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Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) Delegates Receiving Office Functions to the International Bureau

The Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 September 2021, it has delegated its receiving Office functions to the IB. The competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the IB as receiving Office are: the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.¹

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 November 2021, it will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software. Consequently, as from that date, the only form of electronic filing available for applicants filing with the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office will be EPO Online Filing.

Furnishing by the International Bureau of Copies of IPEA Documents

Under amended PCT Rule 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 July 2020, the European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of that Office, copies of any document transmitted to it under PCT Rule 71.1(a) or (b) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), in accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

¹ The EPO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or has been carried out by the EPO, the Austrian Patent Office or the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office are competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities only if the international search is being or has been carried out by the same Office.

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

PCT Information Update

AM Armenia (name of Office; location and mailing address; provisions of national law; types of protection; language of filing; criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority; fees)

The name, location and mailing address of the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Mtavor Sepakanutyun Grasenyak
Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia

Location and mailing address: Republic Square
Government House 3
0010 Yerevan
Armenia

There has also been a change to the provisions of the national law of Armenia concerning restrictions applicable to the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office: the applicable provisions are available under the Law on Patents, Article 58.

Furthermore, there has been a change concerning the types of national protection available in Armenia via the PCT – with effect from 1 July 2021, patents and short-term patents are available, and utility models are no longer available. This updates the table of “Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States” at:

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

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that, since 1 July 2021, the Office accepts Russian², in addition to English, as a language in which international applications and request forms may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c)).

The Office has notified the IB under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g) that, in its capacities as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, it applies the “unintentional” criterion instead of the “due care” criterion in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority, with effect from 1 July 2021.

There has also been a change concerning the claim fee component of the national filing fee, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office: since 1 July 2021, an additional fee is payable for each claim in excess of five, instead of for each independent claim in excess of one (the amount of the fee has not changed).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (AM), Annex C (AM) and National Chapter, Summary (AM))

² If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

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

For patent:

Filing fee:

- Up to 30 sheets:..... DOP 11,500
- For each additional sheet:..... DOP 75

For utility model:

Filing fee:

- Up to 30 sheets:..... DOP 8,050
- For each additional sheet:..... DOP 75

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

EA Eurasian Patent Office (requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Eurasian Patent Office has notified a change in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. In the case where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) must now be furnished, not later than that request, and any additional indications must now be furnished at the time of filing, as part of the description.

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

EE Estonia (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Estonian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office, has changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

For patent:

- Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:..... EUR 13

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

ES Spain (filing of international applications in electronic form)

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

GT Guatemala (location and mailing address; telephone numbers; discontinuation of use of facsimile machine)

The location and mailing address and one of the telephone numbers of the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 7a. Avenida 7-61 zona 4
primer nivel
Guatemala Ciudad, 01004
Guatemala

Telephone: (502) 232 470 70, ext. 105 or 109

Furthermore, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine.

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

For information on the delegation by the Office of its receiving Office functions to the IB, please refer to "Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) Delegates Receiving Office Functions to the International Bureau", above.

KG Kyrgyzstan (name of Office; telephone numbers)

The name of the State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Kyrgyz Respublikasynyn Ministrler Cabinetine karashtuu
Intellektualdyk Menchik jana Innovacialar Mamlekettik Agenttik
(Kyrgyzpatent)

State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under
the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)

The Office has also notified an additional telephone number; the numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (996 312) 68 08 19, 68 10 71

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

KZ Kazakhstan (location and mailing address; fees)

The location and mailing address of the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Mangilik Yel Avenue 57A
010000 Nur-Sultan
Kazakhstan

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed:

Fee for priority document:

Filing by a natural person: KZT 1,100

Other cases:..... [No change]

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

For a patent:

Filing fee:	KZT 20,320.16
Examination fee:	[no change]
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT 20,320.16

For a utility model:

Filing fee:.....	KZT 16,450.56
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT 16,450.56

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

RS Serbia (fees)

There has been a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2021, as follows (all fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person):

Transmittal fee:.....	RSD	8,210
Fee for priority document:		
–for the first document up to ten pages	RSD	1,970
–plus, for each subsequent document up to ten pages...	RSD	490
–plus, per page in excess of ten	[no change]	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	RSD	3,300

The amounts of the following components of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from the same date (all fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person):

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD	8,210
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD	800
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:.....	[no change]	
Examination fee:	RSD	8,210
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD	11,510

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD	8,210
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[no change]	

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

VN Viet Nam (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirement of the Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam) as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office:

- an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Viet Nam or has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in Viet Nam;
- an agent is required if the applicant is a non-resident or, where there are two or more applicants, the first-named applicant on the request form (PCT/RO/101) does not reside in Viet Nam.

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office)

As from 1 November 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. The new amount will be CHF 1,449.

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

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office, Israel Patent Office)

As from 1 November 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office and in ILS to the Israel Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities. The new amounts will be AUD 304 and ILS 704, respectively.

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

Exceptional Non-working Days

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business from 6 to 20 August 2021 (inclusive). Further information on measures adopted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available in the corresponding section of the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker at:

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

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

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

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

PCT in Blog Posts

Time to ‘Think PCT’: Rethink Your Global Patent Strategy to Preserve Your Seat at the Table

An interesting blog post has been written by John White, U.S. patent attorney, patent lecturer and CEO/Managing Director of the PCT Learning Center (<https://www.PCTLearningCenter.org>) about the use and implementation of a PCT strategy in the modern era. Although the post is aimed primarily at a US readership, it is also relevant to other PCT users. It discusses the way in which patent strategy has changed over the years due to ever-increasing globalization and, with it, the increasing importance of protecting inventions internationally.

John discusses the value of filing a PCT application, which:

“...keeps the ‘worldwide patent pending’ status going for another 18 months [beyond a U.S. provisional filing]. A terrific value too; a PCT filing often costs less than a single foreign filing, yet it preserves the possibility of protection in about 100% of world GDP.”

Furthermore:

“...where you choose the United States to do your initial Search and Preliminary Report, and it turns out positive on novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability, you’re eligible for fee discounts when entering the U.S. national stage, and you’re even eligible for patent prosecution highway (PPH) treatment, i.e., a free jump to the front of the line. That’s right – I said it: a PCT saves time and money when done right. PPH cases are allowed at a higher rate, with fewer office actions, faster. Pretty nifty. No big Prioritized Examination checks to write, in addition to the usual filing fees.”

John concludes that the PCT:

“... keeps your seat at the table of the future – across the globe. The United States is now about 20% (and falling) of the world’s GDP, which means 80% of GDP, i.e., the future, beckons from beyond our shores. Today’s industries have a much lighter footprint. The “bulk” of the past is gone. Decisions and business move at the speed of the web. A PCT preserves all options as that speed manifests. You can then, once the 30-month PCT clock has run its course, tag on Regional Filings, i.e., European Patent Office, to keep that “patent pending” status quo alive. And, if at any point prior art turns up that “tags you out”, well you’ve saved further filings and fees for another day and another invention. Pruning is earlier, and costs are reduced.”

The full text of this blog post is available at:

<https://pctlearningcenter.org/time-to-think-pct-rethink-your-global-patent-strategy-to-preserve-your-seat-at-the-table/>

PCT Case Study

EHang: The Sky's the Limit

Guangzhou EHang Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd. (known as EHang) is a world-leading autonomous aerial vehicle technology company which develops autonomous aerial vehicle products and commercial solutions, including air mobility (passenger transportation and logistics), smart city management and aerial media solutions. Their mission is to make safe, autonomous and eco-friendly air mobility accessible to everyone. In a case study about the company that was published on the WIPO website, the company explains the significance of intellectual property (IP) management for their business, the IP challenges they have faced in bringing their ideas to market and their plans for the future.

“EHang has applied for 318 domestic patents, 43 foreign patents and has filed 76 international patent applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)” [as well as 450 trademarks]... “In just a few years, EHang has significantly enhanced its ability to acquire, manage and protect its IP rights. This has helped us establish a strong IP strategy and to develop an operating system that supports our business development goals.”

EHang has also made good use of WIPO's global databases:

“Finding information about IP services and policies was made easy thanks to WIPO's Global Databases for brands, designs and patents. By using these databases, we have been able to retrieve the patent, brand and design information we needed, and were also able to learn about IP laws around the world. These databases support cross-language retrieval, graphic analysis, machine translation and other auxiliary functions, which greatly improves access to IP-related information.”

The full article is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/2021/case-studies/ehang.html>

New/Updated PCT Resources

Meeting documents (PCT Assembly)

Documents which have been prepared for the fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) (PCT Assembly), to be held in Geneva during the period from 4 to 8 October 2021, are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62980

Webinar recordings

Webinars in Arabic

Recordings of the following webinars in Arabic, as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place earlier this month), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference;
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

Webinars in English

Recordings of the following webinars in English, as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated below), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations (24 June 2021)
- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: ePCT, filing an international application with RO/US (5 August 2021)
- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: eHandshakes-Access Rights-eOwnership (7 September 2021)

Webinar in French

A recording of the WIPO/EPO Annual PCT Update webinar in French (which took place on 5 July 2021), as well as the accompanying presentations, can be accessed at:

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

Webinar in German

Recordings of the following webinars in German, as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated below), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations (26 August 2021)
- WIPO Standard ST.26: Introduction (7 September 2021)

Webinar in Japanese

A recording of the following webinar in Japanese, as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 4 August 2021), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

Webinar in Korean

A recording of the following webinar in Korean, as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 10 September 2021), can be accessed at:

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

- WIPO Standard ST.26: Introduction

Webinar in Russian

A recording of the following webinar in Russian, as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 4 August 2021), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

Webinar in Spanish

A recording of the following webinar in Spanish, as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 27 August 2021), can be accessed at:

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

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference

Practical Advice

Requesting accelerated national phase processing of an international application

Q: I have filed a PCT application with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) (RO/SG) in which I selected IPOS as International Searching Authority (ISA/SG). I have just received the international search report and the written opinion of the ISA (WO/ISA) and the results are positive, as several claims are considered patentable. As I would like to be granted a patent quickly in certain countries where I have competitors, in particular in Australia, China and some European countries, I am wondering what the best strategy would be in this situation. I have heard about schemes for accelerated processing. Could you please provide me with some advice?

A: Although you could enter the national phase early by performing all the necessary actions under PCT Article 22(1) and request the Offices concerned to start the national phase processing early as provided for by PCT Article 23(2), there is no guarantee that your application will receive accelerated processing. However, by taking advantage of schemes such as the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH), the Offices where you wish to enter the national phase early may be able to take into account the earlier determination that some claims are patentable, and thereby accelerate the processing of the application. The PPH is a work-sharing scheme under which applicants may request that their applications be processed in an accelerated manner under certain conditions. Under the PPH scheme, the applicant may request an Office of Later Examination (OLE) to accelerate examination if at least one claim of a corresponding application has been found patentable by an Office of Earlier Examination (OEE) and the claims “sufficiently correspond”.

The benefits of using the PPH scheme for applicants are that they can obtain patent protection faster and may build a global portfolio more quickly and in a more predictable manner. The overall prosecution costs are generally lower compared to ordinary procedures, with fewer negative office actions and a higher grant rate compared to non-PPH applications. Most Offices that provide for a PPH procedure do not charge any fee for making such a request.

You need to distinguish between using PPH based on national or regional work products of an OEE and using PCT-PPH. Under PCT-PPH, accelerated examination is based on PCT work products, where a PCT application has received a positive WO/ISA or a positive written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) or international preliminary report on

patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty). At least one claim must meet the PCT criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. Furthermore, all the claims of your national (or regional) phase filing must sufficiently correspond to the claims deemed to meet the PCT criteria, that is, they must be the same or similar scope or of a narrower scope than the claims in the PCT. The availability of the results of your international search and/or examination from one PCT-PPH-participating Office should reduce the time between national phase entry and the granting of a patent at another eligible PCT-PPH-participating Office.

There are many bilateral PCT-PPH agreements between different participating Offices, and many sets of requirements, guidelines and forms, but they all share some common policies, encouraging Offices to:

- maximize work-sharing efforts;
- expedite examination through all stages, from the PPH request to the final decision on patent grant; and
- communicate effectively and timely with the applicant at all stages of examination.

Further information concerning forms and guidance on the administrative procedures of each participating Office is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

As your application would be eligible for requesting processing under the PCT-PPH program given that you have received a positive written opinion from the ISA/SG, a check of the bilateral agreements at the above-mentioned web page shows that IPOS has bilateral PPH agreements with the European Patent Office (EPO) and the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) (as well as the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Brazil)). This means that, for two of your areas of interest (China and the countries covered by a European patent), you could request accelerated national/regional phase processing based on your positive written opinion from ISA/SG through the respective bilateral agreements.

As far as the Australian Patent Office is concerned, both IPOS and the Australian Patent Office are participating Offices in the Global PPH pilot. The Global PPH allows you to request accelerated processing at any of the participating Offices (currently 27) based on work products, including PCT work products, from any one of the other participating offices under unified criteria. This includes examination based on PCT work products where the OEE is a participating Office and also an ISA or IPEA. The single set of qualifying requirements simplifies the PPH network of bilateral agreements. Note that EP and CN are not participating Offices in the Global PPH.

As PCT-PPH possibilities are determined by the Office which you have selected to carry out your international search (and/or preliminary examination), it is generally worth thinking about PPH possibilities already at the time of selecting an ISA. As you filed with RO/SG, you could have also selected, for example, ISA/EP, which has a bilateral agreement with the Australian Patent Office. On the other hand, the EPO and CNIPA are participating Offices in the IP5 PPH pilot, which is a multilateral agreement among the IP5 Offices (CNIPA, EPO, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office(USPTO)).

Other multilateral PPH agreements also exist, such as PROSUR³ and Alianza del Pacífico. Links to further information on all of the programs mentioned above (PPH, Global PPH, IP5 PPH, PROSUR-PPH and Alianza del Pacífico) are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html.

Please note that while there are generally many benefits to using PPH, the conditions for requesting it also imply certain limitations. For examination to be fast-tracked under PPH, the claims must be the same or narrower than the claims of the corresponding application, meaning that amendments may need to be filed with a PPH request. Other supporting documentation may also be required before some Offices. In the United States of America, for example, if any amendment or new claims have been submitted, the applicant must certify that the claims sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claims in the OEE application and that the amendments do not expand the scope of the claims.

Please also note that some Offices offer additional accelerated prosecution schemes that are different from PPH, such as PACE by the EPO or Track One at the USPTO. It may be more appropriate to request separate (non-PPH) prosecution in situations where applicants, in order to take into account differences in patent laws and local practice, prefer to include different scopes of claims in different countries.

³ A practical advice on the PPH-PROSUR agreement was published in PCT Newsletter No. 01/2017 at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2017/pct_news_2017_1.pdf

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 15 September 2021)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15 - 16 September 2021 Online seminar	Arabic	WIPO Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Dubai Police (DP) Innovators, Dubai Government, Dubai, United Arab Emirates WIPO Speakers: Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Abdelnasser, Mr. Jazairy	Dubai Government (Ms. Amna Alshehhi) aa.alshahi@dubaipolice.gov.ae
27 September 2021 Zurich (CH) Online seminar	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT within the framework of the CEIPI basic course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
30 September 2021 Online lecture	English	Lecture on the PCT within the framework of the IP Paralegal Conference 2021 WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
5 - 6 October 2021 Online seminar	Arabic	WIPO Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for IP Office Staff and Users, Baghdad, Iraq WIPO Speakers: Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Abdelnasser, Mr. Jazairy	Iraq IP Office (Ms. Aisha Alenze) aaishaalenze@yahoo.com
6 October 2021 Online seminar	English	Overview of the PCT procedure within the framework of an IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Mr. Rainer K. Kuhnen and Dr. Christian Thomas) e-mail: seminars@kuhnen-wacker.com
7 October 2021 Online seminar <i>(previously scheduled for 8 April 2021)</i>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
8 October 2021 Online seminar	English	PCT presentations: "Patents and Technology: Perspective, Truth, and Change" and "Strategies for Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Filings" within the framework of the International IP Practice Seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Jorgenson, Mr. Reischle-Park and Mr. Xiao Other WIPO speaker on another IP topic: Ms. Honculada	UIC Law Center for IP, Information and Privacy Law (co-organizer) (Mr. Adam Ernette) E-mail: aernette@uic.edu Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-ippractice-seminar-tickets-155839370753
12 - 13 October 2021 Online seminar	Arabic	WIPO Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for IP Office Staff and Users, Khartoum, Sudan WIPO Speakers: Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Abdelnasser, Mr. Jazairy	Sudan IP Office (Ms. Nadia Al Mudawi) info@ipsudan.gov.sd
28 and 29 October 2021 8:30-12:00 (Eastern time) Online presentation	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Kang	Boston Patent Law Association E-mail: president@bpla.org activities@bpla.org Internet: https://www.bpla.org

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WIPO Standards Webinars (<i>by language</i>) (https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=330)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; Speakers	Registration
24 September 2021 08:00 - 09:30 (CEST)	Chinese	WIPO ST. 26: Introduction CNIPA Speaker: Ms. Lijing	Pre-recorded session: the recording will be available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65868
28 October 2021 08:00 - 09:30 (CEST)	Chinese	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced CNIPA Speaker: Ms. Lijing	Pre-recorded session: the recording will be available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65869
22 September 2021 14:00 - 15:30 (CEST)	French	WIPO ST. 26: Introduction EPO Speaker: Clara Boiangiu and Leslie Ripaud	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65788
11 October 2021 14:00 - 15:30 (CEST)	French	WIPO ST.26: Advanced EPO Speakers: Ms. Boiangiu and Ms. Ripaud	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65790
12 October 2021 10:00 - 11:30 (CEST)	German	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced DPMA Speaker: Dr. Riedel	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65772
28 September 2021 08:30 - 10:00 (CEST)	Japanese	WIPO ST. 26: Introduction JPO Speaker: Daiki Misu (三須 大樹)	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65789
15 October 2021 08:30 - 10:00 (CEST)	Japanese	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced JPO Speaker: Daiki Misu (三須 大樹)	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65774
22 October 2021 08:30 - 10:00 (CEST)	Korean	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced KIPO Speaker Dr. Byungwook Lee	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65792
13 October 2021 12:00 - 13:30 (CEST)	Russian	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced ROSPATENT Speakers: Olga Darina (Дарина Ольга Николаевна) / Irina Kochneva / Yury Zontov (Зонтов Юрий Владимирович)	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65773
19 October 2021 12:00 - 13:30 (CEST)	Spanish	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced OEPM Speaker: Gabriel González Limas	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65791

PATENTSCOPE Webinars (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
21 September 2021 17:30 - 18:30 (CEST)	English	PATENTSCOPE: The Basics WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ji0z_5VMTKiqDgSIGtX1_g
23 September 2021 08:30 - 09:30 (CEST)	English	PATENTSCOPE: The Basics WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MEgOqTaERcutTtZWUk4Sog
12 October 2021 17:30 - 18:30 (CEST)	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ykV1KGYlRMC1Pcsz3Z3O_A
14 October 2021 08:30 - 09:30 (CEST)	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms Amman	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4YJ7ZwfISjW2KbG0RK3eaA

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,860 (from 1.11.21: 2,019)	21 (23)	– (–)	280 (304)	420 (455)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: ⁹ 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,782	20	–	268	402	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,170	100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DO	USD 316	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453 or EUR 1,233	16 14	– –	218 185	328 278	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR 75	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,028	12	–	155	232	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 444,200	5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 93 or USD ¹⁴ 109	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,233 or USD 1,453	15 14 16	100 93 109	200 185 218	300 278 328	Refer to footnote 15
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 184,200	2,100	–	27,700	41,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 153,600	1,700	–	–	34,600	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ²⁰	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,750	140	–	1,920	2,880	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,025	23	–	305	457	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ²⁰	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	8,210 ²⁴	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,280	140	–	1,850	2,770	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV		None ²⁶	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX	–	UGX eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG

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

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	KRW 2,422,000	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091	ZAR 30,610			
AU	AUD 2,200	CHF* 1,573	EUR 1,429	KRW 1,829,000	NZD 2,379	SGD 2,150			
	USD 1,697	ZAR 23,560	* (from 1.11.21: CHF 1,449)						
BR ⁸	Online: BRL 1,685	CHF 306	EUR 285	USD 330					
	On paper: BRL 2,525	CHF 458	EUR 428	USD 495					
CA	CAD 1,632	CHF 1,218	EUR 1,060	USD 1,353					
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,831	EUR 1,697						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		CHF 366	EUR 339					
	In case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300		CHF 275	EUR 255					
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 301	EUR 262	USD 328					
EG ³³	EGP 4,000	CHF 233	EUR 216	USD 254					
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	DKK 13,210	GBP 1,526	HUF 639,500	ISK 268,000			
	JPY 236,100	NOK 17,880	NZD 2,942	SEK 18,610	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091			
	ZAR 30,610								
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091						
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091						
IL	ILS 3,553	CHF 976	EUR 903	USD 1,107					
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 125	EUR 116	JPY 14,400	USD 137				
	In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 31	EUR 29	JPY 3,600	USD 34				
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000	CHF 606	EUR 526	KRW 714,000	USD 662				
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 1,351	EUR 1,173	SGD 1,906	USD 1,476				
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean: KRW 450,000	AUD 541	CHF 356	EUR 330	NZD 585				
	SGD 529	USD 389							
	For IAs in English: KRW 1,200,000	AUD 1,443	CHF 949	EUR 879	NZD 1,561				
	SGD 1,410	USD 1,036							
PH	USD 1,000	CHF 916	EUR 849						
	Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339						

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	106	EUR	98	USD	115			
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	498	EUR	459	USD	543			
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880
	USD	2,091										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	183,400	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR	31,120		
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR	15,560	
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR	7,780	
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 917
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,284
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,834
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 147	CHF 200
	CHF 235 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

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

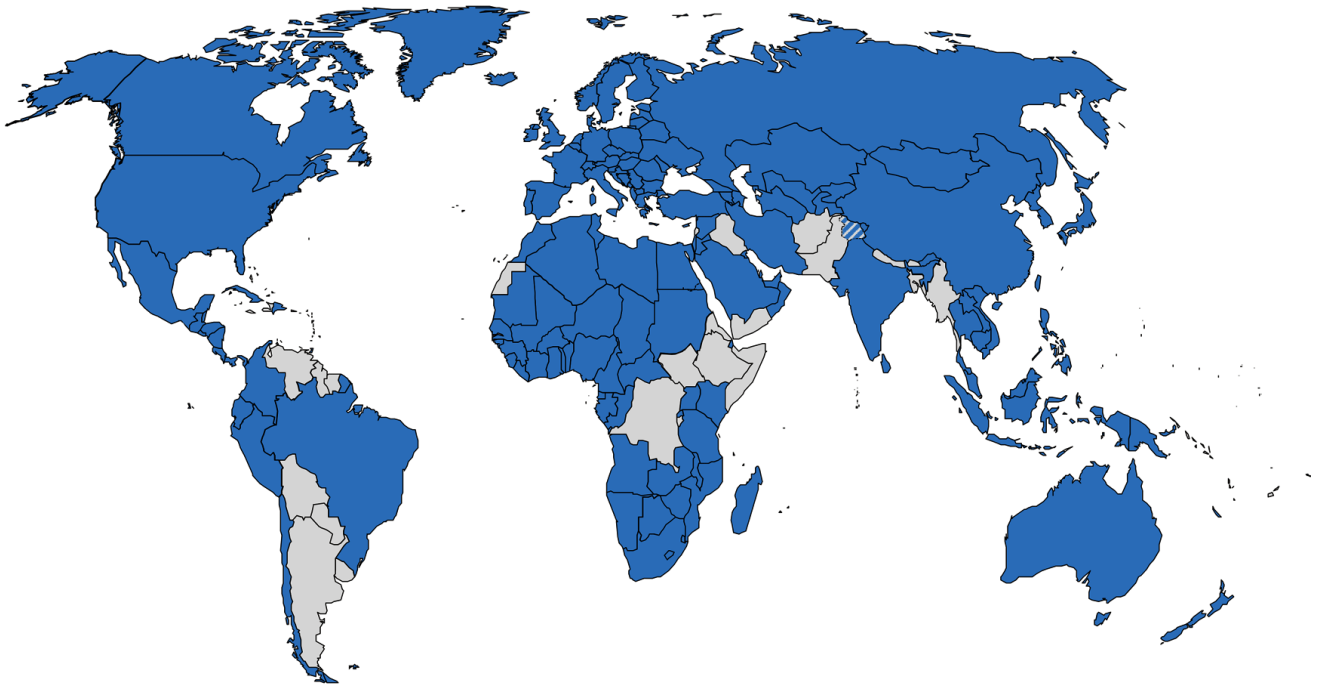
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁰			Handling fee^{2, 40}(CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ³¹		EUR	185
AU	AUD	590	820 ⁴¹	AUD	280 (from 1.11.21: 304)
BR	Online:	BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper:	BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	816		CAD	268
CL	USD	1,500		USD	218
		in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400			
		in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300			
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000		USD	218
EP	EUR	1,830 ³⁴		EUR	185
ES	EUR	589.48 ³⁴		EUR	185
FI	EUR	600		EUR	185
IL	ILS	1,523		ILS	745 (from 1.11.21: 704)
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			USD	218
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:	JPY	26,000	JPY	23,100
	For IAs in English:	JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW	253,000
PH	USD	500		USD	218
	Small entity or government: ³⁷	USD	200		
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³	USD	218
	For IAs in English:	RUB	16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³		
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,850
SG	SGD	830		SGD	297
TR	TRY	1,000		CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			EUR	185
US	USD	640	800 ⁴⁴	USD	218
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	320 400 ⁴⁴		
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	160 200 ⁴⁴		
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	1,380
XV	EUR	900		EUR	185

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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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)	SA Saudi Arabia
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro ⁵	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

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