



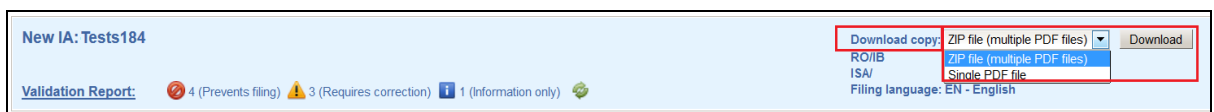
# What's new in ePCT for Applicants?

New features available in this version and what's coming soon

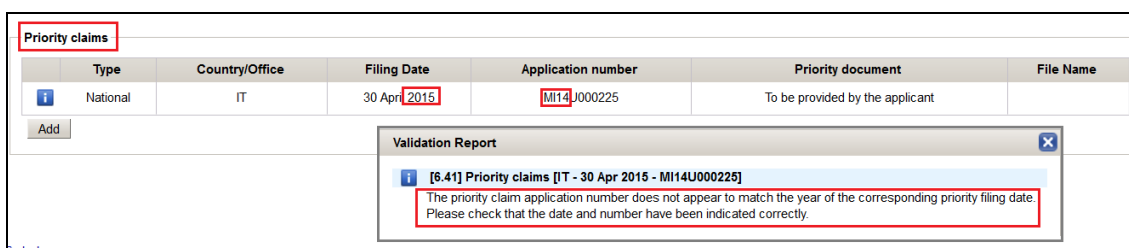
## WHAT'S NEW IN VERSION 3.3?

### ePCT-Filing – new features


- **Download Draft IA before filing** – it is now possible to download a copy of the Draft IA before filing, either as a zip file containing multiple PDF files and XML data or as a single PDF file.




- **Priority claims** – where possible, the date of filing indicated is validated against the year component of the application number.



- **Fees: ‘Bank transfer’ as additional payment method when filing to RO/IB –** it is now possible to indicate that you intend to pay the fees to the IB by bank transfer, in which case you will automatically receive an e-mail immediately after filing with the payment details required to make the transfer.
- **Filing Options, Designations and International Search screens –** for technical reasons, “Edit” and “Add” buttons have been added where appropriate in order to update these screens, see below:

Filing Options		Action
Applicant/agent's file reference	Filing1	
Receiving Office	IB - International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization <a href="#">Look up national security requirements</a>	
Filing method	ePCT-Filing	
Language of Request	EN - English	
Language of filing of the international application	EN - English	

Designations		Action
The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents		
However,		
<input type="checkbox"/> DE Germany is NOT designated for any kind of national protection		
<input type="checkbox"/> JP Japan is NOT designated for any kind of national protection		
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International Searching Authority
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- **Add Draft IAs to a portfolio –** it is now possible to add Draft IAs to a Portfolio prior to filing.

## Other new ePCT features

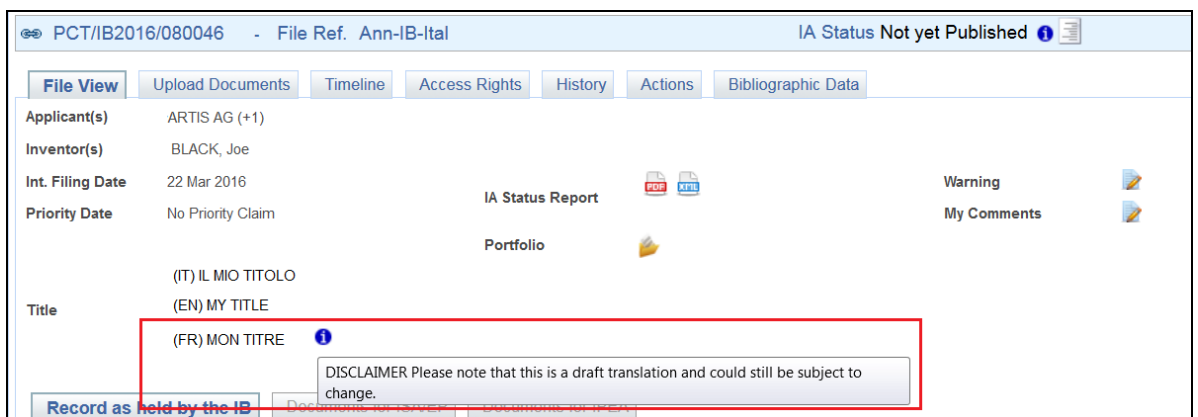
- **Search for an IA on your Workbench by File Reference –** in ePCT *private* services it is now possible to search for an IA to which you have access rights by entering the File Reference in the search field. N.B. The search is case sensitive.

<input type="text" value="Search by IA Number or File Reference"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>
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- **Remove all ePCT access rights for an eHandshake user –** for a given eHandshake user it is now possible, in one operation, to remove all access rights assigned to that person for your default access rights list, and, where you are eOwner, to all Draft IAs, all IAs already filed and all Address Books (see below).

My eHandshakes			
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- **Workbench filter saved** – in ePCT *private* services, if a filter remains applied to your Workbench when you log out from ePCT, those filter options are saved and applied again by default the next time you log in.
- **Indication regarding draft translations** – Draft translations of the title and abstract that may still be pending finalization and review by the International Bureau in preparation for international publication are now flagged as being subject to change up until the close of technical preparations (see below).



- **Notification preferences** – It is not possible to uncheck all methods of notification.

**Notification Preferences**

Notify me about events in IAs where my access rights are

eEditor

eOwner

eViewer

**Method of Notification**

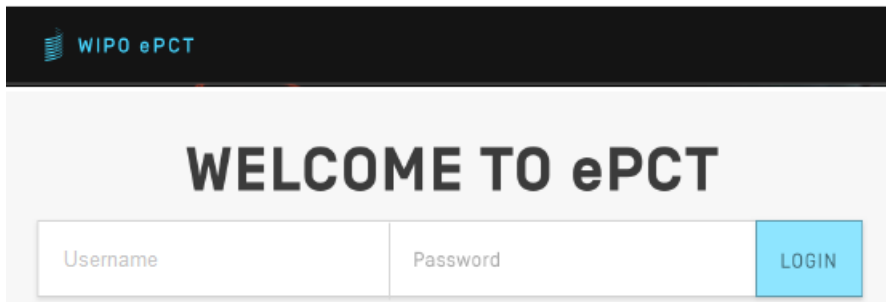
Email + Notifications list in ePCT

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Notifications list in ePCT

## WHAT'S COMING SOON?

- Ongoing extension of ePCT-Filing to include more receiving Offices, most notably, as of June 1, 2016, preparation, validation and download of an e-filing zip file for subsequent submission of the Request form to RO/US via EFS-Web.
- Additional options for secure login will soon be available as a more efficient alternative to digital certificates.
- New look & feel for ePCT! An all-new improved user interface for ePCT will be revealed in the next version of ePCT in the second half of 2016.



The image shows a screenshot of the WIPO ePCT login page. At the top, there is a dark header with the WIPO logo and the text "WIPO ePCT". Below the header, the text "WELCOME TO ePCT" is displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath, there is a login form with two input fields: "Username" and "Password". To the right of the "Password" field is a blue button labeled "LOGIN".