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## **Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters**

As previously announced, an advanced PCT seminar will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva and online on 2 and 3 October 2024. The program will be conducted by the experienced PCT staff of the International Bureau and a guest speaker from the USPTO. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators, practitioners, and other users who are already familiar with the PCT system looking to deepen their knowledge, gain best practice tips and stay informed about the latest developments in the PCT system.

The first day will be offered in hybrid format, covering topics on best practices during the international phase and particular issues concerning entry into the national phase. The second day will include hands-on workshops on legal and processing issues, an ePCT clinic and visits with the PCT Operations Teams for participants attending in person.

There is no registration fee for the two-day seminar and the deadline for registrations is by close of business 27 September 2024. Interested persons may still register for online participation by 1 October 2024.

The full program is available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/pct/en/wipo\\_pct\\_adv\\_ge\\_24/wipo\\_pct\\_adv\\_ge\\_24\\_www\\_634756.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/pct/en/wipo_pct_adv_ge_24/wipo_pct_adv_ge_24_www_634756.pdf)

Further details including the list of speakers can be found at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2024/news\\_0023.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2024/news_0023.html)

For more information on attending in person or online, and to register, please send an email to:

[pct.training@wipo.int](mailto:pct.training@wipo.int)

## **Extension of the Pilot XML Rendering Arrangement for Publication of All International Applications Filed in XML Format**

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 10/2023 and 05/2024, the International Bureau (IB) has launched a pilot XML rendering arrangement for the publication of international applications, with an aim to better display modifications made to international applications and make more effective and consistent use of the XML data.

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

Based on the experience gained so far and following discussions with relevant Offices, the IB has decided to extend the pilot to all international applications filed in XML format, irrespective of the receiving Office, starting in October 2024.

For further information about the pilot, please refer to PCT Circular C. PCT 1656 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/circulars/2023/1656.pdf>

### **Unavailability of Electronic Filing Services on 19 August 2024**

The filing of international applications was not available either through ePCT-Filing or through the ePCT Business Continuity Service during the following period:

19 August 2024, from 2:00 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Central European Summer Time (CEST)

This affected filing of applications with the receiving Office of the International Bureau and with the other receiving Offices accepting filings directly from ePCT.

PCT applicants who were unable to file their applications within the priority period due to this particular unavailability but who are able to file them within 2 months from the expiration of the 12-month period, may request restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3 before the receiving Offices which apply this provision. The receiving Office of the International Bureau applies this Rule.

### **Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications**

#### **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form**

The Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 that, with effect from 1 November 2024, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. The Office will accept international applications filed in electronic form using ePCT-Filing. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 19 September 2024 at:

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

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

#### **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form**

The Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 that, with effect since 19 September 2024, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. The Office will accept international applications filed in electronic form using ePCT-Filing and Front Office (GR epatents). The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 19 September 2024 at:

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

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

### **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) – requirements and practices regarding the filing of international applications in electronic form**

The Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), which already accepts international applications filed via ePCT-Filing, has updated its notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications, as well as documents relating thereto, in electronic form. For further details, see the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 2 August 2024 at:

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

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

### **Updated notification concerning the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2023, the notification containing the requirements and practices of the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form has been updated, and was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 12 September 2024 at:

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

## **Exceptional Non-working Days**

### **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 24 and 25 July 2024, and 28 August 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), 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 days, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent business day.

### **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**

Due to the unavailability of its electronic systems, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 8 and 9 August 2024. Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on that day, that period was extended so as to expire on the next subsequent business day, which was 12 August 2024.

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

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

## WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, it is the Office with which the earlier application was filed which needs to be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

### Belgian Intellectual Property Office (IPObel)

The Belgian Intellectual Property Office (IPObel), which has already been an accessing Office for national patent applications and national utility model applications since 1 November 2020, has notified the IB that, as from 1 September 2024, it extended the scope of its participation in DAS to include operation as a depositing Office for national patent applications.

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

[https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating\\_offices/search-details?territoryId=15](https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating_offices/search-details?territoryId=15)

## PCT Information Update

### AU Australia (fees)

The transmittal fee will no longer be payable to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office with effect from 1 October 2024.

Furthermore, the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will also change with effect from the same date, as follows:

Filing fee:

- where the following preferred means for specific transactions are used: eServices or Business to Business (B2B): .....AUD 400
- where other means such as mail or at a counter are used for specific transactions: .....AUD 600

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

### BE Belgium (name of Office)

The Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the name of the Office is as follows:

Name of Office: Belgian Intellectual Property Office (IPObel)

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

**CA Canada (fees; requests for restoration of the right of priority; copies of documents cited in the international search and preliminary examination reports)**

As from 1 November 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in CAD of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office has notified a change of the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to it with effect from 1 January 2025. The new amount is CAD 434.30.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will also change with effect from the same date, as follows (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Basic national fee: .....	CAD 579.42	(234.90) <sup>1</sup>
Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase): .....	CAD 289.19	

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB of a new amount of the maintenance fee component of its national fee, payable in CAD to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from 1 January 2025. This amount, payable in respect of each one-year period and due at the time of entry into the national phase, where that entry is effected on or after the 2<sup>nd</sup> or possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the international filing date, is CAD 125, or CAD 58.68 if the applicant is a small entity.

Additionally, the Office has provided further details concerning requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49<sup>ter</sup>.2). The Office does not accept requests under PCT Rule 49<sup>ter</sup>.2 but does, as a designated Office, accept requests for restoration of the right of priority under subsection 28.4(6) of the Canadian Patent Act and section 77 of the Canadian Patent Rules.

The Office, in its capacity as ISA and IPEA, has also notified the IB of a change concerning how applicants and designated (or elected) Offices can contact the Authority to obtain copies of documents cited in the international search report and the international preliminary examination report, as follows:

E-mail: [cipobpctpractice-opicpratiquepctdb@ised-isde.gc.ca](mailto:cipobpctpractice-opicpratiquepctdb@ised-isde.gc.ca)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annexes C (CA), D (CA) and E (CA) and National Chapter, Summary (CA))

**CN China (special requirements for entry into the national phase; fees)**

There has been a change in the special requirement under PCT Rule 51<sup>bis</sup> concerning the instrument of assignment of the international application, with effect since 20 January 2024. The

1 The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the “small entity” level. For further details about entitlement to “small entity” status, please refer to the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CA).

consolidated list of special requirements under this Rule is now as follows<sup>2</sup>:

- Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the request part of the international application<sup>3</sup>;
- Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical<sup>3</sup>;
- If necessary, the documents certifying that the applicant as changed is entitled to the application;
- Appointment of an agent;
- Evidence concerning exceptions to lack of novelty if the applicant claims such exceptions in respect of the international application;
- Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form.

Furthermore, there has been a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

- The filing fee and the additional filing fee for an international application entering the national phase shall be exempted, when the CNIPA acts as the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority;
- No examination fee is payable if the international search report and the international preliminary report on patentability have been issued by the CNIPA;
- A refund of 50% of the examination fee may be requested where the application has entered the substantive examination stage and the application is voluntarily withdrawn prior to the expiration of the time limit for responding to the first examination opinion (except when a response has already been submitted).

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

### **CO Colombia (location and mailing address; telephone number; fees; discontinuance of use of fax machine)**

The location and mailing address and telephone number of the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) have changed, and now include an alternate address for its correspondence and filing service, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Carrera 13 No. 27-00, Piso 3  
Bogotá  
D.C.  
Colombia

Correspondence and filing service: Av. Carrera 7 Nos. 31a - 36, Piso 3  
Bogotá  
D.C.  
Colombia

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<sup>2</sup> If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

<sup>3</sup> This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

Telephone: (57-601) 587 00 00

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

In addition, the amounts of the transmittal fee, payable in COP to the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 26 March 2024:

Transmittal fee:

- Electronic filing:.....COP 326,000
- Paper filing:.....COP 431,000

Furthermore, the amounts of several components of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed with effect from the same date. The new amounts are as follows:

	Online	On paper
For patent:		
Filing fee: .....	COP 107,000	132,500
Annual fee for the first to the fourth year, per year: .....	COP 351,500	422,000
– amount applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date:.....	COP 522,500	627,000
For utility model:		
Filing fee: .....	COP 95,000	116,500

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B (CO), C (CO) and National Chapter, Summary (CO))

### DE (telephone numbers)

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office has deleted one of its telephone numbers for contact purposes.

The number to be used is now as follows:

Telephone: (49-89) 2195-1000

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

### GR Greece (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 19 September 2024, by the Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece) as receiving Office, of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and Front Office (GR epatents), as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that are applicable, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

## HU Hungary (national security provisions)

The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) has provided details to the IB concerning restrictions in its national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices. Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (HU), and the table entitled "International applications and national security considerations" at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/nat\\_sec.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/nat_sec.html)

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

## IN India (e-mail addresses; who can act as agent; fees)

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

E-mail:                      [kolkata-patent@nic.in](mailto:kolkata-patent@nic.in)  
                                     [delhi-patent@nic.in](mailto:delhi-patent@nic.in)  
                                     [patentin-pct@nic.in](mailto:patentin-pct@nic.in)  
                                     [roin.ipo@nic.in](mailto:roin.ipo@nic.in)  
                                     [chennai-patent@nic.in](mailto:chennai-patent@nic.in)  
                                     [mumbai-patent@nic.in](mailto:mumbai-patent@nic.in)

The Office has also notified the IB that the list of registered patent attorneys who can act as agents is now available at:

<https://iprsearch.ipindia.gov.in/AgentRegister/>

The category of applicant to which reduced fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, are applicable, has changed with effect since 15 March 2024 to include "educational institution(s)". The applicant category is now as follows:

"natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s)."

Furthermore, there have been changes in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office, as follows:

	<i>Natural person(s)</i>	<i>Others</i>
Fee for priority document <sup>4</sup> up to 30 pages:		
– paper transmission:		
for an application filed electronically.....	INR 1,000	5,000
for an application filed on paper .....	INR 1,100	5,500

Additionally, the address of the Office's website at which the Office's fee schedule is available,

<sup>4</sup> The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.



has changed to:

[https://ipindia.gov.in/writereaddata/Portal/ev/schedules/Schedule\\_1.pdf](https://ipindia.gov.in/writereaddata/Portal/ev/schedules/Schedule_1.pdf)

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

### **IT Italy (location)**

The location of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office has changed to the following:

Location: 22, Via Quattro Fontane  
00184 Roma  
Italy

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

### **LA Lao People's Democratic Republic (time limit for entry into the national phase)**

The Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic), in its capacity as designated and elected Office, has notified the IB of a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). The new time limit is 30 months from the priority date and is applicable since 30 March 2023.

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

### **MU Mauritius (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; electronic filing)**

The Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) has specified, with effect from 1 September 2024, the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mauritius with the Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) (or with the IB) as receiving Office.

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 November 2024, by the Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) as receiving Office, of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, please refer to "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

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

### **NO Norway (fees)**

As from 1 November 2024, 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 amounts in NOK of the applicable 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))

## **RU Russian Federation (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)**

On 29 August 2024, the following depository institution acquired the status of International Depository Authority (IDA) under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

Collection of Eubiotic and Epiphytic Microorganisms (CEEM)  
Kuban State Agrarian University named after I.T.Trubilin  
13 Kalinina Street  
Krasnodar, 350044  
Russian Federation

## **Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office (EPO), Indian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO))**

As from 1 October 2024, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office .....KRW  
European Patent Office (EPO) .....JPY  
Japan Patent Office (JPO).....USD  
Korean Intellectual Property Office .....AUD  
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....USD

As from 1 November 2024, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Canadian Intellectual Property Office .....CHF  
Egyptian Patent Office.....CHF  
European Patent Office (EPO) .....JPY  
Indian Patent Office .....CHF, EUR  
Japan Patent Office (JPO).....USD  
United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) .....ZAR

As from 1 January 2025, there will be a change in the amount payable in CAD, as well as in the equivalent amount in CHF for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b). There will also be a change in the amount of the following fee payable from the same date:

Additional search fee: .....CAD           2,317.68

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, BR, CA, EG, EP, IN, JP, KR and US))

## Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 January 2025, there will be a change in the amount payable in CAD for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Fee Table II. There will also be a change in the amount of the following fee payable from the same date:

Additional preliminary examination fee: .....CAD 1,158.84

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

## Handling fee (Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

A new equivalent amount of the handling fee payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority has been established with effect from 1 November 2024. The new amount will be CAD 319.

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

## Upcoming Seminar at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

A PCT seminar hosted by WIPO will be held at the USPTO Headquarters in Alexandria on 28 October 2024. The morning session will cover PCT legal and operational issues, and the afternoon will be dedicated to ePCT. The program will be conducted by experienced staff of the International Bureau, with support from PCT experts from the USPTO. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators, paralegals and other users who are already familiar with the PCT system.

The training is free of charge. Please note that participation is limited to 75 participants and early registration is advised.

Further information about the seminar and registration details will be provided in the PCT calendar shortly.

## Upcoming PCT Webinars in Japanese

WIPO is organizing a series of PCT webinars in Japanese covering various aspects of the PCT and its advantages. Registration is free of charge at the address indicated below each webinar:

- PCT Overviews and Advantages

(Wednesday, 13 November 2024, 9.00 am to 10.00 am Central European Time (CET)  
(5.00 pm to 6.00 pm Japan Standard Time) followed by a 30-minute Q&A session)

The advantages of the PCT for obtaining a patent in a foreign country and the procedural flow will be explained. The webinar will also touch upon the patent application non-disclosure system that came into effect in May of this year.

[https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/5717256266737/WN\\_1GDG9mRRRW6XsHc-jS59SQ](https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/5717256266737/WN_1GDG9mRRRW6XsHc-jS59SQ)

– International Application and International Search

(Thursday, 21 November 2024, 9.00 am to 10.00 am Central European Time (CET)  
(5.00 pm to 6.00 pm Japan Standard Time) followed by a 30-minute Q&A session)

How to file an international application, the contents of an international search, and the effective use of the PCT system will be explained from a practitioner's point of view. At the end of the lecture, the JPO will also explain the fee support system for small and medium-sized enterprises.

[https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/9617256299277/WN\\_SmamDIYxQMuNen3ek\\_c2cg](https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/9617256299277/WN_SmamDIYxQMuNen3ek_c2cg)

– International Search and Related Procedures

Thursday 28 November 2024, 9.00 am to 10.00 am Central European Time (CET)  
(5.00 pm to 6.00 pm Japan Standard Time) followed by a 30-minute Q&A session)

This webinar will explain the procedures for international publication, international preliminary examination, and entry into the national phase, etc., demonstrating that the PCT is a simple and user-friendly system.

[https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3717256300000/WN\\_McUeiFY-S2GKvskRHkRXDw](https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3717256300000/WN_McUeiFY-S2GKvskRHkRXDw)

Further details about the webinars are available in the PCT Seminar Calendar.

## **New/Updated PCT Resources**

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

#### *Chinese-subtitled version*

All 29 videos of the “Learn the PCT” video series (“How to File your International Application”) now contain Chinese subtitles. It is recalled that this is a series of 29 short videos (approximately 15 minutes each) presented by Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO, which provides a basic introduction to important aspects and issues in the international phase and national phase of PCT processing.

The Chinese subtitled versions can be selected from the subtitles in the video controls on the original videos at:

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

or you can select Chinese at the top right-hand side of the page for YouTube videos with the Chinese subtitles.

### **Modified PCT Receiving Office Guidelines in Chinese and Russian**

The consolidated version of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, revised with effect from 1 July 2024, is now available in Chinese and Russian at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/gdlines.html> and

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/gdlines.html>

## New ePCT video tutorials for applicants

The following new ePCT video tutorials have been added to the collection of ePCT video tutorials for applicants:

- ePCT Actions ([https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/epct\\_actions.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/epct_actions.html)):
  - ePCT Action: Update file reference
  - ePCT-Action: Rule 92bis change request overview
  - ePCT-Action: How to use the Rule 92bis change request
  - ePCT General Features: Download ePCT-Filing data package for RO/US, IL, CA

## Change of Bank Name and Address for the Payment of Fees to the International Bureau

The name and address of the bank to which payments can be made by bank transfer to WIPO's bank account (for payment in Swiss francs, US dollars or euro) has changed to the following:

UBS SWITZERLAND AG (FORMERLY CREDIT SUISSE), ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

The methods of online payment, as well as the corresponding currencies accepted per method, remain unchanged.

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

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

For further information and assistance, please contact:

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

## Practical Advice

### Withdrawing a demand to prevent public access to the international preliminary examination file

*Q: I have filed a demand for international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the PCT Treaty. The International Preliminary Examination Authority (IPEA) has issued a written opinion, but it has not yet established the International Preliminary Report on Patentability ("IPRP Chapter II"). Based on the response of the IPEA to arguments that we have submitted, it appears that the IPRP Chapter II will include negative statements on whether the claims appear to satisfy novelty and inventive step. Is there a way to prevent the contents of the international preliminary examination file from becoming publicly accessible?*

A: The objective of the international preliminary examination is to formulate a preliminary and non-binding opinion on whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), and if it is industrially applicable. The findings of the IPEA are set out in an IPRP Chapter II. Before the IPRP Chapter II is established, the IPEA may issue one or more written opinions. As opposed to the international search procedure, the applicant may respond to the written opinion of the IPEA, communicate orally and in writing with the substantive examiner, and submit amendments and arguments (PCT Articles 33, 34 and

Rules 66.2 to 66.6). PCT Article 38(1) sets out the confidential nature of international preliminary examination before the IPRP Chapter II is established.

Once the IPEA has established the Chapter II report, it will send a copy of it to both you and the International Bureau (IB) in accordance with PCT Article 36(1) and PCT Rule 71.1(a) and it will also transmit copies of some other documents in its file to the IB (PCT Rule 71.1(b) and Section 602*bis* of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT)<sup>5</sup>.

At the expiration of 30 months from the priority date the IB sends a copy of the report to the elected Offices (Article 36(3)(a) and PCT Rule 73.2(a)) and, on behalf of the elected Offices, makes the report, as well as any other documents received relating to international preliminary examination, publicly available on PATENTSCOPE (PCT Rules 71.1(b) and 94.1(c)).

IPEAs may also provide access to any document of the Chapter II file to elected Offices, if so requested, even before 30 months but only after a Chapter II report has been established (Rule 94.2(b)).

If you do not wish any information concerning the pending international preliminary examination of your application to become publicly accessible, you should withdraw the demand before the IPRP II report is established. The IPEA will then neither establish a report nor will it provide access to the file to any elected Office. Consequently, the IB will not provide such access on behalf of elected Offices and the international preliminary examination file will remain confidential as required under PCT Article 38(1). Please note that even if you withdraw the demand after the Chapter II report has been established but before it has been received by the IB, you could possibly still achieve the same result (Rule 73.2(c)). However, with electronic communications of the Chapter II reports, in many instances, there will be very little time between the establishment and the receipt of the Chapter II reports by the IB.

The notice to withdraw the demand can be addressed to the IB using Form PCT/IB/372. As withdrawal is effective from the date of receipt, you should preferably use ePCT as this will record the time of upload as the time of receipt. If you have eOwner or eEditor access rights to the application in ePCT, the notice should be submitted as an ePCT Action 'Withdraw Chapter II Demand' (please refer to <https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/direct.aspx?UG=4&T=en&N=866> for full instructions). If you do not have these access rights for the application, you can use the upload documents function in ePCT instead. When the withdrawal is received, the IB will notify the IPEA of the withdrawal. Please note that if you send the notice to withdraw the demand to the IPEA, the IPEA will mark the date of receipt on the notice and transmit it to the IB for processing. In this case, the notice will be considered to have been received by the IB on the date marked by the IPEA. If you are considering withdrawing the demand in order to prevent access to the file, it would be best to inform the IPEA as soon as possible about your intention and ask it to wait to receive the notice of withdrawal and not start to draw up the report.

If you do not withdraw the demand and wait until a report is established and received by the IB, the IB will keep the international preliminary examination file confidential only until 30 months from the priority date. As to elected Offices, they may obtain access to the international preliminary examination file as soon as the report is completed, which may be before 30 months if they request access. It is their national law that will apply as to access by third parties, that is, they may give access to third parties even before the expiry of 30 months from the priority date.

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<sup>5</sup> Any International Preliminary Examining Authority may decide to postpone the application of [paragraphs \(a\)](#) and [\(b\)](#) until such time as it is technically prepared to do so (Administrative Instructions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, Section 602*bis*(c)).

**Corrigendum to Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2024:  
Consequences of an international application being considered withdrawn and potential  
remedial procedures in the national phase**

The “Practical Advice” article published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2024 discussed potential remedial procedures in the national phase for an international application which had been considered withdrawn in the international phase.

The first sentence of the second paragraph of the answer should read:

To address this issue, you may first wish to investigate whether the fact that you missed the time limit to pay the fees can be reviewed under any internal procedures of the Office acting as a receiving Office thus providing you with an opportunity to still pay the fees, in which case your application could potentially be reinstated.

## PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>)  
(situation on 25 September 2024)

<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact details</b>
<b>26 September 2024</b> London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (26-27 September) WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Toms) E-mail: <a href="mailto:sophie.toms@management-forum.co.uk">sophie.toms@management-forum.co.uk</a>
<b>30 September 2024</b> Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Dieter) E-mail: <a href="mailto:alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch">alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch</a>
<b>2-3 October 2024</b> Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Bryan, Mr. Moon, Mr. Reischle-Park, Mr. Yu, Mr. Henninger, Ms. Mohri, Ms. Schumm, Ms. Kang and Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Ms. Lauchman (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters For information and to register, please contact: <a href="mailto:pct.training@wipo.int">pct.training@wipo.int</a>
<b>27-29 November 2024</b> Augsburg (DE)/Hybrid	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 14th PAFA-Tagung conference (hybrid) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speaker on other IP topics: Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ipforip.de">info@ipforip.de</a> Internet: <a href="https://www.ipforip.com/14-pafa-tagung/">https://www.ipforip.com/14-pafa-tagung/</a>

## PCT Webinars

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<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>12 November 2024</b> 09:00 – 11:35 CET	Russian (with simultaneous interpretation from English to Russian)	Regional Prime Webinar on the “Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Transfer of Technology for Universities and Small Entities from Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC)” WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov, Ms. Krysanova and additional WIPO speaker to be announced	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/8417199044153/WN_pldCLesaTKC5fg-gJ87bSg">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/8417199044153/WN_pldCLesaTKC5fg-gJ87bSg</a>
<b>13 November 2024</b> 09:00 – 10:00 CET (17:00 – 18:00 Japan time)	Japanese	PCT Overviews and Advantages WIPO speakers: Ms. Mohri Other speaker: Prof. Asami	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/5717256266737/WN_1GDG9mRRRW6XsHc-jS59SQ">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/5717256266737/WN_1GDG9mRRRW6XsHc-jS59SQ</a>
<b>21 November 2024</b> 09:00 – 10:00 CET (17:00 – 18:00 Japan time)	Japanese	International Application and International Search WIPO speakers: Ms. Mohri Other speaker: Prof. Asami	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/9617256299277/WN_SmamDIYxQMuNen3ek_c2cg">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/9617256299277/WN_SmamDIYxQMuNen3ek_c2cg</a>
<b>28 November 2024</b> 09:00 – 10:00 CET (17:00 – 18:00 Japan time)	Japanese	International Search and Related Procedures WIPO speakers: Ms. Mohri Other speaker: Prof. Asami	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3717256300000/WN_McUeiFY-S2GKvskRHkRXDw">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3717256300000/WN_McUeiFY-S2GKvskRHkRXDw</a>



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<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>26 September 2024</b> 8:30 – 9:15 CEST	English	Non-Patent Literature in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vlO2U2xFRVaEL7QwZbZaOw">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vlO2U2xFRVaEL7QwZbZaOw</a>

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2024, 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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYP	Syrian pounds
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISR	international search report	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
		EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
		GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
		HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

**Currencies:**

ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 September 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup> (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
							Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU	
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EP SE	
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP	
AU	AUD	200 (from 1.10.24: none)	AUD	2,274	26	–	342	513	AU KR	
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,381	16	–	–	–	EP	
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU	
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,457	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 <sup>8</sup> online: on paper: <sup>9</sup>	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US	
BW	USD	32	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	EP	
BY	BYN	98	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	CA EP	
CA	CA	416 (from 1.1.25: 434.30)	CAD	1,979 (from 1.11.24: 2,120)	22 (24)	– (–)	298 (319)	446 (478)	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>10</sup>	130	CLP eq USD <sup>10</sup>	1,457	eq USD <sup>10</sup> 16	–	eq USD <sup>10</sup> 219	eq USD <sup>10</sup> 329	BR CL EP ES KR US	
CN	CNY	none	CNY	10,620	120	–	1,600	2,400	CN EP <sup>11</sup>	
CO	COP online: on paper:	326,000 431,000	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU	
CR	USD online: on paper:	237 289	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES	

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

(amounts on 1 September 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – <sup>12</sup>	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,300	120	–	1,550	2,320	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,457 or EUR 1,381	16 16	– –	219 208	329 311	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 150	EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,197	13	–	180	270	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GED eq USD <sup>13</sup> 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS <sup>14</sup> 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,381	16	–	– (from 19.9.24: 208)	– (from 19.9.24: 311)	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 536,300	6,000	–	80,600	121,000	EP XV
IB	CHF <sup>15</sup> 100 or EUR <sup>15</sup> 104 or USD <sup>15</sup> 110	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,381 or USD 1,457	15 16 16	100 104 110	200 208 219	300 311 329	Refer to footnote 16
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 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
IL	ILS 618	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 <sup>17</sup> INR 17,600 <sup>18</sup> No fee for e-filings	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AU CA EG EP TR
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 20,300	ISK 213,100	2,400	–	32,100	48,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 <sup>19</sup>	JPY 237,500	2,700	–	–	53,600	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 <sup>20</sup>	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 September 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,457	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 <sup>21</sup> KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – <sup>12</sup>	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
LY	LYD – <sup>12</sup>	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87 <sup>22</sup>	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
	(natural persons)						
	USD 375.50 <sup>22</sup>						
	(legal persons)						
MY	MYR 550 <sup>23</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,630	180	–	2,350	3,520	EP SE XN
		(from 1.11.24: 16,550)	(190)	(–)	(2,490)	(3,730)	
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,436	27	–	366	550	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – <sup>12</sup>	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	ATAUEGEPUS
PA	USD 240	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	ATBRCL EPESKRUS
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	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 online: 11.80 on paper: 23.59	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	EG EP US
RO	RON 497	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 <sup>24</sup>	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD – <sup>12</sup>	USD 1,457	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 15,990	180	–	2,410	3,610	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,995	23	–	300	450	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 66 <sup>25</sup>	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
SV	none <sup>26</sup>	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 September 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>	
				Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>		
SY	SYP	5,000	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– <sup>12</sup>	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU
TM	USD	– <sup>12</sup>	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	EA 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	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) <sup>27</sup>	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,457	16	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office		UGX eq USD	1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT EP SG
US	USD	260 <sup>28</sup>	USD	1,457	16	110	219	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
		small entity <sup>29</sup> : 104 <sup>28</sup> micro entity <sup>29</sup> : 52 <sup>28</sup>							
UZ	UZS	245,000 <sup>30</sup>	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT	200	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EP PH
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	27,820	310	–	4,180	6,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,457	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 September 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT <sup>31</sup>	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,758	KRW	2,713,000	SGD	2,671	USD	1,974	ZAR	36,230
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,287	EUR	1,336	KRW*	1,913,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	1,930
	USD	1,407	ZAR	26,920								
BR <sup>8</sup>	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	272	EUR	293	USD*	335		
	*(from 1.10.24:								USD	300)		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	407	EUR	439	USD*	502		
	*(from 1.10.24:								USD	450)		
CA	CAD**	2,220	CHF*	1,492	EUR	1,549	USD	1,631				
	*(from 1.11.24:		CHF	1,393)								
	** (from 1.1.25:		CAD	2,317.68)								
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,826	EUR	1,899						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> :				USD	400	CHF	365	EUR	380		
	In case of filing by a university <sup>32</sup> :				USD	300	CHF	285	EUR	285		
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	263	EUR	273	USD	288				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:											
	RUB	9,000	CHF	88	EUR	91	USD	99				
	For searches carried out in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF	391	EUR	406	USD	441				
EG <sup>33</sup>	EGP	4,000	CHF*	76	EUR	78	USD	84				
	*(from 1.11.24:		CHF	70)								
EP <sup>34</sup>	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	GBP	1,570	HUF	715,100	ISK	274,600
	JPY**	297,100	NOK	20,880	NZD	3,253	SEK	20,750	SGD	2,675	USD	1,989
	ZAR	37,470										
	*(from 1.10.24:		JPY	315,400)								
	** (from 1.11.24:		JPY	296,600)								
ES <sup>34</sup>	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989						
FI	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989						

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**Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 September 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>									
IL	ILS	3,962	CHF	964	EUR	974	USD	1,066		
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	109	EUR*	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120
	*(from 1.11.24: CHF 101 EUR 108)									
	In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution:									
JP <sup>35</sup>	INR	2,500	CHF*	27	EUR*	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30
	*(from 1.11.24: CHF 25 EUR 27)									
	For IAs in Japanese:									
KR <sup>36</sup>	JPY	143,000	CHF	801	EUR	841	KRW	1,304,000	USD**	955
	*(from 1.10.24: USD 905)									
	**(from 1.11.24: USD 992)									
PH	For IAs in English:									
	JPY	169,000	CHF	946	EUR	994	SGD	1,454	USD***	1,129
	*(from 1.10.24: USD 1,069)									
RU	*(from 1.11.24: USD 1,173)									
	For IAs in Korean:									
	KRW	450,000	AUD*	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552
SE	SGD	452	USD	330						
	*(from 1.10.24: AUD 487)									
	For IAs in English:									
SG	KRW	1,200,000	AUD*	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473
	SGD	1,206	USD	879						
	*(from 1.10.24: AUD 1,299)									
TR	USD	600	CHF	548	EUR	570				
	Small entity or government <sup>37</sup> : USD 200 CHF 183 EUR 190									
UA	For IAs in Russian: RUB 8,500 CHF 83 EUR 86 USD 94									
	For IAs in English: RUB 40,000 CHF 391 EUR 406 USD 441									
US	SEK	20,750	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600
	USD	1,989								
XN	USD	2,240	CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY	260,200	KRW	2,218,000
	USD	1,989	EUR	1,845	USD	1,989				
XV	TRY	61,090	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	USD	1,989		
	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: EUR 100 CHF 96 USD 105									
XV	For IAs in English, French or German: EUR 300 CHF 289 USD 316									
	USD	2,180	CHF	1,990	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR*	41,680
	*(from 1.11.24: ZAR 39,000)									
	For small entity <sup>29</sup> : USD 872 CHF 742 EUR 828 NZD 1,461 ZAR* 16,670									
XV	*(from 1.11.24: ZAR 15,600)									
	For micro entity <sup>29</sup> : USD 436 CHF 398 EUR 414 NZD 730 ZAR* 8,340									
	*(from 1.11.24: ZAR 7,800)									
XV	DKK	13,750	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880
	USD	1,989	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880	SEK	20,750
XV	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	HUF	715,100	USD	1,989		

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**  
(amounts on 1 September 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 38</sup>
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 819	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,146	
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,638	
EP	CHF 1,751 <sup>34</sup>	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,751	CHF 200
RU	CHF 115	CHF 200
	CHF 184 <sup>39</sup>	
SE	CHF 1,751	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,493	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,751	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 47	

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**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 September 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

<b>ISA</b>	<b>Supplementary search fee</b>	<b>Supplementary search handling fee<sup>2, 38</sup></b>
<b>UA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: <b>CHF</b> 87</li> <li>– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: <b>CHF</b> 87</li> <li>– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: <b>CHF</b> 67</li> <li>– 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): <b>CHF</b> 58</li> </ul>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>XN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– for a full search: <b>CHF</b> 1,751</li> <li>– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: <b>CHF</b> 517</li> </ul>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>XV</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– for a full search: <b>CHF</b> 1,710</li> <li>– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: <b>CHF</b> 530</li> </ul>	<b>CHF</b> 200

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**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 September 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>40</sup>	Handling fee <sup>2, 40</sup> (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 <sup>31</sup>	EUR 208
AU	AUD 590 820 <sup>41</sup>	AUD 342
BR	Online: BRL 630 <sup>8</sup> On paper: BRL 945 <sup>9, 9</sup>	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 1,110 (from 1.11.24: 1,158.84)	CAD 298 (from 1.11.24: 319)
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> : USD 400 in case of filing by a university <sup>32</sup> : USD 300	USD 219
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,600
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 6,750 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 24,000 Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office: Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 4,500 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 16,000	USD 219
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 219
EP	EUR 1,915 <sup>34</sup>	EUR 208
ES	EUR 595.37 <sup>34</sup>	EUR 208
FI	EUR 650	EUR 208
IL	ILS 1,698	ILS 838
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 3,000	USD 219
JP <sup>35</sup>	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 35,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 299,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government <sup>37</sup> : USD 150	USD 219
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 <sup>42</sup> 6,750 <sup>43</sup> For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 <sup>42</sup> 24,000 <sup>43</sup>	USD 219
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 2,410
SG	SGD 830	SGD 300
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 208
US	USD 640 800 <sup>44</sup> For small entity <sup>29</sup> : USD 256 320 <sup>44</sup> For micro entity <sup>29</sup> : USD 128 160 <sup>44</sup>	USD 219
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,550
XV	EUR 900	EUR 208

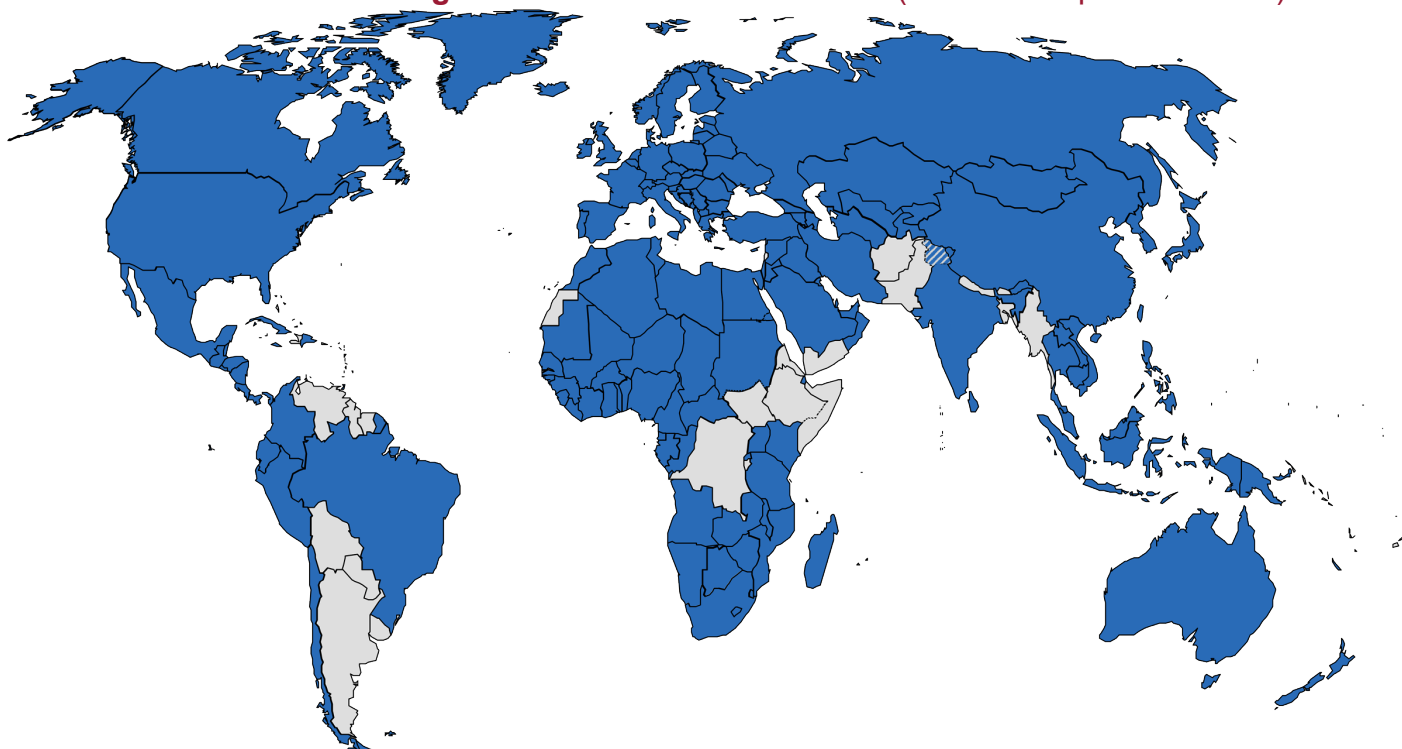
[footnotes to fee tables follow]



**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: <https://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 be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4(a)(ii-bis)).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table (Ib) 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 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\\_53\\_153571.html](https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_53_153571.html). The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-cnipa-joint-communique-chinese-applicants-may-continue-designate-epo-isa-0> and to the CNIPA's website at: [https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art\\_53\\_187971.html](https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art_53_187971.html)
- 12 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit and by 90% where the applicant is a student, a pupil or pensioner.
- 14 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.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 16 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).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
- 18 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
- 19 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: [https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet\\_e.pdf](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf)
- 20 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.
- 21 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.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
- 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: [http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated\\_rules.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf)
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <https://my.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: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 33 This fee 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: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/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](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: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

## PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (157 on 1 September 2024)



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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

4 Validation of European patent possible.

5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.

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