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Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on the PCT

Webinars entitled “Impact of COVID-19 Health Crisis on the PCT” have recently been recorded by staff members of WIPO’s PCT Legal and User Relations Division. The webinars cover the issues that are being encountered by users of the PCT System during the COVID-19 pandemic, and explain the various recommended procedures, as well as the possible safeguards that are available to protect the rights of PCT applicants.

You can listen to the 25-minute recordings of the webinars in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish by registering simply with your name and e-mail address. Links to the registration page and the presentations are available at:

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

For languages other than English, the language can be selected at the top of the page.

COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, many national and regional intellectual property (IP) offices are implementing measures to assist applicants and owners of IP rights, for example, by providing extensions of time limits, including those applicable for the payment of fees. On 5 May 2020, WIPO launched a new tool, the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, in order to track COVID-19 related IP policy changes or other measures that are being implemented by WIPO member states. The tracker is available at:

www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/#

The main page “IPO Operations” contains a table which provides a brief overview of operational changes and measures taken by certain national and regional IP Offices; further details are provided by country or Office by clicking on the “view more” link at the right-hand side of the table. The tracker also includes information on WIPO’s status and measures taken, with specific information about various WIPO services (the PCT System, Hague System, Madrid System and Arbitration and Mediation).

Many organizations, corporations and other rights holders in the private sector are implementing voluntary measures to help ease the crisis. Such information is also available on the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker via the tabs “Legislative and reg. measures” and “Voluntary Actions”, respectively.

The COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker is based on information from IP Offices and other relevant parties, and will be updated regularly.

Exceptional Non-working Days due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Information about the closure, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, of the Offices listed below, as well as the consequences of the closures, was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on the dates shown in parentheses:

- AG Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO) (14 May 2020)
- CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) (2 April 2020)
- CU Cuban Industrial Property Office (23 April 2020)
- IN Indian Patent Office (2 April 2020)
- MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) (7 May 2020)
- MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (30 April 2020)
- PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) (2 April 2020)
- RO State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) (14 May 2020)
- ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) (2 April 2020)

Please refer to the respective issues of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

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

More detailed information is also available in each Office's section of the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker described above.

Reminder of the Advice by the International Bureau to Provide an E-mail Address in Respect of all Pending International Applications

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020, given the unreliability of postal systems worldwide due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Bureau (IB) has suspended all communication by postal mail until further notice. It is transmitting all PCT-related documents only via e-mail to the e-mail address provided in relation to each international application (although it is recalled that PCT-related documents are also available through ePCT and, once an international application has been published, they are also available on PATENTSCOPE).

PCT applicants or their agents are therefore reminded of the IB's advice to urgently provide the contact e-mail address in relation to their pending international applications, if they have not already done so. The IB has published detailed instructions on how to submit the contact e-mail address in relevant cases – please refer to:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0008.html

Furthermore, it is recalled that all PCT users are strongly encouraged to avoid PCT-related submissions by postal mail, and to communicate with the IB exclusively by appropriate electronic means.

Change to the PCT Publication Schedule

Publication of 22 May 2020

Please note that, for exceptional reasons, the PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on Thursday, 21 May 2020 will be published on Friday, 22 May 2020.

Italian Patent and Trademark Office: Opening of National Route

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it will open the national route for obtaining patent protection via the PCT on 1 July 2020. Therefore, any designation or election of Italy in an international application filed on or after 1 July 2020 will constitute an indication under PCT Rule 4.9(iii) that the international application is for the grant of a regional (European) patent and also a national patent in Italy.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that, under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a), for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020:

- the time limit for entry into the national phase in Italy will be 30 months from the priority date; and
- a translation of the international application into Italian will be required

Further information about the requirements for entry into the national phase in Italy will be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* after 1 July 2020.

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

Italian Patent and Trademark Office

In conjunction with the opening of the national route in Italy for obtaining patent protection via the PCT on 1 July 2020, the Italian Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/IT) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the withdrawal, with effect from 1 July 2020, of the following notifications of incompatibility with its national law:

- the notification under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(j) (*PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006, page 2);
- the notification under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (*PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006, page 1).

As a consequence, the following PCT Rules are applied, respectively, by RO/IT with effect from 1 July 2020, in respect of international applications filed on or after that date:

- PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(a) to (i) (concerning restoration of right of priority by receiving Offices);
- PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 (concerning defects under PCT Article 11(1), missing parts, and incorporation by reference of elements of parts)

Furthermore, the Office in its capacity as designated Office has notified the IB that, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, its national law is compatible with:

- PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office); and
- PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office).

In addition, the Office has notified the IB that, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office, it will apply both the “due care” and the “unintentional” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020. There will be no fee payable for making such requests, however, they will be subject to a stamp duty (*imposta di bollo*) of EUR 15.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (IT), as well as the tables of “Restoration of the right of priority” and “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” at, respectively:

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

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

Notification of Incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis) and (b-bis)

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

Reference is made to new PCT Rule 20.5*bis* concerning the furnishing of a correct element or part of an international application in the case of erroneously filed elements or parts, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020. It is recalled that certain Offices have notified the International Bureau (IB) that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by them in their capacity as receiving Office and/or designated Office. Please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020 for further information.

In addition to the Offices listed in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB, in accordance with PCT Rules 20.8(a-bis) and 20.8(b-bis), respectively, that the above-mentioned new Rules are not compatible with the national law applied by it in its capacity as receiving Office and as designated Office.

This information updates the table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” at:

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

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its fifty-first session which was held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2020. Information about the amendments was published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 10/2019 and 04/2020, but as a reminder, the amendments consist of the following:

- PCT Rule 82*quater*: providing a legal basis in the PCT for an Office to excuse delays in meeting a time limit due to the unavailability of any permitted electronic means of communication at that Office, such as unforeseen outages or scheduled maintenance;
- PCT Rule 26*quater*: providing a legal basis in the PCT for the correction or addition of indications in the request provided for in PCT Rule 4.11 during the international phase;

- PCT Rules 4, 12, 20 (new PCT Rule 20.5*bis*), 40*bis*, 48, 51*bis*, 55 and 82*ter*: in the case of erroneously filed elements and parts in an international application, permitting the exchange of the erroneously filed element or part with the correct one, or, through incorporation by reference, permitting the addition of the correct element or part;
- PCT Rules 15, 16, 57 and 96: providing a legal basis in the PCT for the transfer via the IB of fees collected by one Office for the benefit of another Office; and
- PCT Rules 71 and 94: introducing a basis for requiring the International Preliminary Examining Authority to copy certain documents from its file to the IB, which the IB would make available to the public on behalf of the elected Office.

Please refer to “New/updated PCT Resources” for information on the availability of a PowerPoint presentation describing these amendments.

The consolidated versions of the modified PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2020, are available in Arabic and English at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts/index.html

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

Other languages will follow shortly.

Modified PCT Forms

The request form (PCT/RO/101) and the following forms have been modified with effect from 1 July 2020:

- PCT/RO/107 (Invitation Relating to Missing Parts or Erroneously Filed Elements or Parts);
- PCT/RO/114 (Notification on Decision of Confirmation of Incorporation by Reference of Element or Part);
- PCT/RO/118 (Notification Concerning Documents Transmitted);
- PCT/RO/126 (Notification Concerning Later Submitted Sheets Not for Incorporation by Reference);
- PCT/IB/310 (Notification Concerning Documents Transmitted);
- PCT/IPEA/415 (Notification Concerning Documents Transmitted);

And the following new forms have been created:

- PCT/RO/129 (Notification Concerning Request to Restore the International Filing Date);
- PCT/ISA/208 (Invitation to Pay Additional Fees in Case of Later Submitted Sheets); and
- PCT/IB/324 (Notification Concerning Request for Addition or Correction of Indications Under Rule 4.11)

The modified and new forms are available under “Forms in force from 1 July 2020” at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

For further information on the above-mentioned modifications, please refer to PCT Circular PCT 1599 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/

Modified PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2020, to paragraphs 2.12, 3.25 to 3.28, 6.01, 15.11, 15.11A to C, 17.13, 17.16A and B, 18.07, 19.50, 22.27, 22.52A to D and 22.58A and B of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination (ISPE) Guidelines. Modifications have also been made to Chapter 10 relating to unity of invention. In addition, a new paragraph 15.11D has been added.

Revised consolidated versions of the ISPE Guidelines are available on the PCT website in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

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

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/gdlines.html

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/gdlines.html

For further information on all the above-mentioned modifications, please refer to PCT Circulars C. PCT 1573 and C. PCT 1599 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/

ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (ePCT 4.7) was deployed on 23 April 2020. 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:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1081 and

www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_whats_new.pdf

A summary of the main new features follows.

ePCT update for applicants

- title of invention: although in ePCT the text of the title of invention defaults to upper case, by selecting a new checkbox “Allow lower case” it is possible to add certain characters that require the use of lower case;
- payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/(IB): the various methods of online payment of fees to RO/IB have been combined into one payment method, “online payment”, and the selection of the specific payment method is now made at the time of payment when using WIPO’s online payment platform;
- reductions in the search fee: recent changes regarding reductions in the search fee which are applicable to certain applicants have been taken into account;

- new ePCT Timeline item and ePCT notification: a new item has been added to the ePCT Timeline to indicate when priority documents are due for a given international application. A corresponding new ePCT Notification is available as a preference under “Notifications” so that the recipient is notified when the 16-month time limit is reached for furnishing a certified copy to the IB; and
- applicants can now perform some ePCT Actions before the international application has been transmitted to the IB (for example, submission of translations, declarations or powers of attorney to the receiving Office).

ePCT for Authorities and Offices

- improvements to Office Actions: the ePCT Actions to create the following Forms have been improved:
 - PCT/ISA/203 (Declaration of non-establishment of international search report);
 - PCT/ISA/206 (Invitation to pay additional fees and, where applicable, protest fee);
 - PCT/ISA/210 (International search report); and
 - PCT/ISA/237 (Written opinion of the International Searching Authority);
- addition of a new ePCT Action to create the following Form:
 - PCT/ISA/212 (Notification of decision on protest or declaration that protest considered not to have been made);
- updates to certain existing reports, and the introduction of four new reports that offer both a view of currently pending items for processing and quarterly processing performance information;
- a new Office Action “Document request from Authorities” allowing designated Offices to request copies of documents in relation to international applications for which requests for national phase entry or early processing have been received; and
- a new Office Action to generate a monthly transfer of fee information to the IB for selected applications.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications: European Patent Office (EPO)

No longer accepting PCT-SAFE filings

The EPO (which already accepts international applications filed using ePCT, EPO Online Filing, the EPO web-form filing service and the EPO case management system (CMS)) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 July 2020, it will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (EP).

Commencement of pilot project for EPO Online filing version 2.0

The EPO has announced that, on 4 May 2020, it started a pilot project for EPO Online filing version 2.0. In addition to enabling the online filing of documents under the EPC, the pilot also

enables the filing of PCT applications with the EPO as receiving Office. Preparation of the PCT request form is done through embedding the International Bureau's ePCT-Filing engine within the system, ensuring that applicants have the benefits of the same checks performed by ePCT.

For further information, including the technical requirements for filing documents under the pilot, and the types of documents that may be filed under the pilot, please refer to the following articles in the April 2020 issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO at:

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/04/a44.html

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/04/a45.html

PCT Information Update

Various fee changes (Hungarian Intellectual Property Office, Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand and Norwegian Industrial Property Office)

As from 1 July 2020, 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, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

Hungarian Intellectual Property Office	HUF
Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand	NZD
Norwegian Industrial Property Office	NOK

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

CN China (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The following depositary institution acquired the status of International Depositary Authority (IDA) under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect from 1 January 2016:

Guangdong Microbial Culture Collection Center (GDMCC)
Guangdong Institute of Microbiology
No.59 Building, No.100 Xianliezhong Road
Guangzhou 510075
China

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

EP European Patent Office (electronic filing)

For information on the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office no longer accepting international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software, as well as information on a new pilot project for online filing at the EPO, please refer to "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications," above.

IT Italy (time limits for entering the national phase; requirements concerning the translation of the international application, acceptance of requests for restoration of the right of priority)

For information on the opening of the national route in Italy with effect from 1 July 2020, the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase in Italy and the requirements concerning translation of the international application, please refer to “Italian Patent and Trademark Office: Opening of National Route”, above. For information on the acceptance by the Office of requests for restoration of the right of priority, please refer to “Withdrawal of Notification of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Rules with National Laws”, above.

SE Sweden (name of Office)

The name of the Swedish Patent and Registration Office in English has changed to Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Indian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Intellectual Property Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Visegrad Patent Institute)

As from 1 July 2020, 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	EUR, KRW, SGD, USD, ZAR
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	USD
European Patent Office	GBP, HUF, ISK, NOK
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	EUR
Indian Patent Office	USD
Korean Intellectual Property Office	AUD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	USD
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK, NOK
Swedish Intellectual Property Office	ISK, NOK
United States Patent and Trademark Office	NZD, ZAR
Visegrad Patent Institute	HUF

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

Furthermore, the European Patent Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the IB of the establishment of a new additional fee under new PCT Rule 40bis,

applicable in conjunction with new PCT Rule 20.5*bis* when it enters into force on 1 July 2020. This new fee, which will be applicable from 1 July 2020, is EUR 1,775.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, BR, CA, EP, IN, KR, RU, SE, US, XN, XV))

Corrigendum: In the PCT Fee Tables included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020, the equivalent amount in CHF of the search fee payable with effect from 1 June 2020 to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) when filing online was incorrectly indicated as CHF 374. The correct amount is CHF 314.

New/Updated PCT Resources

New webinars on the Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on the PCT

For further information, please refer to “Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on the PCT”, above.

PowerPoint presentations

A PowerPoint presentation describing the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2020 is now available in English and Spanish at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

Other languages will be available shortly.

PATENTSCOPE News

WIPO Launches New Search Facility for PATENTSCOPE Database to Support COVID-19 Innovation Efforts

On 20 April 2020, WIPO launched a new search functionality in PATENTSCOPE to facilitate the location and retrieval of information contained in published patent documents that may be useful for innovators developing new technologies to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The WIPO COVID-19 search facility of PATENTSCOPE will provide scientists, engineers, public health policymakers, industry actors and members of the general public with an easily accessible source of intelligence for improving the detection, prevention, and treatment of diseases such as the novel coronavirus.

At the time of release, the new PATENTSCOPE search facility provided dozens of search queries specially curated by patent information experts who have identified technological areas relevant to the detection, prevention and treatment of COVID-19. It is recalled that PATENTSCOPE contains over 83 million patent and related documents, provides comprehensive searching of patent information with multi-lingual search capabilities and an automatic translation system that uses artificial intelligence technologies for highly accurate results. Via the new COVID-19 functionality, thousands of documents deemed of potential use to innovators working on COVID-19 mitigation efforts would be returned.

The WIPO COVID-19 search facility of PATENTSCOPE is available at:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/covid19.jsf>

The recording of a webinar entitled “Special Covid-19 in PATENTSCOPE” that was given on 7 May 2020, as well as the PowerPoint presentation used for the webinar, are available at:

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

Distance Learning Course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

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

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

Practical Advice

Excuse of delay in meeting time limits – an example of a missed time limit for filing amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19

Q: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our client was in quarantine and not equipped to provide instructions in time regarding the filing of amendments under PCT Article 19 with the International Bureau. As a result, we have not been able to draft and file those amendments within the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1. Is it possible to request an excuse of the delay of filing those amendments, and if so, what is the procedure for making that request?

A: PCT Rule 82quater.1 provides for excuse of delay in meeting a PCT time limit for actions such as the submission of documents and payment of fees – including the filing of amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19. The provision under PCT Rule 82quater.1 refers to reasons of force majeure (“war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity... or other like reason”).

The International Bureau (IB) has clarified that its position is that the current global pandemic should be considered to be a “natural calamity ... or other like reason” – please refer to the IB’s interpretative statement at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0009.html

In order to have your amendments under PCT Article 19 accepted by the IB, you should:

- submit the amendments under PCT Article 19 to the IB in electronic form¹ as soon as is reasonably possible; and

¹ It is recalled that the IB strongly discourages the transmittal of documents relating to an international application by postal mail during this period of pandemic. In the case of PCT Article 19 amendments, you are advised to file them by using the dedicated Action in ePCT (www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=840). However, use of the Action is not possible if the time limit has already expired, in which case you should use the document upload feature in ePCT, including for submitting other types of document for which there is no dedicated ePCT Action available (such as the request under PCT Rule 82quater) (www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=820). If you have not yet created a WIPO account in order to log in to the ePCT system and are not in a position to do so immediately, you can submit documents in PDF format using the Contingency Upload Service at: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/UploadDocument.xhtml>

- make a request under PCT Rule 82*quater* for an excuse of the delay in meeting the applicable time limit by submitting, in electronic form¹, a statement to the IB not later than six months after the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1², citing “COVID-19 related issues” as the reason for the delay.

Normally, under PCT Rule 82*quater* you would be required to present evidence to the Office, Authority or the IB, as the case may be, that the time limit concerned was not met due to the reason given. However, the IB will treat favorably any PCT Rule 82*quater* request made which cites COVID-19 related issues, and will not require you to provide evidence that the virus affected the locality in which you (or the applicant), reside, have a place of business, or are staying (please refer to the IB’s interpretative statement mentioned above).

Please note however, that the PCT System has many interdependent processes and an excused delay in one action may have repercussions elsewhere, which you would need to take into account where an action is delayed. For example, if PCT Article 19 amendments are filed late, the application may need to be republished, with a corresponding delay in provisional protection. Furthermore, if you wish to consider requesting international preliminary examination and would like the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to take into account the PCT Article 19 amendments for the purposes of international preliminary examination, the amendments may not be available by the time you have to file the demand for international preliminary examination (that is, before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 54*bis*). You may of course, after filing the demand, request the IPEA to wait until the amendments have been prepared and filed and/or, if necessary, request the IPEA to excuse any delay in meeting the time limit to file the demand. However, that may delay issuance of the international preliminary examination report, which you would normally wish to receive before deciding on any national phase entry.

Therefore, despite the generally favorable treatment of any requests under PCT Rule 82*quater* to excuse delays in meeting time limits, it is in the applicant’s interest to avoid delaying any actions to the extent possible, even where the circumstances make it difficult.

Please note that PCT Rule 82*quater* is applicable for performing actions before the receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, IPEA or the IB, however it is not applicable in the following circumstances:

- in the case of the priority period which, according to PCT Article 8, is governed by Article 4 of the Paris Convention (the PCT Regulations, however, provide for the possibility of requesting restoration of the right of priority, either during the international phase or in the national phase, provided that the Offices concerned have not made any reservations in this respect); and
- if a time limit missed relates to an action to be performed in the national phase before a designated or elected Office. Possible remedies before those Offices may be available under the relevant national laws (PCT Article 48(2), PCT Rule 82*bis*.2), and designated and elected Offices are required under PCT Rule 49.6 to provide for the possibility to reinstate rights with respect to an application, unless a designated State has made a

² The time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 is two months from the date of transmittal by the International Searching Authority of the international search report to the IB and to the applicant, or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later, provided that any amendment made under PCT Article 19 which is received by the IB after the expiration of the applicable time limit shall be considered to have been received by the IB on the last day of that time limit if it reaches it before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

reservation according to PCT Rule 49.6(f)³. For further information, please refer to the relevant National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html, or contact the national Offices concerned directly.

For further information on other possible remedies that might be available where time limits under the PCT have been missed due to unforeseen events, please refer to the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2020.

³ For information on which States have made a reservation under PCT Rule 49.6(f), please refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 15 May 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
28 and 29 May 2020 and 2 June 2020 Online seminar	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10 June 2020 Bolzano (IT) <i>[postponed]</i>	Italian/ English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Grazioli, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Cocorocchia	WIPO in cooperation with the Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Simona Marzetti) Tel: (39-06) 4705 5678 E-mail: simona.marzetti@mise.gov.it Internet: www.mise.gov.it www.uibm.gov.it/
15-16 June 2020 Chicago, IL (US) <i>[cancelled]</i>	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-571) 888 34 05 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
18-19 June 2020 Online seminar	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pablo Calvo Ramón and Ms. Ruth Sánchez Sánchez) E-mail: pcalvo@abg-ip.com; RSS@elzaburu.es
9 July 2020 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
15-16 September 2020 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar: "Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation" WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
24-25 September 2020 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
28 September 2020 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
29-30 September 2020 Stockholm (SE) <i>[previously announced as 25-26 March 2020]</i>	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
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
27 November 2020 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
15 May 2020 11.00–12.00 Moscow time	Russian	The PCT System: International Search, Supplementary International Search and International Preliminary Examination WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova and Ms Morgulova	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2188160487390845197
21 May 2020 11.00–12.00 Moscow time	Russian	The PCT System: Demonstration of the electronic filing of a PCT application via the ePCT portal WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova and Ms Morgulova	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1343461779041167887
26 May 2020 17:00–18:30 CET	English	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Kang Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Honculada, Mr. Rattray, Mr. Savu, Ms. Zikova, Ms. Ammann, Mr. Apercé	Registration: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6187422926709210126 Further information: https://www.wipo.int/dcea/en/news/2020/news_0001.html
16 June 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 18 June 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: The result list in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4079833956025738763

Other IP events

Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival (SVIIF), Santa Clara, California (USA), 23-25 June 2020

The 3rd edition of the Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival (SVIIF) will take place in Santa Clara, California from 23 to 25 June 2020. Further information is available at:

<https://sviif.com/>

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 16-20 September 2020

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 16 to 20 September 2020. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/

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

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

www.iena.de/en/home.html

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (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	RON	New leu
AUD	Australian dollar	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won (KP)	DKK	Danish krone	RSD	Serbian dinar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won (KR)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
BAM	Convertible mark	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BGN	Bulgarian lev	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 May 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,984 (from 1.6.20: 2,356)	22 (27)	– (–)	298 (354)	448 (531)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 89.25	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,779 (from 1.6.20: 1,961)	20 (22)	– (–)	268 (295)	401 (442)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,337	eq USD ⁹ 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: USD 212 on paper: USD 289	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 May 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹⁰	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	406,200 (from 1.7.20: 458,300)	4,600 (5,200)	– (–)	61,100 (68,900)	91,600 (103,400)	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹² or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 92 101	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,217 1,337	15 14 15	100 92 101	200 183 201	300 275 302	See footnote 13
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁴	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons) 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK	17,800	ISK	166,200 (from 1.6.20: 195,100)	1,900 (2,200)	– (–)	25,000 (29,300)	37,500 (44,000)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁵	JPY	143,200	1,600	–	–	32,300	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁶	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
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 ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– ¹⁸	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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						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ¹⁸	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ¹⁹	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CLEPESKR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²⁰ 550 (paper filing) ²⁰	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,210 (from 1.6.20: 15,300) (from 1.7.20: 14,420)	140 (170) (160)	– (–) (–)	1,840 (2,300) (2,170)	2,750 (3,450) (3,250)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,126 (from 1.7.20: 2,288)	24 (26)	– (–)	320 (344)	479 (516)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹⁸	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT AUEGEP US
PA	USD	240	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT BR CLEPESKR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.77 (online filing) EUR 21.53 (paper filing)	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON	475	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,700 ²¹	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,847 (from 1.6.20: 1,974)	21 (22)	– (–)	278 (297)	417 (445)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²²	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV		None ²³	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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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) ²⁴ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	201	302	EP SG
US	USD 240 ²⁵ small entity ²⁶ : 120 ²⁵ micro entity ²⁶ : 60 ²⁵	USD 1,337	15	101	201	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁷	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,250 (from 1.6.20: 24,090)	230 (270)	– (–)	3,050 (3,620)	4,570 (5,430)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.6.20:	CHF 1,939 ZAR 35,130)	KRW 2,334,000	SGD 2,693	USD 1,950	ZAR*	29,530	
AU	AUD 2,200 USD** 1,483 **(from 1.7.20:	CHF* 1,475 ZAR** 22,460 EUR 1,241	EUR** 1,350 *(from 1.6.20: KRW 1,643,000	KRW** 1,775,000 CHF 1,242) SGD 1,920	NZD 2,357 USD 1,341	SGD** 2,048 ZAR 26,420)		
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.6.20:	BRL 1,685 CHF 314	CHF* 375 EUR 304)	EUR* 376 **(from 1.7.20:	USD** 376 USD 322)			
	On paper: *(from 1.6.20:	BRL 2,525 CHF 470	CHF* 562 EUR 455)	EUR* 563 **(from 1.7.20:	USD** 564 USD 483)			
CA	CAD 1,600 *(from 1.6.20:	CHF* 1,196 CHF 1,085)	EUR 1,095 **(from 1.7.20:	USD** 1,203 USD 1,132)				
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,989	EUR 1,820					
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD 400	CHF 398	EUR 364			
	In case of filing by a university ²⁹ :		USD 300	CHF 298	EUR 273			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 292	EUR 267	USD 294				
EG ³⁰	EGP 4,000	CHF 244	EUR 223	USD 245				
EP ³¹	EUR 1,775 JPY 208,800 ZAR* 29,530 **(from 1.7.20:	CHF 1,939 NOK** 17,800 *(from 1.6.20: GBP 1,560	DKK 13,260 NZD 3,099 ZAR 35,130) HUF 626,100	GBP** 1,479 SEK 19,300	HUF** 592,200 SGD 2,693 USD 1,950	ISK** 242,300 USD 1,950		
	***(from 1.7.20:	GBP 1,560 HUF 626,100	ISK 276,000 NOK 20,010)					
ES ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
IL	ILS 3,582	CHF 1,009	EUR 932	USD 1,036				
IN	INR 10,000 *(from 1.6.20:	CHF* 140 CHF 128	EUR* 128 EUR 120)	USD** 141 **(from 1.7.20:	USD 131)			
	In case of filing by an individual:							
	INR 2,500 *(from 1.6.20:	CHF* 35 CHF 32	EUR* 32 EUR 30)	USD** 35 **(from 1.7.20:	USD 33)			
JP ³²	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000	CHF 650	EUR 595	KRW 783,000	USD 654			
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 1,449	EUR 1,326	SGD 2,012	USD 1,457			
KR ³³	For IAs in Korean: KRW 450,000 SGD 519 *(from 1.6.20:	KRW 450,000 USD 376 CHF 353)	AUD** 558 **(from 1.7.20:	CHF* 374 AUD 603)	EUR 342 EUR 913	NZD 598 NZD 1,594		
	For IAs in English: KRW 1,200,000 SGD 1,385 *(from 1.6.20:	KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,003 CHF 941)	AUD** 1,487 **(from 1.7.20:	CHF* 997 AUD 1,607)				

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

ISA	Search fee ¹								
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	994	EUR	910			
	Small entity or government ³⁴ :		USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364	
RU	For IAs in Russian:								
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	130	EUR*: **	119	USD*	131	
	*(from 1.6.20:		CHF	104	EUR	97	USD	106)	** (from 1.7.20: EUR 105)
	For IAs in English:								
RUB	40,000	CHF*	613	EUR*: **	561	USD*	616		
*(from 1.6.20:		CHF	489	EUR	455	USD	501)	** (from 1.7.20: EUR 495)	
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.7.20:		ISK	276,000	NOK	242,300	
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,613	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600	
	*(from 1.6.20:		CHF	1,509)	USD	1,622			
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950	
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	109	
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	328	
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD*	3,135	
	(from 1.7.20:		NZD	3,496	ZAR	38,860)	ZAR	31,500	
	For small entity ²⁶ :				USD	1,040	CHF	1,034	
	*(from 1.7.20:		NZD	1,748	ZAR	19,430)	EUR	947	
	For micro entity ²⁶ :				USD	520	CHF	517	
	*(from 1.7.20:		NZD	874	ZAR	9,710)	EUR	473	
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK*	242,300	
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.7.20:		ISK	276,000	NOK	20,010)	
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF*	592,200	USD	1,950	
	*(from 1.7.20:		HUF	626,100)					

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939 ³¹	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 181 (from 1.6.20: CHF 144)	CHF 200
	CHF 289 ³⁶ (from 1.6.20: CHF 231 ³⁶)	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,613 (from 1.6.20: CHF 1,509)	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

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

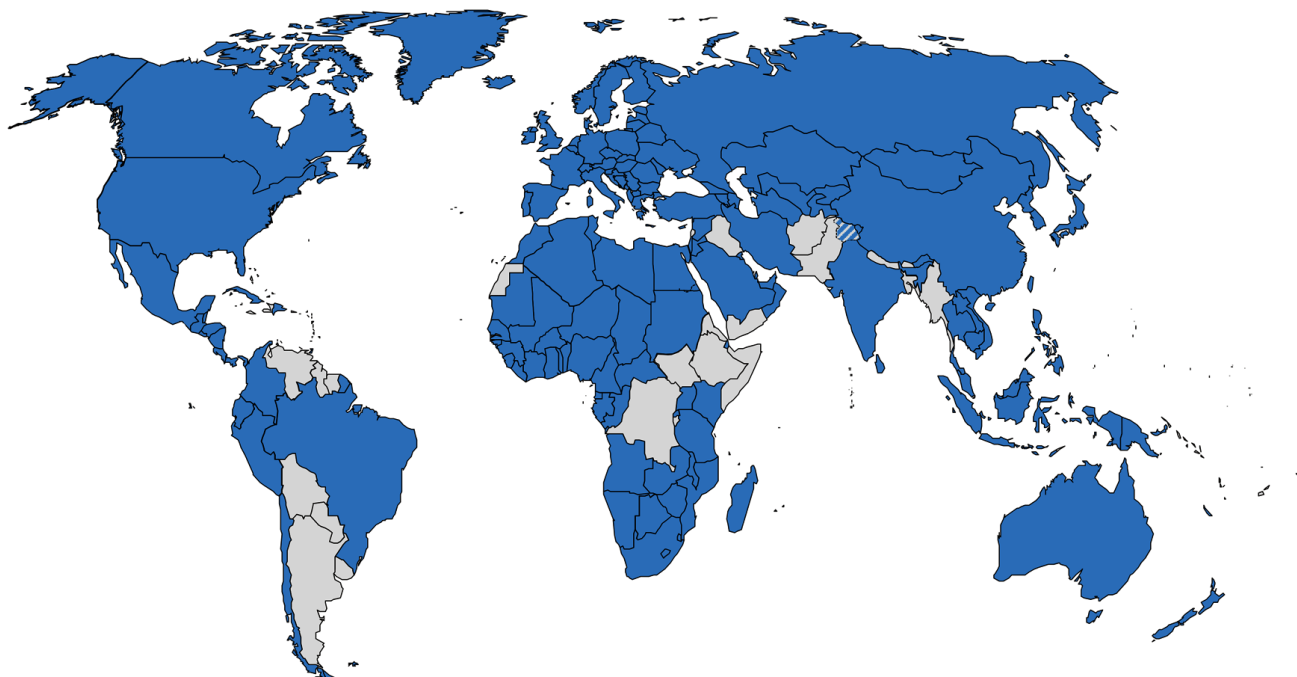
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷		Handling fee ^{2,37} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁸	EUR	183
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁸	AUD	298 (from 1.6.20: 354)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	800	CAD	268 (from 1.6.20: 295)
CL	USD	1,500	USD	201
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400			
	in case of filing by a university ²⁹ : USD 300			
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	201
EP	EUR	1,830 ³¹	EUR	183
ES	EUR	583.65 ³¹	EUR	183
FI	EUR	600	EUR	183
IL	ILS	1,535	ILS	706 (from 1.6.20: 743)
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500		USD	201
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
JP ³²	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY	21,500
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	241,000 (from 1.6.20: 255,000)
PH	USD	500	USD	201
	Small entity or government: ³⁴	USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ³⁹ 6,750 ⁴⁰	USD	201
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ³⁹ 24,000 ⁴⁰		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,990
SG	SGD	830	SGD	278 (from 1.6.20: 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	183
	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	600 760 ⁴¹	USD	201
	For small entity ²⁶ :	USD 300 380 ⁴¹		
	For micro entity ²⁶ :	USD 150 190 ⁴¹		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,370
XV	EUR	900	EUR	183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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
- 13 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).
- 14 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.
- 15 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
- 16 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.
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 18 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 19 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 20 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.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 23 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.
- 24 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%.
- 25 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.
- 26 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
- 27 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 28 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 30 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 31 The search 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
- 32 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
- 33 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.
- 34 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.
- 35 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 36 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).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ^{2, 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 will open its national route on 1 July 2020. For international applications filed on or after that date, Italy will automatically be designated for a national patent as well as a European patent.

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 2019). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.