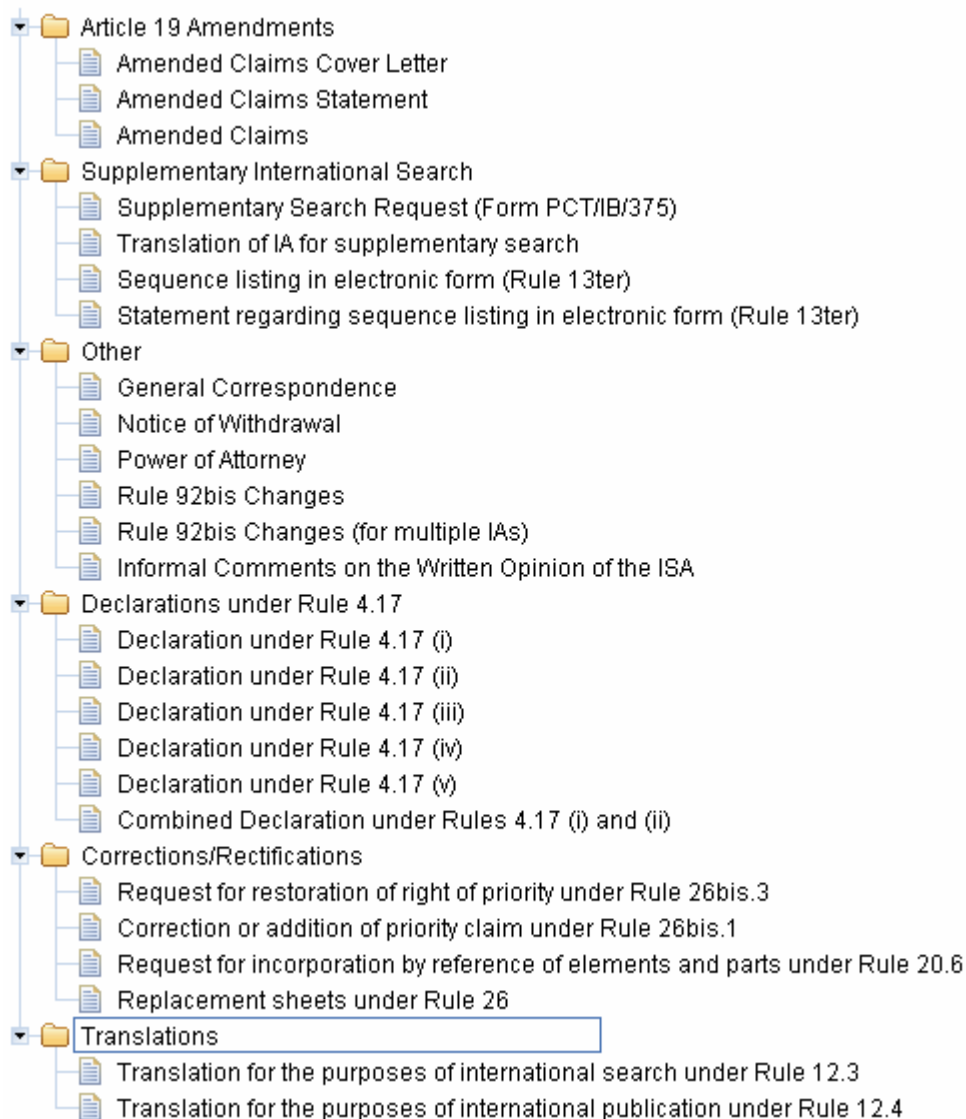


## PCT Online Document Upload Service

### *What is this service, who can use it and when?*

- The PCT Online Document Upload Service permits PCT applicants and/or their agents to submit directly online via a web interface to the International Bureau and to the International Bureau in its capacity as PCT Receiving Office, electronic documents relating to international applications.
- The main advantage of this service is that post-filing electronic documents can be submitted quickly and efficiently to the IB, thus avoiding the costs and delays relating to paper mailing and also overcoming image quality problems that can result from fax transmissions or paper scanning.
- **IMPORTANT:** This service is **not** to be used for the initial filing of international applications online, but is limited to the submission of post-filing documents that are normally **addressed to WIPO in its capacity as International Bureau or as PCT Receiving Office.**
- The following document types can be uploaded via this service:



### ***Document formats permitted for online upload via the service***

- Only **PDF** documents can be uploaded via the service, with the exception of sequence listings accompanying requests for supplementary international search which are also accepted as .zip, .txt and .app files.
- It is recommended that PDF-**text** documents be uploaded, i.e., documents created in MS Word (or other word processor) and then printed to PDF, so that the text can be processed by the IB.
- The IB recommends the use of text string signatures on letters, e.g., "/ John Smith /" (i.e., there is no need to print correspondence in order to sign it and then rescan it for submission).
- Please refer to the User Guide for more details.