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EP  European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Japanese yen (JPY) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is JPY 278,500.


RECEIVING OFFICES

CO  Colombia

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 16 December 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization\(^1\) – Amendment to Annex C

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2015. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SG  Singapore

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89bis.1.

On 15 December 2014, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)
As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct@ipos.gov.sg

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.
The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipos.gov.sg).

**As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):**

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

**As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):**

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

**RECEIVING OFFICES**

**PE  Peru**

The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 8 January 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(PE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**SG  Singapore**

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – since 13 November 2014, one copy must be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified that, as from 1 June 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified new amounts of fees, in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2015, as follows:

- Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 74.99
- Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 29.99
- Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):
  - where the request is filed online: EUR 90.44
  - where the request is filed on paper: EUR 106.40

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in euro (EUR), payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable since 1 January 2015, are EUR 589.49 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in euro (EUR), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 74.92 and when filing electronically is EUR 63.68. These amounts are also applicable since 1 January 2015.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

IL Israel

The Israel Patent Office has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in new Israeli sheqel (ILS), payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2015, is ILS 554.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the national filing fee, in new Israeli sheqel (ILS), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2015, is ILS 2,031.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
KR Republic of Korea

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in Korean won (KRW), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2014, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:
- when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 46,000
- when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 66,000 plus KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 202

Fee for request for examination: KRW 143,000 plus KRW 44,000 for each claim

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 15,000 plus KRW 13,000 for each claim

For a utility model:

Filing fee:
- when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 20,000
- when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 30,000 plus KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 202

Fee for request for examination: KRW 71,000 plus KRW 19,000 for each claim

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 12,000 plus KRW 4,000 for each claim

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2 This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.
The amounts previously notified (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 September 2010, pages 152 and 153, and of 10 July 2014, page 106) remain applicable to international applications filed before 1 March 2014. However, the words “when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form” and “when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper” should be modified to read as follows: “when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form” and “when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper”.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

SG Singapore

Following the notification by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 January 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in Singapore dollar (SGD) have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

- Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): SGD 266
- Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): SGD 399

Furthermore, following the notification by the Office as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 June 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR  Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in US dollar (USD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil). These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are USD 632 when filing online and USD 948 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

Furthermore, the Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority has notified that, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(ii), and with effect since 1 January 2015, the handling fee is payable to it as the equivalent amount in Brazilian real (BRL) of CHF 200.

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

JP  Japan

New equivalent amounts in Japanese yen (JPY) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are as follows:

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[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2015, is USD 577.

In addition, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and Singapore dollar (SGD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 567, EUR 471 and SGD 766, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
Finally, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is JPY 24,700.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**RU Russian Federation**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Hungarian forint (HUF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 138, EUR 115, HUF 35,200 and USD 144 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 573, EUR 477, HUF 146,100 and USD 598 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES**

**SA Saudi Arabia**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89bis.1.

On 11 January 2015, the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
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As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):
- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):
- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):
- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:
- by e-mail at: spo-pct@kacst.edu.sa
As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in
electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (http://patents.kacst.edu.sa).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EE Estonia

The Estonian Patent Office has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2015, are EUR 120 and EUR 16, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

EP European Patent Organisation

Following the notification by the European Patent Office (EPO) that it is prepared, since 2 October 2014, to receive and process international applications in electronic form, as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 October 2014, page 148), an equivalent amount in euro (EUR) has been established for the reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, for international applications filed by this means. This amount was EUR 81 until 31 December 2014 and is EUR 82 since 1 January 2015.


Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Norwegian krone (NOK) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.


NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in Norwegian krone (NOK) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are as follows:

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[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in Swiss franc (CHF) have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation). These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 242 and CHF 386 (the latter amount 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)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

SA Saudi Arabia

Following the notification by the Saudi Patent Office (SPO) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 February 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 January 2015, pages 13 et seq.), equivalent amounts in US dollar (USD) have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

- Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): USD 208
- Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): USD 312

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

SE Sweden

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in Norwegian krone (NOK), payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Norwegian krone (NOK) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CA  Canada

Under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2008, pages 115 et seq., and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 2 February 2015. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)
As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available through the ePCT or PCT-SAFE software. Online payment by credit card is possible through the Office’s website (www.cipo.gc.ca).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format using the PCT-SAFE software, contact WIPO directly:

- by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23
- by facsimile at: (+41-22) 338 80 40

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions relating to the uploading and submission of the international application through its website. The help desk will be available between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (+866) 997 19 36 (toll-free within Canada and the United States of America) or (+819) 934 05 44 (international)
- by facsimile at: (+819) 953 24 76
- via e-mail at: cipo.contact@ic.gc.ca
- through the Office’s website (www.cipo.ic.gc.ca)
As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cipo.ic.gc.ca).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services."
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL  Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2015. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RS  Serbia

The Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) has notified a change in relation to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent – the provision which confers protection to a published national patent application is now Article 19 of the Patent Law (the same protection is provisionally conferred to a published European patent application).

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

SG  Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified changes in its location and mailing address as well as in its Internet and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:  
IP 101  
51 Bras Basah Road, #01-01  
Manulife Centre  
Singapore 189554

E-mail:  
ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg  
epct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries concerning ePCT)

Internet:  
www.ipos.gov.sg

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU  Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in New Zealand dollar (NZD) and US dollar (USD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2015, are NZD 2,311 and USD 1,789, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

IL  Israel

The Israel Patent Office has notified new amounts of fees, in new Israeli sheqel (ILS), payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2015, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):  
ILS 3,554

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):  
ILS 3,554

Late furnishing fee  
(PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):  
ILS 457

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 875, EUR 728 and USD 909, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2015, as follows:

- Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ILS 1,523
- Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ILS 1,523
- Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2): ILS 457

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**JP  Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2015, is KRW 638,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**RS  Serbia**

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2014, as follows:

- Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)$^2$: RSD 7,140
- Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):
  - RSD 1,720 for the first document up to 10 pages
  - plus [No change] for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
  - plus [No change] per page in excess of 10

- Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): RSD 2,880

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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$^2$ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.
Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 June 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows³:

For a patent:
- Filing fee: RSD 7,140
- Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: RSD 710
- Additional fee for late entry into the national phase: 50% of the filing fee
- Reduced examination fee for international applications: RSD 7,170
- Annual fee for the first three years: RSD 10,050

For a petty patent:
- Filing fee: RSD 7,140
- Additional fee for late entry into the national phase: 50% of the filing fee

³ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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**SG Singapore**

The *Intellectual Property Office of Singapore* has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 14 February 2014, is SGD 35.

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**INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

**Non-Working Days – Corrigendum**

Further to the information published in the Official Notices of 11 December 2014, page 195, the date of 24 September 2015 appearing on the list of non-working days for the International Bureau in 2015 should be replaced by the date of 23 September 2015, which is no longer subject to change.
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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

– appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority;
– amendments to the PCT Regulations;
– establishment by the Director General of the first lists of States meeting the criteria referred to in item 5(a) and item 5(b) of the amended PCT Schedule of Fees;
– adoption of Directives for updating the above lists of States.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Appointment of a New International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 20, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2015 and consist in:

(i) revising the eligibility criteria for fee reductions for certain applicants from certain countries (amendment of item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees).

1 In the case of reductions to the international filing fee, the Schedule of Fees as amended with effect from July 1, 2015, shall apply to any international application received by the receiving Office on or after July 1, 2015, but the Schedule of Fees as in force until June 30, 2015, shall continue to apply to any international application received before July 1, 2015, irrespective of what international filing date might later be given to such application (Rule 15.3); in the case of reductions to the handling fee and
(ii) removing the fee reduction available for PCT-EASY filings (deletion of item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees);

(iii) introducing a requirement for applicants making an express request for early national phase entry to file any request for the restoration of the right of priority at the designated or elected Office within one month from the date of receipt of the express request for early national phase entry (amendments of Rules 49ter.2(b)(i) and 76.5²);

(iv) deleting a reference to paragraph (a) of Rule 90bis.5, consequential on the amendment of Rule 90bis.5 adopted by the PCT Assembly at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session held from October 1 to 9, 2012 (amendment of Rule 90.3(c));

(v) enabling the International Bureau, in cases where it receives a notice of withdrawal together with a copy of the general power of attorney, to process the notice of withdrawal without requiring the agent to submit a separate original power of attorney (amendments of Rule 90.5(d)³).

The text of the amendments is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2015)

Rule 49ter
Effect of Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office; Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office

49ter.1  [No change]

49ter.2  Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office

(a)  [No change]

(b) A request under paragraph (a) shall:

   (i) be filed with the designated Office within a time limit of one month from the applicable time limit under Article 22 or, where the applicant makes an express request to the designated Office under Article 23(2), within a time limit of one month from the date of receipt of that request by the designated Office;

² These amendments shall apply to any express request under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2) received on or after July 1, 2015.

³ These amendments shall apply to any notice of withdrawal referred to in PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4 received on or after July 1, 2015.
(ii) and (iii) [no change]

(c) to (h) [No change]

**Rule 76**

**Translation of Priority Document; Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices**

76.1 to 76.4 [No change]

76.5 **Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices**

Rules 13ter.3, 20.8(c), 22.1(g), 47.1, 49, 49bis, 49ter and 51bis shall apply, provided that:

(i) [No change]

(ii) any reference in the said Rules to Article 22, Article 23(2) or Article 24(2) shall be construed as a reference to Article 39(1), Article 40(2) or Article 39(3), respectively;

(iii) to (v) [No change]

**Rule 90**

**Agents and Common Representatives**

90.1 and 90.2 [No change]

90.3 **Effects of Acts by or in Relation to Agents and Common Representatives**

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Subject to Rule 90bis.5, second sentence, any act by or in relation to a common representative or his agent shall have the effect of an act by or in relation to all the applicants.

90.4 [No change]

90.5 **General Power of Attorney**

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), where the agent submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4 to the receiving Office, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, a copy of the general power of attorney shall be submitted to that Office, Authority or Bureau.

90.6 [No change]
### SCHEDULE OF FEES

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#### Reductions

4. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

   (a) in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format: 100 Swiss francs

   (b) in electronic form, the request being in character coded format: 200 Swiss francs

   (c) in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format: 300 Swiss francs

5. The international filing fee under item 1 (where applicable, as reduced under item 4), the supplementary search handling fee under item 2 and the handling fee under item 3 are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:

   (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below US$ 25,000 (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US$ values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent five-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau; or

   (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country;

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). The lists of States referred to in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be updated by the Director General at least every five years according to directives given by the Assembly. The criteria set out in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be reviewed by the Assembly at least every five years.
First Lists of States Meeting the Criteria referred to in Item 5(a) and Item 5(b) of the Amended PCT Schedule of Fees

These lists will be applicable on 1 July 2015 and are as follows:

(i) For the purpose of item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, TFYR of Macedonia, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(ii) For the purpose of item 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:


Directives for Updating the Above Lists of States

These Directives will enter into force on 1 July 2015. The text is reproduced hereafter.
DIRECTIVES FOR UPDATING THE LISTS OF STATES MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PCT FEES

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives referred to in the Schedule of Fees, it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

1. Five years after the establishment of the first list of States which meet the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, and every five years thereafter, the Director General shall prepare draft lists of States which appear to meet the criteria referred to in:

   (i) item 5(a) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures from the United Nations and according to the most recent five-year average yearly PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, respectively, published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly in September/October of that year;

   (ii) item 5(b) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent list of countries classified as least developed countries by the United Nations published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly in September/October of that year;

and shall make those lists available to the PCT Contracting States and States entitled to observer status in the Assembly for comment before the end of that session of the Assembly.

2. Following the end of that session of the Assembly, the Director General shall establish new lists, taking into account any comments received. The revised lists shall become applicable on the first day of the calendar year subsequent to that session and shall be used to determine, in accordance with Rules 15.3, 45bis.2(c) and 57.3(d), the eligibility for the fee reduction under items 5(a) and (b), respectively, of the Schedule of Fees of any relevant fee payable. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

3. Where any State is not included in a particular list but subsequently becomes eligible for inclusion in that list due to the publication, after the expiration of the period of two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 1, above, of revised per capita gross domestic product figures by the United Nations or revised PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, or of a revised list of States that are being classified as least developed countries by the United Nations, that State may request the Director General to revise the relevant list of States so as to include that State in the relevant list. Any such revised list shall become applicable on a date to be specified by the Director General, that date being no more than three months from the date of receipt of the request. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

SE Sweden

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified a change concerning the languages accepted for supplementary international search – it now accepts Finnish in addition to Danish, English, Norwegian and Swedish.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BE Belgium

The Internet address of the Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) has changed and is now as follows:

http://economie.fgov.be/opri-die.jsp?

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LV Latvia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89bis.1.

On 28 January 2015, the Latvian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):
- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):
- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):
- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct@lrpv.gov.lv
As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.lrpv.gov.lv).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

In accordance with the Directives adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, new equivalent amounts of certain PCT fees have been set.

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 April 2015, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 39.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices’ currencies for International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 April 2015, as indicated in the table published on pages 40 to 42.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 April 2015, as indicated in the table published on page 43.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the PCT Applicant’s Guide:
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2 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from April 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

3 Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

4 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
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3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.
4 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).
5 For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.
6 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from April 1, 2015.
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AU  Australia

The Australian Patent Office has notified changes concerning:

– the provisions of the law of Australia concerning international-type search – these provisions now consist in Regulation 3.14A of the Patents Regulations;

– the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the applicant now enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 56A of the Patents Act 1990 and Regulation 4.4 of the Patents Regulations (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted).

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

US  United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 17 February 2015.

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 the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 18 February 2015.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

IT  Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 9 February 2015, as follows:
Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna “Bruno Ubertini” (IZSLER)  
IZSLER Biobank of Veterinary Resource (IZSLER BVR)  
Via Bianchi, 9  
25124 Brescia  
Italy  

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DK  Denmark

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(DK) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG  Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Egyptian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2015, is USD 525.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

IB  International Bureau

For the purposes of the International Bureau as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in euro (EUR) have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2015, are as follows:

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| JP Japan                          | 52   |
INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TH Thailand

The Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

563 Nonthaburi Road
Bangkasor, Muang
Nonthaburi 11000
Thailand

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 5 March 2015.

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 the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 6 March 2015.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Korean won (KRW) and South African rand (ZAR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are KRW 1,882,000 and ZAR 19,930, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Australian dollar (AUD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are AUD 1,519 for searches carried out in English and AUD 526 for searches carried out in Korean.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER SECTION 703(F) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

On 7 April 2002, the Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, of the incompatibility of its national law and the technical systems of the Office with items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) of the Administrative Instructions, insofar as these items related to sections 5.1 and 5.2.1 of Annex F, as well as to section 2(d), (f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F, of the Administrative Instructions (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002, of 2 May 2002, page 8974).

On 14 July 2005, the Office notified the International Bureau that it withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility as far as section 5.2.1 of Annex F and section 2(f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions were concerned, with effect from 18 July 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 31/2005, of 4 August 2005, page 20184).

On 13 February 2015, the Office notified the International Bureau that it withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility as far as section 5.1 of Annex F and section 2(d) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions were concerned, with effect from the same date, thus removing the remaining reservation relating to such incompatibility.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26BIS.3(J)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.1(G)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10050), the Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BW Botswana

The Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana) has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office: Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)

Location: Kgale Mews
Plot No. 181
Gaborone
Botswana

Telephone: (267) 318 87 54, 367 37 00

E-mail: roc@gov.bw

Internet: www.mti.gov.bw/content/registrar-companies-ip

[Updating of Annex B1(BW) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

SC Seychelles

The Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

regdiv@registry.gov.sc

[Updating of Annex B1(SC) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

The Icelandic Patent Office has notified that, as from 1 April 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BW  Botswana

The Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana) has notified the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in US dollar (USD), payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is USD 32.

[Updating of Annex C(BW) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in Botswana pula (BWP), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

- Application fee: BWP 150
- Annual fee for the first year: BWP 30

For a utility model certificate:

- Application fee: BWP 90
- Annual fee for the first year: BWP 50

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BW), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

IS  Iceland

Further to the notification by the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 April 2015, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

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1 Applicable in case of filing by individuals and small entities whose number of employees does not exceed 100 persons.
2 Applicable in case of filing by companies other than small entities.
TABLE OF DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:

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When the original deposit is made after the effective filing date of an application for patent, the applicant must promptly submit a statement from a person in a position to corroborate the fact, stating that the biological material which is deposited is a biological material specifically identified in the application as filed (see 37 CFR 1.804(b)).

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the USPTO with any other depository recognized to be suitable by the Office (see 37 CFR 1.803).

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]