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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>

<p style="text-align: center;">PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 18 February 2021)</p>			
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

<p style="text-align: center;">PCT Webinars (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)</p>			
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

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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]

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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	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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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	
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)

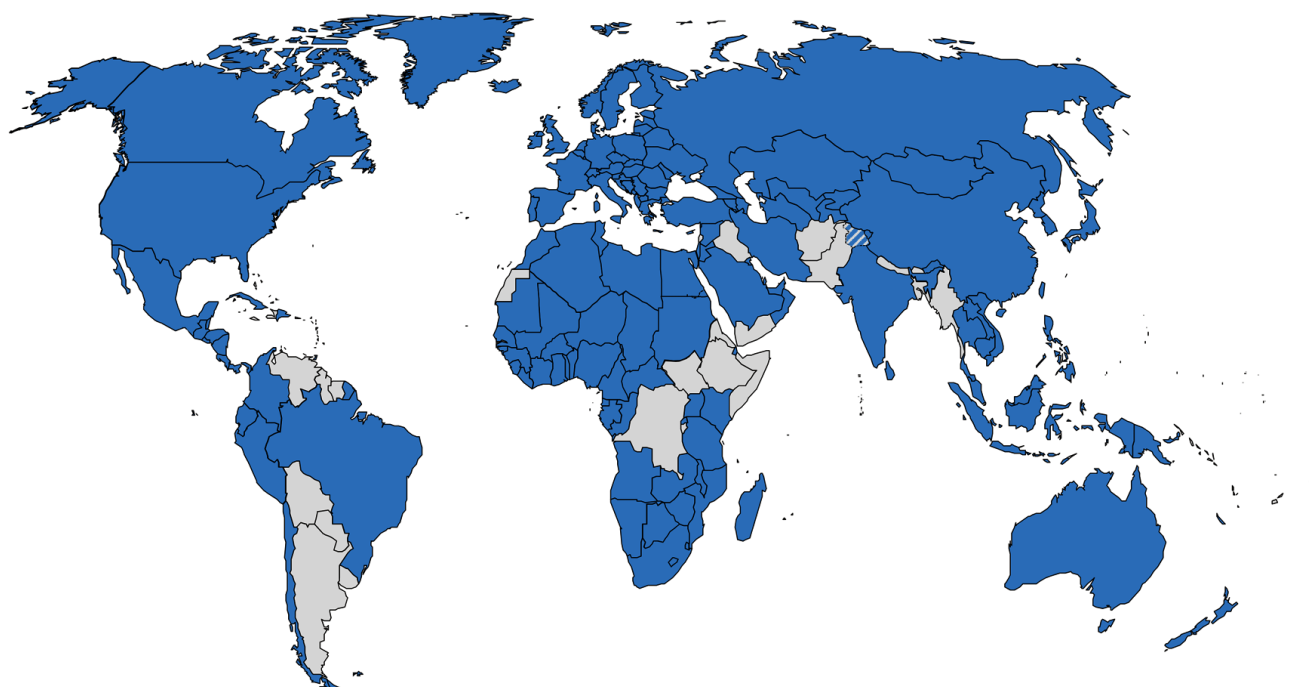
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁸		Handling fee^{2,38} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁹		EUR 185
AU	AUD	590	820 ³⁹	AUD 304
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸		BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	816		CAD 290
CL	USD	1,500		USD 218
		in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		
		in case 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			USD 218
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
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			EUR 185
	– for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50			
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180			
	– for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			
US	USD	640	800 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)).

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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) 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.