Note also that WIPO digital certificates are issued to **individuals only** and not in the name of companies. Moreover, enrollment and pick-up must be done using the same computer and browser and WIPO digital certificates can be used only for PCT services and not for other WIPO IP Portal services that might require strong authentication.

Please note that, although the one-time password methods are recommended, WIPO digital certificates will remain in parallel as an option for strong authentication for the foreseeable future. If you are going to continue using a digital certificate, please note that if the browser that you are currently using is Internet Explorer, the use of that browser will be discontinued shortly. You will, however, be able to enroll using one of the following browsers: Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or Microsoft Edge (for further information, please refer to "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above). Please note that, regardless of which of the three compatible browsers you use, you must always take note of the default password during the certificate installation process in order to be able to import the certificate to the browser afterwards. If you fail to do this, the installation of the certificate cannot be completed and WIPO will have to revoke the certificate.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 23 November 2021)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24 - 26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE) Hybrid conference	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com
30 November 2021 Online seminar	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu
6 December 2021 (09:00 – 11:30 CET) Online seminar for participants from Europe/Middle East/Africa	English	Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park, Mr. Henninger and Ms. Schumm, Ms. Gross and Ms. Chatel	Organized by WIPO Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9217907883195193360?source=PCT+Webinars+page Program: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/2021/program_6_12_2021.pdf
8 December 2021 (16:30 – 19:00 CET) Online seminar for participants from the Americas	English	Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park, Ms. Chatel, Ms. Kang and Mr. Piriou	Organized by WIPO Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1890171957956113931?source=PCT+Webinars+page Program: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/2021/program_8_12_2021.pdf
10 December 2021 (08:30 – 11:00 CET) Online seminar for participants from Asia	English	Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System WIPO speakers: Mr. Yu, Mr. Kim, Ms. Mohri and Ms. Mo	Organized by WIPO Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/511099603213511693?source=PCT+webinars+page Program: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/2021/program_10_12_2021.pdf
15 December 2021 Online seminar	Arabic/ French	WIPO "PCT Prime" Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Related IP Services for the University of Sidi Bel Abbes, and the Center for the Development of Renewable Energies (CDER), Algeria WIPO Speakers: Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Abdelnasser, Mr. Jazairy	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI) (Mr. Youcef Ziane) E-mail: y.ziane@inapi.org

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PCT Webinars (https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
24 November 2021 14:30 – 15:30 (CET)	German	Exploring the PCT webinar series: Mastering priority claims in PCT applications WIPO speakers: Mr. Henninger and Ms. Schumm	Further information: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3382579771973631503 Registration: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3382579771973631503
2 December 2021 09:00 – 10:30 (CET) 11.00 – 12.30 (Moscow time)	Russian	PCT System: Mastering Priority Claims in PCT Applications WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2955843914767630863?source=Code
8 December 2021 12:00 – 13:40 (US Mountain Time)	English	“Picking a PCT International Searching Authority” Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl (Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC)	https://blog.oppedahl.com/?page_id=7150
9 December 2021 09:00 – 10:30 (CET) 11.00 – 12.30 (Moscow time)	Russian	PCT System: Typical Mistakes Made by Applicants WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: Ms. Agarkova and Ms. Kireeva (Rospatent)	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3751929916823284750?source=Code
14 December 2021 09:00 – 10:30 (CET) 11.00 - 12.30 (Moscow time)	Russian	PCT System: Questions and Answers Session WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9025559316840972304?source=Code
15 December 2021 9:00 – 10:00 (CET) 17:00 – 18:00 (Tokyo time)	Japanese	Exploring the PCT webinar series: Restoring the priority right WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri	Further information and registration to be announced at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/seminar/webinars/index.html

PATENTSCOPE Webinars (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
14 December 2021 17:30 - 18:30 (CET)	English	PATENTSCOPE: retrospective of 2021 and plans for 2022 WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UXelZH K7SLmcxBscGtHejw
16 December 2021 08:30 - 09:30 (CET)	English	PATENTSCOPE: retrospective of 2021 and plans for 2022 WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1IDQAFuoRVGH1OxJHh4YTw

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 November 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 2,019 (from 1.1.22: 1,970)	23 (22)	– (–)	304 (296)	455 (444)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: ⁹ 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP
CA	CAD 306 (from 1.1.22: 305.39)	CAD 1,782 (from 1.1.22: 1,811)	20 (20)	– (–)	268 (272)	402 (408)	CA

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

(amounts on 1 November 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD ¹⁰ 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330 (from 1.12.21: CNY 9,260) (from 1.1.22: 9,280)	eq CHF 15 (100) (100)	– (–) (–)	eq CHF 200 (CNY 1,390) (1,390)	eq CHF 300 (CNY 2,090) (2,090)	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CL EP ES
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (from 3 January 2022: 216)	– (from 3 January 2022: 324)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,170 (from 1.1.22: 9,180)	100 (100)	– (–)	1,380 (1,380)	2,070 (2,070)	EP SE XN
DO	USD 316	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437) or EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	16 (16) 14 (14)	– (–) – (–)	218 (216) 185 (186)	328 (324) 278 (279)	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	93 (93)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
ES	EUR 75	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,028 (from 1.1.22: 1,056)	12 (12)	– (–)	155 (159)	232 (238)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 444,200 (from 1.1.22: 438,900)	5,000 (5,000)	– (–)	66,800 (66,000)	100,200 (99,000)	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 93 or USD ¹⁴ 109 (from 1.1.22: 108)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235) or USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	15 14 (14) 16 (16)	100 93 (93) 109 (108)	200 185 (186) 218 (216)	300 278 (279) 328 (324)	Refer to footnote 15

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
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 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 184,200 (from 1.1.22: 185,500)	2,100 (2,100)	– (–)	27,700 (27,900)	41,600 (41,800)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 153,600 (from 1.1.22: 159,500)	1,700 (1,800)	– (–)	– (–)	34,600 (36,000)	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP RU
LY	LYD – ²⁰	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MX	USD 323.7022	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 12,750 (from 1.1.22: 12,320)	140 (140)	– (–)	1,920 (1,850)	2,880 (2,780)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,025 (from 1.1.22: 2,060)	23 (23)	– (–)	305 (310)	457 (465)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ²⁰	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	ATAUEGEPUS
PA	USD 240	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	ATBRCL EPES KRUS
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR 10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	EG EP US
RO	RON 487	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CA EG EP KR RU SG
SC	USD – ²⁰	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 12,280 (from 1.1.22: 12,520)	140 (140)	– (–)	1,850 (1,880)	2,770 (2,820)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,977 (from 1.1.22: 1,948)	22 (22)	– (–)	297 (293)	446 (439)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
SK	EUR (paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP XV
SV	None ²⁶	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CL EP ES
SY	USD – ²⁰	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS – ²⁰	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
TM	USD – ²⁰	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU

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				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
TN	TND 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 130 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 65 ²⁸	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	109 (108)	218 (216)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (from 31 January 2022: 216)	– (from 31 January 2022: 324)	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,630 (from 1.1.22: 21,400)	230 (240)	– (–)	3,100 (3,220)	4,650 (4,830)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 1,915 CHF 1,912	KRW* 2,422,000 KRW 2,465,000	SGD* 2,846 SGD 2,800	USD* 2,091 USD 2,065	ZAR* 30,610 ZAR 30,760)		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,697 NZD 2,300	CHF* 1,449 ZAR* 23,560 SGD 2,175	EUR* 1,429 *(from 1.1.22:) USD 1,604	KRW* 1,829,000 CHF 1,485 ZAR 23,890)	NZD* 2,379 EUR 1,379	SGD* 2,150 KRW 1,897,000		
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.1.22:) On paper: *(from 1.1.22:)	BRL 1,685 CHF 290 BRL 2,525 CHF 434	CHF* 306 EUR 269 CHF* 458 EUR 403	EUR* 285 USD 313) EUR* 428 USD 469)	USD* 330 USD* 495			
CA	CAD* 1,632 *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 1,218 CAD 1,628.74	EUR* 1,060 CHF 1,197	USD* 1,353 EUR 1,134	USD 1,310)			
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.1.22:) In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.1.22:) In case of filing by a university ³² : *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 1,831 CHF 1,852 CHF 370 CHF 278	EUR* 1,697 EUR 1,719) EUR 344) EUR 258)	USD 400 CHF* 275 EUR* 255	CHF* 366 EUR* 339			
CN	CNY 2,100 *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 301 CHF 301	EUR* 262 EUR 280	USD* 328 USD 325)				
EG ³³	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 233 CHF 236	EUR* 216 EUR 219	USD* 254 USD 255)				

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]

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ISA	Search fee ¹											
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,915	DKK*	13,210	GBP*	1,526	HUF*	639,500	ISK*	268,000
	JPY*	236,100	NOK*	17,880	NZD*	2,942	SEK*	18,610	SGD*	2,846	USD*	2,091
	ZAR*	30,610	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	DKK	13,200	GBP	1,518	HUF	631,700	
	ISK	266,500	JPY	229,300	NOK	17,710	NZD	2,961	SEK	18,000	SGD	2,800
	USD	2,065	ZAR	30,760								
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,915	USD*	2,091						
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	USD	2,065							
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	*1,915	USD*	2,091						
*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	USD	2,065								
IL	ILS	3,553	CHF*	976	EUR*	903	USD*	1,107				
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,022	EUR	949	USD	1,104					
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	125	EUR	116	JPY*	14,400	USD*	137		
	*(from 1.1.22: JPY		14,900	USD	135							
	In case of filing by an individual:											
INR	2,500	CHF	31	EUR	29	JPY*	3,600	USD	34			
*(from 1.1.22: JPY		3,700										
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	70,000	CHF*	606	EUR*	526	KRW*	714,000	USD*	662		
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		583	EUR	542	KRW	748,000	USD	631			
	For IAs in English:											
JPY	156,000	CHF	1,351*	EUR*	1,173	SGD	1,906	USD*	1,476			
*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,300	EUR	1,208	USD	1,405						
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD**	541	CHF**	356	EUR**	330	NZD*, **	585		
	SGD**	529	USD**	389	*(from 1.12.21: NZD		538)*					
	**(from 1.1.22: AUD		520	CHF	353	EUR	326	NZD	544	SGD	514	
	USD	379)										
	For IAs in English:											
KRW	1,200,000	AUD**	1,443	CHF**	949	EUR**	879	NZD*, **	1,561			
SGD**	1,410	USD**	1,036	*(from 1.12.21: NZD		1,435)						
**(from 1.1.22: AUD		1,387	CHF	942	EUR	869	NZD	1,450	SGD	1,371		
USD	1,011)											
PH	USD	1,000	CHF*	916	EUR*	849						
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		926	EUR	860							
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :											
USD	400	CHF*	366	EUR*	339							
*(from 1.1.22: CHF		370	EUR	344								
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	106	EUR*	98	USD*	115				
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		108	EUR	100	USD	117)					
For IAs in English:												
RUB	40,000	CHF*	498	EUR*	459	USD*	543					
*(from 1.1.22: CHF		508	EUR	472	USD	549)						
SE	SEK*	18,610	CHF*	1,915	DKK*	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK*	268,000	NOK*	17,880
	USD	2,091	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	DKK	13,200	ISK	266,500	NOK	17,710	
	SEK	18,000	USD	2,065								
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,507	EUR*	1,397	JPY*	183,400	KRW*	1,906,000	USD*	1,646
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,529	EUR	1,420	JPY	183,300	KRW	1,965,000	USD	1,652)	
TR	TRY*	16,250	CHF*	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD*	2,091				
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	TRY	18,250	USD	2,065)					
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:											
	EUR	100	CHF	108	USD*	118						
	*(from 1.1.22: USD		116)									
For IAs in English, French or German:												
EUR	300	CHF*	324	USD*	353							
*(from 1.1.22: CHF		323	USD	349)								

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
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ISA	Search fee ¹											
US	USD	2,180	CHF*	1,996	EUR*	1,850	NZD*	3,076	ZAR*	31,120		
	*(from 1.1.22:		CHF	2,018	EUR	1,874	NZD	3,126	ZAR	32,470)		
	For small entity ²⁹ :		USD	1,090	CHF*	998	EUR*	925	NZD*	1,538	ZAR*	15,560
	*(from 1.1.22:		CHF	1,009	EUR	937	NZD	1,563	ZAR	16,230)		
	For micro entity ²⁹ :		USD	545	CHF*	499	EUR*	463	NZD*	769	ZAR*	7,780
*(from 1.1.22:		CHF	505	EUR	468	NZD	782	ZAR	8,120)			
XN	DKK*	13,210	CHF*	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK*	268,000	NOK*	17,880	SEK*	18,610
	USD*	2,091	*(from 1.1.22:		DKK	13,200	CHF	1,912	ISK	266,500	NOK	17,710
	SEK	18,000	USD	2,065)								
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,915	HUF*	639,500	USD*	2,091				
	*(from 1.1.22:		CHF	1,912	HUF	631,700	USD	2,065)				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 November 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.1.22:	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	
	(from 1.1.22:	
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	
(from 1.1.22:		
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴ (from 1.1.22: CHF 1,912)	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915 (from 1.1.22: CHF 1,912)	CHF 200
RU	CHF 147 (from 1.1.22: CHF 150)	CHF 200
	CHF 235 ³⁹ (from 1.1.22: CHF 240)	
SE	CHF 1,915 (from 1.1.22: CHF 1,912)	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507 (from 1.1.22: CHF 1,529)	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 200
	(from 1.1.22:	
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	
(from 1.1.22:		
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	
	(from 1.1.22:	
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,915 (from 1.1.22: CHF 1,912)	CHF 200
– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 580 (from 1.1.22: CHF 579)		
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,915 (from 1.1.22: CHF 1,912)	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 593 (from 1.1.22: CHF 592)	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
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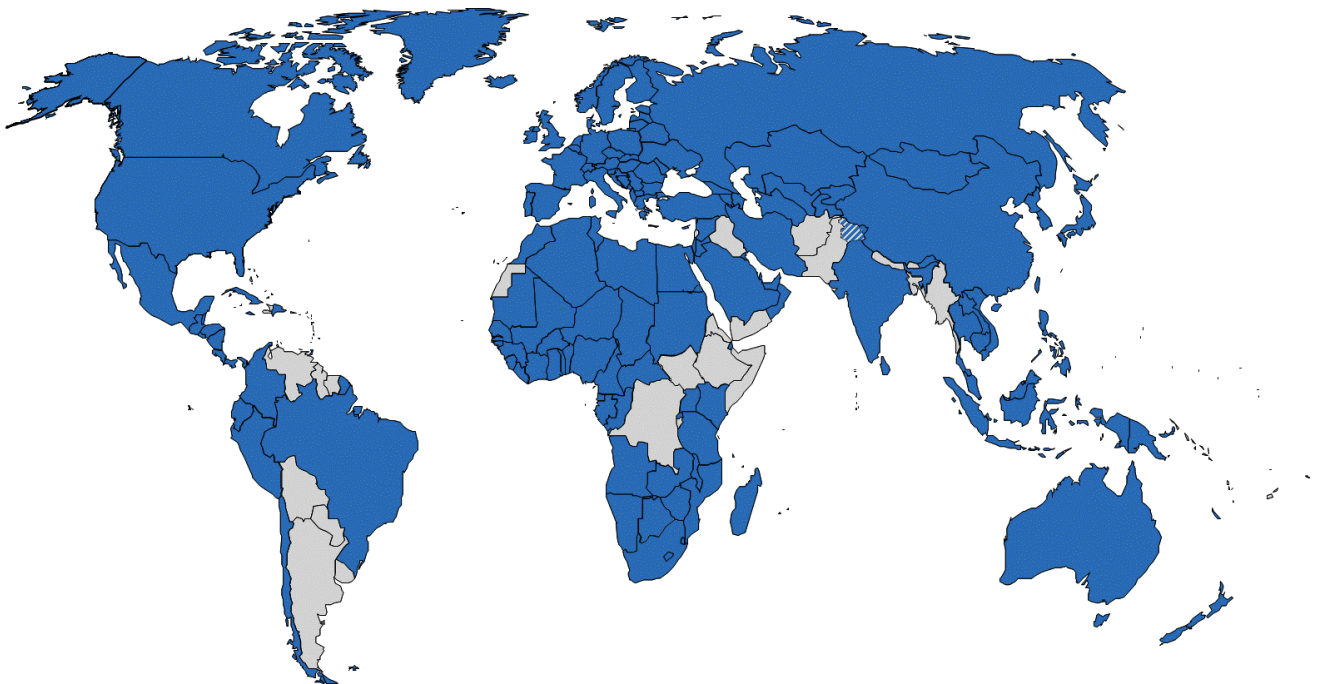
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴⁰	Handling fee ^{2, 40} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴¹	AUD 304 (from 1.1.22: AUD 296)
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 816 (from 1.1.22: CAD 814.37)	CAD 268 (from 1.1.22: CAD 272)
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200 (from 1.12.21: CNY 1,390)
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
EP	EUR 1,830 ³⁴	EUR 185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
ES	EUR 589.48 ³⁴	EUR 185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
FI	EUR 600	EUR 185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 704 (from 1.1.22: ILS 695)
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000	USD 218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 26,000 For IAs in English: JPY 58,000	JPY 23,100 (from 1.1.22: JPY 24,000)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 253,000 (from 1.1.22: KRW 256,000)
PH	USD 500 Small entity or government: ³⁷ USD 200	USD 218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³	USD 218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,850 (from 1.1.22: SEK 1,880)
SG	SGD 830	SGD 297 (from 1.1.22: SGD 293)
TR	TRY 1,000	CHF 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70	EUR 185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁴ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 320 400 ⁴⁴ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 160 200 ⁴⁴	USD 218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,380
XV	EUR 900	EUR 185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should 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 (refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table (b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/mailling costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus 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.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (154 on 10 November 2021)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	ME Montenegro ⁵	SD Sudan (AP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	MG Madagascar	SE Sweden (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SG Singapore
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ³	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AO Angola	DJ Djibouti	<i>JM Jamaica (from 10 February 2022)</i>	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JO Jordan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AU Australia	DM Dominica	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KH Cambodia ⁴	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KM Comoros (OA) ²	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Eswatini (AP) ²
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	KW Kuwait	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia ⁴
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	QA Qatar
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	RO Romania (EP)	RU Russian Federation (EA)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RS Serbia (EP)	RW Rwanda (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RU Russian Federation (EA)	SA Saudi Arabia
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SC Seychelles	SC Seychelles
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia			SD Sudan (AP)
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			SE Sweden (EP)
	IL Israel			SG Singapore

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

4 Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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New ePCT Video Tutorials

A series of new ePCT video tutorials for IP Offices and applicants is now available at:

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

Each video provides a step-by-step demonstration of how to use a specific ePCT function.

The videos for applicants include useful information on how to use ePCT to file and manage PCT applications, upload documents to the International Bureau and participating IP Offices and prepare and submit online Actions after filing.

The videos for IP Offices cover how to perform Office Actions and use the main ePCT Office functionalities in various capacities (receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated Office).

Additional videos on other topics will be available shortly.

New version of ePCT for applicants

A new version (version 4.9) of ePCT for applicants was released on 6 December 2021. The main new features include:

- a **new ePCT landing page** (<https://pct.wipo.int>) containing an overview of the main features available in the ePCT system for applicants and IP Offices, in addition to tips on how to get started for new users of the system;
- **new ePCT video tutorials** (as mentioned above);
- **method of sending PCT Forms**: as the International Bureau (IB) (including the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB)) is continuing its current policy of not sending Forms in paper format, the options in the ePCT interface to select “paper” or “paper and e-mail” have been removed from the “Names” section that is completed when filing, as well as from the PCT Rule 92*bis* Action, the Chapter II Demand Action and the Address Book;
- **filing with the RO/IB**: it can be quite complex to determine whether an agent has the right to act before RO/IB based on the nationality and residence of the applicants, as per Annex C of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*. Therefore, to reduce the likelihood of *ex officio* corrections or invitations to correct after filing, additional validations have been introduced in ePCT-Filing: if the user does not confirm in the interface the right of the

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agent to represent the applicants before RO/IB, the status of “agent” will be automatically changed to “address for correspondence” when the draft is saved and any signature or power of attorney related to the agent will be automatically deleted;

- **reminder about the 2017 PCT Assembly Understanding:** in cases where a 90% reduction of the international filing fee is calculated, a validation has been added to remind users about the importance of including **all** the applicants on the request form at the time of filing, as per the 2017 PCT Assembly Understanding (available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/2017_fee.html);
- **priority claims:** the checkbox to request restoration of the right of priority is displayed only if ePCT detects that the filing date of the earlier application is outside the 12-month priority period but within the two months that follow the expiration of that period. Furthermore, if the application does fall within the above-mentioned period, but the selected receiving Office does not accept requests for restoration of priority, the ePCT validation will advise the applicant to change the receiving Office to RO/IB but will no longer prevent filing;
- **full-text version of the International Search Report (ISR)/Declaration under PCT Article 17.2(a)/Written Opinion of the ISA (WOSA) for published applications:** If an XML version of the ISR/Declaration under PCT Article 17.2(a) and/or the WOSA is available in addition to the PDF version in the Documents list, a shortcut link to the XML version is displayed in the bibliographic data header section, in addition to being available under “More” in the Documents list;
- **Address Book – multilingual entries:** it is possible to maintain contact details in both non-Latin publication languages and the equivalent transliteration in English; and
- **ePCT Action Chapter II Demand:** an additional validation has been added to ensure that the language of publication is indicated as the language for international preliminary examination if that language is accepted by the selected IPEA.

For further details on these changes and for information on other new features, please refer to “What’s new in ePCT for applicants” at:

<https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/direct.aspx?T=EN&UG=4&N=1611>

You may also wish to take part in one of our ePCT webinars: “What’s new for applicants in ePCT 4.9” on 11 and 13 January 2022. The webinars will guide you through the new features that have been implemented. For further details, including registration details, please refer to the PCT Webinars page at:

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

A recording will be made available afterwards on the PCT Webinars page.

New version of ePCT for Offices

A new version (version 4.9) of ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities has been released. Improvements that have been implemented in the ePCT Office features include:

- a new ePCT landing page with integrated access to information and user guides;
- Office comments regarding an international application can be filtered by Office role;

- improved behavior when saving draft ePCT Actions so that they remain visible;
- improved function to search for international applications in ePCT;
- additional translations available for a number of PCT Forms that can be generated using ePCT;
- Receiving Office – updates to the user interface for Form PCT/RO/106, and Form PCT/RO/131 is now available in ePCT;
- International Searching Authority – improvement of the Standardized Clauses function in Written Opinions, lookup of patent family members, upload of rectified sequence listing has been enabled, improved listing of history of saved drafts for PCT/ISA/210 and/or PCT/ISA/237;
- International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) – the routing of Chapter II documents for processing by the IPEA has been enabled, new ePCT Actions to create the IPEA Forms PCT/IPEA/402, PCT/IPEA/404 and PCT/IPEA/416, new ePCT Actions to draft and establish written opinions (PCT/IPEA/408) and international preliminary examination reports (PCT/IPEA/409), new task types for "Draft IPEA/408" and "Draft IPEA/409", additional reporting functions for the timeliness of the IPRP and the translation of the IPRP; and
- ePCT Web Services improvements.

For further information, please consult the release note at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_whats_new.pdf

Offices are encouraged to provide feedback and discuss how ePCT could further assist them in their work by contacting the PCT International Cooperation Division at: PCTICD@wipo.int. Questions about the current ePCT system can be sent to the PCT eServices Support Team via the "Contact Us" link at:

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Trinidad and Tobago: Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form using ePCT-Filing

The Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago) in its capacity as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, with effect from 31 January 2022, it will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form which have been 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).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the above-mentioned Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 25 November 2021 at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

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

European Patent Office will no longer accept EPO New Online Filing (CMS) - Reminder

It is recalled that as from 1 January 2022, the European Patent Office (EPO) will no longer accept, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications (as well as other documents and correspondence relating to international applications) filed using EPO New Online Filing (CMS) (formerly known as EPO Case Management System). CMS has been replaced by the new web-based filing service, "Online Filing 2.0", which was launched on 1 April 2021, and which integrates (for PCT applications and other documents relating to such applications) the relevant features of ePCT (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2021).

This means that, as from 1 January 2022, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be:

- EPO Online Filing 2.0;
- ePCT-Filing;
- EPO Online Filing; and
- EPO Web-Form Filing.

Please note also that Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R if EPO Online Filing is used.

For further information on the decommissioning of CMS and on getting started with EPO Online Filing 2.0, please refer to the May 2021 issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO, at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/05/a43/2021-a43.pdf>

Modified PCT Forms

The Request Form (PCT/RO/101), the Supplementary Search Request (PCT/IB/375) and the Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) have been modified, with effect from 1 January 2022, to make e-mail the default option for applicants to receive notifications from Offices that provide such a service. The option to receive notifications by postal mail will remain, but will become the exception to the default. Please note that receipt by postal mail and also by e-mail will no longer be an option.

For further information, please refer to Circulars C. PCT 1623 and 1631 at:

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

The revised forms, which can be used as from 1 January 2022, are available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.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, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022, are the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

3 January 2022

15 April 2022

18 April 2022

26 May 2022

6 June 2022

8 September 2022

26 December 2022

30 December 2022

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not national or regional Offices in their PCT roles. The closed dates in 2022 for other Offices, where this information has been provided to the IB, can be found on the PCT website at:

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

PCT Information Update

BN Brunei Darussalam (location and mailing address; telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The location and mailing address, telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses of the Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	The Law Building, Ground Floor Jalan Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha Bandar Seri Begawan BA 1910 Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(+673) 222 59 19
E-mail:	enquiries@bruipo.gov.bn
Internet:	http://www.bruipo.gov.bn/SitePages/Home.aspx

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

BZ Belize (discontinuance of use of fax machine)

The Belize Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it has discontinued the use of its fax machine and therefore no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

ID Indonesia (fees)

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) has notified the IB of an additional component of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Additional filing fee for each page of the description in excess of 30:.....	IDR	15,000
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (ID))

IL Israel (fees)

As from 1 January 2022, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office. The new amount will be ILS 567.

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will also change with effect from 1 January 2022:

Filing fee	ILS	2,077 ¹
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Furthermore, as from 1 March 2022, there will be a change in the amount of the fee for priority document, payable to the Office as receiving Office. The new amount will be ILS 90.

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

RO Romania (telephone number; fees)

One of the telephone numbers of the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) has been deleted. The telephone number to be used for the Office is now as follows:

Telephone: (40-21) 306 08 00

As from 1 January 2022, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the Office as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	RON	495
Fee for priority document:.....	RON	99 (plus copying costs)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (RO))

¹ A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

SA Saudi Arabia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) has specified, with effect since 1 October 2021, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)² for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia with the SAIP, or with the International Bureau, as receiving Office.

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

TH Thailand (e-mail address)

The e-mail of the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: ro-th-pct@ipthailand.go.th

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

TT Trinidad and Tobago (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 31 January 2022, by the Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago) 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, please refer to "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

US United States of America (new e-mail address)

As from 1 January 2022, the United States Patent and Trademark Office will be making available an e-mail address, on a one-year pilot basis, for submitting general and non-time-sensitive questions regarding the PCT and the procedures applicable to international applications filed under the PCT and the U.S. national phase applications submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The e-mail address is:

PCTHelp@uspto.gov

Please note that the new e-mail address is not intended for case-specific or time-sensitive inquiries, which should still be directed by telephone to the PCT Help Desk ((1-571) 272 43 00).

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

Search fee and other fees related to the international search (Israel Patent Office)

As from 1 March 2022, there will be a change in the amount payable in ILS for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office. The new amount is indicated below (the

² The USPTO is competent to act as IPEA only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR and USD will be established shortly), together with other fees that will also change:

Search fee:	ILS	3,635
Additional search fee:	ILS	3,635
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report or contained in the file of the international application: .	ILS	45
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	467

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

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

As from 1 March 2022, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable in ILS to the Israel Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,558
Additional preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,558
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report or contained in the file of the international application	ILS	45
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	467

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

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

Notification under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2 (European Patent Office)

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of the unavailability of the following online services on 29 November 2021, from 03:13 to 08:35

(Central European Time):

- Online Filing;
- Online Filing 2.0;
- Web Form Filing;
- Online Fee Payment;
- Mailbox and MyFiles;
- Espacenet;
- Open Patent Services (OPS); and
- the European Patent Register.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of any of the above-mentioned services during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 26 November 2020, page 254, at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices20.pdf#page=254

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

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

Managing international patent applications (and more) using the WIPO IP Portal widgets

It is recalled that the WIPO IP Portal (<https://ipportal.wipo.int/>) was launched in September 2019 (*PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2019). The WIPO IP Portal is the official platform offering the full range of online IP services of the World Intellectual Property Organization as well as functionalities, such as the WIPO IP Portal Dashboard of widgets, which are accessible only to authenticated users. Our goal is to make your experience working with WIPO as seamless and efficient as possible and help you on the whole journey of innovation from concept development to commercialization.

What is the WIPO IP Portal Dashboard?

The customizable WIPO IP Portal dashboard is composed of widgets, which facilitate your activities with the online IP services by providing a summary of them or by performing quick searches. It is accessible to all authenticated users of WIPO online services, and is available at:

<https://ipportal.wipo.int/dashboard>

Which specific widgets should I use for my patent protection activity?

The following widgets are specifically dedicated to facilitate and support your PCT applications, or to easily access your searches in WIPO databases:

- PATENTSCOPE (to search for patent documents and view your own published international applications);
- Key PCT Time Limits (providing a list of key PCT time limits for your international applications);
- ePCT Pending Items (providing a summary of draft international applications and draft actions from ePCT);
- WIPO Pearl (to search for multilingual scientific and technical terms available in WIPO Pearl);

In addition, two widgets provide an overview of your PCT fee payments and facilitate the management of your payments:

- Payment Summary widget (providing a summary of your payments); and
- Payment Details widget (providing a detailed list of your payments).

For further information on the widgets and how to use them, including screenshots of examples of the various widgets, please refer to the news item at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2021/news_0052.html

or visit the “About WIPO IP Portal” page at:

<https://ipportal.wipo.int/about>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at:

https://www3.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=ip_portal

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

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

The IB has published updated information on the common timetable for 2022, which specifies the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the IB, and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in the said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the IB. Please refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 25 November 2021 at:

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

New version of PCT time limit calculator

The PCT time limit calculator has been redesigned to bring it in line with the style of the WIPO IP Portal. Furthermore, the calculator is now available in Arabic, in addition to the nine other PCT publication languages. The date calculations are essentially the same, but the web page has changed location – it is now available at:

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

New webinar recordings

Webinars in English

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

- Picking a Receiving Office (17 November 2021);
- National phase or bypass continuation (19 November 2021);
- Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System (6, 8 and 10 December 2021); and
- Picking an International Searching Authority (8 December 2021)

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

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

Webinars in French

Recordings of the following webinars in French (which took place on the dates indicated below):

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference (22 October 2021); and
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize PCT declarations (3 November 2021)

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

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

Webinar in German

A recording of the following webinar in German, which took place on 24 November 2021:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Mastering priority claims in PCT applications

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

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

Webinars in Japanese

Recordings of the following webinars in Japanese (which took place on the dates indicated below):

- WIPO ST.26: Introduction (28 September 2021); and
- WIPO ST.26: Advanced (15 October 2021)

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

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

Webinar in Korean

A recording of the following webinar in Korean, which took place on 22 October 2022:

- WIPO ST.26: Advanced

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

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

Webinars in Russian

Recordings of the following webinars in Russian (which took place on the dates indicated below):

- PCT System: Amendment of the Claim, Priority Correction and other Corrections in PCT (2 September 2021); and
- WIPO ST.26: Advanced (13 October 2021)

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

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

Webinar in Spanish

A recording of the following webinar in Spanish, which took place on 21 September 2021:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize PCT declarations

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

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

Practical Advice

Requesting the recording of a change of address in the case of multiple international applications using ePCT

Q: I am the agent for several international applications filed by the same corporate applicant. I would like to notify the International Bureau that the company concerned has relocated and has therefore changed its address. Which is the best way to record a change concerning multiple international applications – by using the specific ePCT Action “Rule 92bis change request” or by uploading a letter requesting the change?

A: Since the same change applies to several international applications, it is sufficient to submit a single request for one of your international applications only, accompanied by a list of the other international application numbers to which this same change applies. Please note that you cannot simply request the recording of the change in respect of any international application filed by that applicant – a complete list of all international applications concerned must be included.

The optimal way of requesting a change under PCT Rule 92bis is to use the ePCT Action “Rule 92bis change request” rather than uploading a letter. When choosing the international application for which you are going to submit the main request, you should choose an application to which you have either eOwner or eEditor access rights in ePCT or, if you do not have access rights to any such cases, you can still use the 92bis Action for any application that has already been published, provided that the time limit to request the change under PCT Rule 92bis has not yet expired (that is, that it is within 30 months from the priority date).

ePCT Action “Rule 92bis change request”

The advantages of using this dedicated ePCT Action are:

- ePCT pre-fills the bibliographic data relating to your international application, and the only thing you need to do is type in the new address of the applicant and sign it – there is no need to formulate a letter explaining the changes;
- a number of online validations help you avoid mistakes, for example, you are warned if the time limit under PCT Rule 92bis has expired or if the change will not be reflected in the international publication because technical preparations have already been completed.

When using the ePCT Action, there is an option to attach a supporting document, which you can use in this case to attach a list of the other international application numbers for which the

same change is requested (select “General correspondence” as the document type to be added). You can also type an optional informal message for the attention of the IB before submitting the change request; for example, you could mention that a list of international applications is attached for which the same change is requested.

If you are authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant, you can easily sign using a text string signature or by attaching an image signature. If you are not an authorized signatory, you can use the external signature feature in ePCT, but only if you have eOwner or eEditor access rights to the international application in question. Otherwise, it is possible to indicate that the signature of the applicant or agent is contained in an attached document, for example, on the list of international applications that you attached.

ePCT Action: Upload Documents

If you are not able to use the ePCT Action “Rule 92*bis* change request” for any of your international applications because you do not have eOwner or eEditor access rights or none of them have been published yet, you may, for one international application, upload one single letter in ePCT that explains the change, and include a list of all of the other applications concerned.

In order to upload the letter, you should select “Request for Change under Rule 92*bis* (for multiple International Applications)” as the document type, so that the IB is aware that the uploaded change request concerns more than one application number.

Please note that before making any requests for changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*, you must check that, for each international application concerned, the period of 30 months from the priority date has not already expired, as the IB cannot process any change requests concerning such applications after the expiration of that time limit.

You should also be aware that for requesting a change in the address of the applicant (or the agent), regardless of whether you submit a dedicated ePCT Action or upload a letter, due to confidentiality reasons, online access to the international application via ePCT will be temporarily suspended pending processing by the IB.

A demonstration of the ePCT Action “Rule 92*bis* change request” is available at:

https://multimedia.wipo.int/wipo/en/epct/epct_actions_r92bis.mp4

and information is also available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=939>

Further information on the Action “Upload documents” is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=819>

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 21 December 2021)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
18 – 20 May 2022 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Mr. Adrian Farhadi) E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
11 January 2022 09:00 – 10:00 (CET)	English	What's New for Applicants in ePCT 4.9 (for Australian, Asian and European time zones) WIPO speakers: Mr. Piriou and Ms. Mo	Further information: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2021/news_0064.html Registration: https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HERKiBAAR5aqsPResdS6Ww
13 January 2022 16:30 – 17:30 (CET)	English	What's New for Applicants in ePCT 4.9 (for North and South American time zones) WIPO speakers: Mr. Piriou and Ms. Mo	Further information: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2021/news_0064.html Registration: https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pAGvxGiXQzSqO3v1HwxCZw

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 December 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP	
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,437)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
AP	USD	50	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE	
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 1.1.22:	1,437)	(16)	(–)	(216)	(324)		
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,235)	(14)	(–)	(186)	(279)		
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,019	23	–	304	455	AU KR	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,970)	(22)	(–)	(296)	(444)		
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,437)	(16)	(–)	(216)	(324)		
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,235)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,235)	(14)	(–)	(186)	(279)		
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,437)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG	
BR	BRL ⁸ online: on paper: ⁹	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US	
BW	USD	32	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,437)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BY	BYN	71.05	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,437)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP	
			(from 1.1.22:	1,437)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)		
CA	CAD	306	CAD	1,782	20	–	268	402	CA	
	(from 1.1.22:	305.39)	(from 1.1.22:	1,811)	(20)	(–)	(272)	(408)		

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

(amounts on 1 December 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD ¹⁰ 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY 9,260 (from 1.1.22: 9,280)	100 (100)	– (–)	1,390 (1,390)	2,090 (2,090)	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CL EP ES
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (from 3 January 2022: 216)	– (from 3 January 2022: 324)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,170 (from 1.1.22: 9,180)	100 (100)	– (–)	1,380 (1,380)	2,070 (2,070)	EP SE XN
DO	USD 316	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437) or EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	16 (16) 14 (14)	– (–) – (–)	218 (216) 185 (186)	328 (324) 278 (279)	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	93 (93)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
ES	EUR 75	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,028 (from 1.1.22: 1,056)	12 (12)	– (–)	155 (159)	232 (238)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 444,200 (from 1.1.22: 438,900)	5,000 (5,000)	– (–)	66,800 (66,000)	100,200 (99,000)	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 93 or USD ¹⁴ 109 (from 1.1.22: 108)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235) or USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	15 14 (14) 16 (16)	100 93 (93) 109 (108)	200 185 (186) 218 (216)	300 278 (279) 328 (324)	Refer to footnote 15

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

(amounts on 1 December 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
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 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
IL	ILS 554 (from 1.1.22: 567)	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 184,200 (from 1.1.22: 185,500)	2,100 (2,100)	– (–)	27,700 (27,900)	41,600 (41,800)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 153,600 (from 1.1.22: 159,500)	1,700 (1,800)	– (–)	– (–)	34,600 (36,000)	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP RU
LY	LYD – ²⁰	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MX	USD 323.7022	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 12,750 (from 1.1.22: 12,320)	140 (140)	– (–)	1,920 (1,850)	2,880 (2,780)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,025 (from 1.1.22: 2,060)	23 (23)	– (–)	305 (310)	457 (465)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ^{–20}	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	ATAUEGEPUS
PA	USD 240	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	ATBRCL EPES KRUS
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR 10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	EG EP US
RO	RON 487 (from 1.1.22: 495)	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CA EG EP KR RU SG US
SC	USD ^{–20}	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 12,280 (from 1.1.22: 12,520)	140 (140)	– (–)	1,850 (1,880)	2,770 (2,820)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,977 (from 1.1.22: 1,948)	22 (22)	– (–)	297 (293)	446 (439)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP
SK	EUR (paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR 1,233 (from 1.1.22: 1,235)	14 (14)	– (–)	185 (186)	278 (279)	EP XV
SV	None ²⁶	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	CL EP ES
SY	USD ^{–20}	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS ^{–20}	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
TM	USD ^{–20}	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
TN	TND 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (from 31 January 2022: 216)	– (from 31 January 2022: 324)	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 218 (216)	eq USD 328 (324)	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 130 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 65 ²⁸	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	109 (108)	218 (216)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (from 31 January 2022: 216)	– (from 31 January 2022: 324)	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,630 (from 1.1.22: 21,400)	230 (240)	– (–)	3,100 (3,220)	4,650 (4,830)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	16 (16)	– (–)	218 (216)	328 (324)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453 (from 1.1.22: 1,437)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 December 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 1,915 CHF 1,912	KRW* 2,422,000 KRW 2,465,000	SGD* 2,846 SGD 2,800	USD* 2,091 USD 2,065	ZAR* 30,610 ZAR 30,760)		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,697 NZD 2,300	CHF* 1,449 ZAR* 23,560 SGD 2,175	EUR* 1,429 *(from 1.1.22:) USD 1,604	KRW* 1,829,000 CHF 1,485 ZAR 23,890)	NZD* 2,379 EUR 1,379	SGD* 2,150 KRW 1,897,000		
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.1.22:) On paper: *(from 1.1.22:)	BRL 1,685 CHF 290 BRL 2,525 CHF 434	CHF* 306 EUR 269 CHF* 458 EUR 403	EUR* 285 USD 313) EUR* 428 USD 469)	USD* 330 USD* 495			
CA	CAD* 1,632 *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 1,218 CAD 1,628.74	EUR* 1,060 CHF 1,197	USD* 1,353 EUR 1,134	USD 1,310)			
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.1.22:) In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.1.22:) In case of filing by a university ³² : *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 1,831 CHF 1,852 CHF 370 CHF 278	EUR* 1,697 EUR 1,719) EUR 344) EUR 258)	USD 400 CHF* 275	CHF* 366 EUR* 255	EUR* 339		
CN	CNY 2,100 *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 301 CHF 301	EUR* 262 EUR 280	USD* 328 USD 325)				
EG ³³	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.1.22:)	CHF* 233 CHF 236	EUR* 216 EUR 219	USD* 254 USD 255)				

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,915	DKK*	13,210	GBP*	1,526	HUF*	639,500	ISK*	268,000
	JPY*	236,100	NOK*	17,880	NZD*	2,942	SEK*	18,610	SGD*	2,846	USD*	2,091
	ZAR*	30,610	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	DKK	13,200	GBP	1,518	HUF	631,700	
	ISK	266,500	JPY	229,300	NOK	17,710	NZD	2,961	SEK	18,000	SGD	2,800
	USD	2,065	ZAR	30,760)								
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,915	USD*	2,091						
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	USD	2,065)							
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	*1,915	USD*	2,091						
*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	USD	2,065)								
IL	ILS**	3,553	CHF*	976	EUR*	903	USD*	1,107				
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,022	EUR	949	USD	1,104)					
	**(from 1.3.22: ILS		3,635	(amounts in the other currencies have not yet been established))								
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	125	EUR	116	JPY*	14,400	USD*	137		
	*(from 1.1.22: JPY		14,900	USD	135)							
	In case of filing by an individual:											
INR	2,500	CHF	31	EUR	29	JPY*	3,600	USD	34			
*(from 1.1.22: JPY		3,700)										
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	70,000	CHF*	606	EUR*	526	KRW*	714,000	USD*	662		
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		583	EUR	542	KRW	748,000	USD	631)			
	For IAs in English:											
JPY	156,000	CHF	1,351*	EUR*	1,173	SGD	1,906	USD*	1,476			
*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,300	EUR	1,208	USD	1,405)						
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD*	541	CHF*	356	EUR*	330	NZD*	538		
	SGD*	529	USD*	389								
	*(from 1.1.22: AUD		520	CHF	353	EUR	326	NZD	544	SGD	514	
	USD	379)										
	For IAs in English:											
KRW	1,200,000	AUD*	1,443	CHF*	949	EUR*	879	NZD*	1,435			
SGD*	1,410	USD*	1,036									
*(from 1.1.22: AUD		1,387	CHF	942	EUR	869	NZD	1,450	SGD	1,371		
USD	1,011)											
PH	USD	1,000	CHF*	916	EUR*	849						
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		926	EUR	860)							
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :											
USD	400	CHF*	366	EUR*	339							
*(from 1.1.22: CHF		370	EUR	344)								
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	106	EUR*	98	USD*	115				
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		108	EUR	100	USD	117)					
For IAs in English:												
RUB	40,000	CHF*	498	EUR*	459	USD*	543					
*(from 1.1.22: CHF		508	EUR	472	USD	549)						
SE	SEK*	18,610	CHF*	1,915	DKK*	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK*	268,000	NOK*	17,880
	USD	2,091	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	DKK	13,200	ISK	266,500	NOK	17,710	
	SEK	18,000	USD	2,065)								
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,507	EUR*	1,397	JPY*	183,400	KRW*	1,906,000	USD*	1,646
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,529	EUR	1,420	JPY	183,300	KRW	1,965,000	USD	1,652)	
TR	TRY*	16,250	CHF*	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD*	2,091				
	*(from 1.1.22: CHF		1,912	TRY	18,250	USD	2,065)					
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:											
	(from 1.1.22: USD		116)	EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:											
(from 1.1.22: CHF		323	EUR	300	CHF	324	USD*	353				
USD		349)										

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 December 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
US	USD	2,180	CHF*	1,996	EUR*	1,850	NZD*	3,076	ZAR*	31,120		
	*(from 1.1.22:		CHF	2,018	EUR	1,874	NZD	3,126	ZAR	32,470)		
	For small entity ²⁹ :		USD	1,090	CHF*	998	EUR*	925	NZD*	1,538	ZAR*	15,560
	*(from 1.1.22:		CHF	1,009	EUR	937	NZD	1,563	ZAR	16,230)		
	For micro entity ²⁹ :		USD	545	CHF*	499	EUR*	463	NZD*	769	ZAR*	7,780
*(from 1.1.22:		CHF	505	EUR	468	NZD	782	ZAR	8,120)			
XN	DKK*	13,210	CHF*	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK*	268,000	NOK*	17,880	SEK*	18,610
	USD*	2,091	*(from 1.1.22:		DKK	13,200	CHF	1,912	ISK	266,500	NOK	17,710
	SEK	18,000	USD	2,065)								
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,915	HUF*	639,500	USD*	2,091				
	*(from 1.1.22:		CHF	1,912	HUF	631,700	USD	2,065)				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 December 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	(from 1.1.22:	
	CHF 917	
	CHF 916)	
– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,284	
		(from 1.1.22:
CHF 1,282)		
– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,834	
(from 1.1.22:	CHF 1,831)	
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴ (from 1.1.22:	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915 (from 1.1.22:	CHF 200
RU	CHF 147 (from 1.1.22:	CHF 200
	CHF 235 ³⁹ (from 1.1.22:	
CHF 150)		
CHF 240)		
SE	CHF 1,915 (from 1.1.22:	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507 (from 1.1.22:	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 200
	(from 1.1.22:	
	CHF 1,915	
	CHF 1,912)	
– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59	
(from 1.1.22:	CHF 52)	
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
CHF 97		
– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97	
– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76	
(from 1.1.22:	CHF 75)	
– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 65	
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 200
(from 1.1.22:		
CHF 1,915		
CHF 1,912)		
– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580	
(from 1.1.22:	CHF 579)	
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 200
(from 1.1.22:		
CHF 1,915		
CHF 1,912)		
– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593	
(from 1.1.22:	CHF 592)	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 December 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

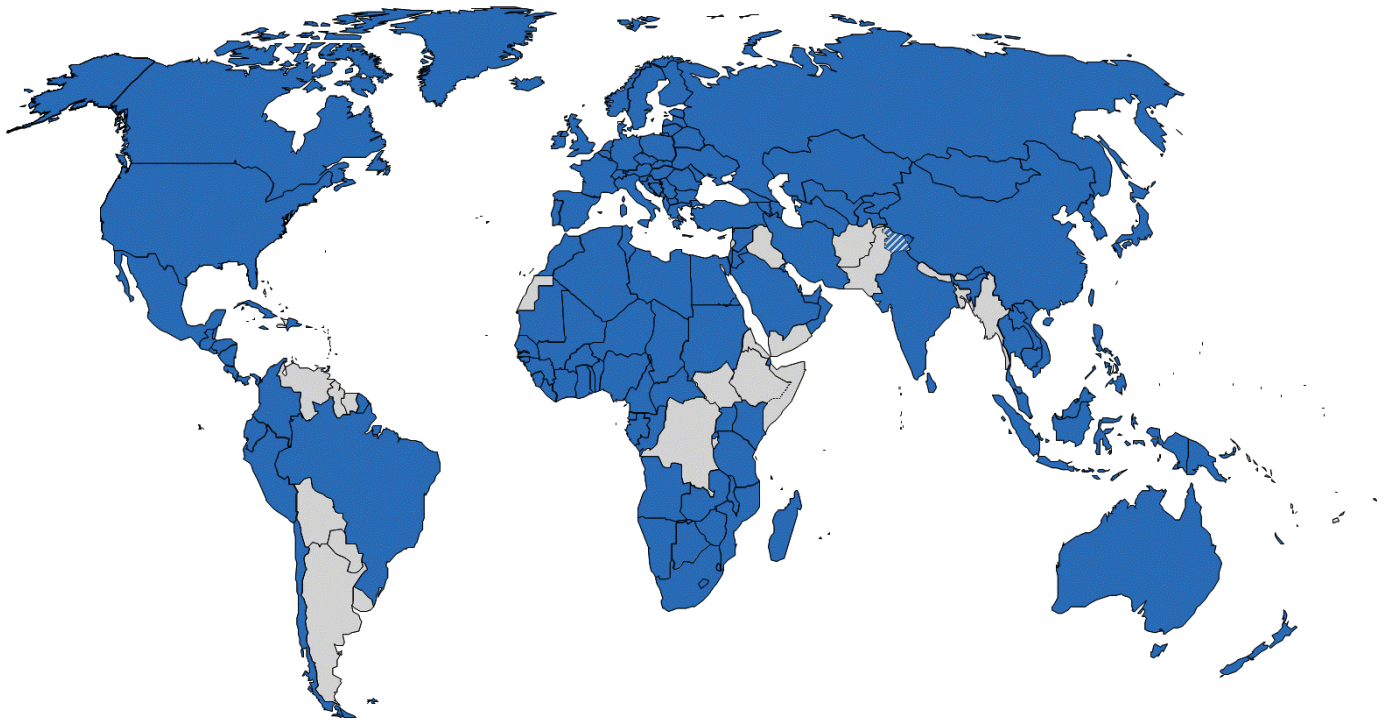
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁰		Handling fee^{2, 40}(CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ³¹	EUR	185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
AU	AUD	590 820 ⁴¹	AUD	304 (from 1.1.22: AUD 296)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	816 (from 1.1.22: CAD 814.37)	CAD	268 (from 1.1.22: CAD 272)
CL	USD	1,500	USD	218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
		in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		
		in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300		
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY	1,390
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
EP	EUR	1,830 ³⁴	EUR	185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
ES	EUR	589.48 ³⁴	EUR	185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
FI	EUR	600	EUR	185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
IL	ILS	1,523 (from 1.3.22: 1,558)	ILS	704 (from 1.1.22: ILS 695)
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000		USD	218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 26,000 For IAs in English: JPY 58,000		JPY	23,100 (from 1.1.22: JPY 24,000)
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	253,000 (from 1.1.22: KRW 256,000)
PH	USD	500	USD	218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
		Small entity or government: ³⁷ USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³		USD	218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,850 (from 1.1.22: SEK 1,880)
SG	SGD	830	SGD	297 (from 1.1.22: SGD 293)
TR	TRY	1,000	CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70		EUR	185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)
US	USD	640 800 ⁴⁴	USD	218 (from 1.1.22: USD 216)
		For small entity ²⁹ : USD 320 400 ⁴⁴		
		For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 160 200 ⁴⁴		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,380
XV	EUR	900	EUR	185 (from 1.1.22: EUR 186)

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should 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 (refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus 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.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarif-i-poshliny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SG Singapore
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ³	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AO Angola	DJ Djibouti	JM Jamaica (from 10 February 2022)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
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BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	KW Kuwait	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia ⁴
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
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CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
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	IL Israel		SC Seychelles	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

4 Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.