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PCT Assembly

The 55th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 6 to 14 July 2023, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. The documents discussed in the meeting are available from the WIPO website at:

PCT Assembly documents (including the report once it becomes available):

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/55

The Assembly appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT (document PCT/A/55/1). The appointment will become effective from a future date to be notified by the Authority when it is ready to begin operations.

The Assembly also adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, as set out in the annexes to document PCT/A/55/2. The amendments consist of the following:

- PCT Rules 26 and 29: Clarification of the procedure when an international application contains parts in different languages and all such languages are accepted by the competent receiving Office. For further information, see document PCT/WG/16/8 and paragraphs 13 and 14 of document PCT/WG/16/9. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2024 and will apply to any international application with an international filing date that is on or after that date.
- PCT Rules 34, 36 and 63: The definition of the minimum documentation that the International Searching Authority is required to consult during international search, and the minimum requirements for appointment of an Office or organization as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

The Assembly also approved amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority (document PCT/A/55/3) to reflect the responsible body for patent processing, now named State Organization “Ukrainian National Office of Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPIO).

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

ePCT-Filing – Online Payment of Filing Fees for RO/IB Using SOFORT Extended to Euros (EUR)

The WIPO Pay platform offers Euros (EUR) in addition to Swiss francs (CHF) when paying the filing fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) by online bank payment secured by SOFORT.

Reminder – use of SOFORT as an online banking transaction is strongly encouraged where possible, as it enables WIPO's accounting systems to process payments more efficiently than offline bank transfers, thanks to the WIPO Pay reference data that is automatically included as part of the process.

Languages Accepted for Language-Dependent Free Text in Sequence Listings in accordance with PCT Rule 12.1(d)

It is recalled that amendments to PCT Rule 12.1(d) relating to language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description of an international application entered into force on 1 July 2022, and a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT prescribing that each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau (IB) of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept.

The following receiving Office has notified the following information to the IB in accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*):

- **HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office:** the same language as used in the international application (Hungarian, English, German or French). The Office does **not** permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)

The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) has notified the International Bureau that they have updated their e-filing notifications to take into account the change in the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings as from 1 July 2022 (from WIPO Standard ST.25 to ST.26).

The above corresponding change was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 June 2023 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/official-notices/officialnotices.pdf>

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

Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits due to Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication (PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2)

Notification under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2 (European Patent Office (EPO))

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of the unavailability of Online Filing 2.0 (one of their permitted electronic means of communication) on Wednesday, 19 July 2023, from 16:00 CET (Central European Time) to Thursday, 20 July 2023 14:45 CET. Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 26 November 2020 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/official-notices/officialnotices20.pdf#page=251>

Information on the outage has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services.html>

Changes in Hyperlinks to Certain Files on WIPO's PCT Webpages

As a result of the implementation of a new content management system for WIPO's website and on the advice of technical experts, the locations of certain information resources which are available via the PCT portion of the website have had to be changed, with consequential changes to the respective URLs/hyperlinks. This mainly concerns certain PDF files made available on the PCT website.

While we have tried to minimize the impact of these changes on PCT users, please note that as a result of these changes you may need to update bookmarks and/or links in your documents or on your own PCT-related webpages which link to these resources in order to ensure that they work consistently.

We apologize for any inconvenience these changes may cause, and appreciate your understanding and patience. Should you have any questions, comments or issues, please contact us at [PCT Resources](#).

Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees

The below lists of States, whose nationals and/or residents qualify for certain PCT fee reductions, have been updated with effect from 1 July 2023 and are available at:

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

Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the European Patent Office (EPO)

It is recalled that the fees for international search, supplementary international search and international preliminary examination are reduced by 75% if the international application, the

request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination is filed:

1. by a natural person who is a national of and resident in a state which is not a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention, and which on the date of filing of the application, or of payment of the supplementary international search or the international preliminary examination fee, is classified by the World Bank as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy; or
2. by a natural or legal person who is a national of and resident in a State in which a validation agreement with the EPO is in force.¹

Jordan has been added to the list of States which fall under 1., and Indonesia and El Salvador have been removed from the list.

Revised Version of WIPO Standard ST.26

In accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C, paragraph 5, and following the adoption of version 1.6 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the tenth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (see document CWS/10/13 Rev. 2, and paragraphs 87 and 91 of document CWS/10/22), the Director General has decided that the new version of the Standard shall come into force for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2023. Sequence listings submitted after filing concerning applications filed prior to 1 July 2023 may use either version 1.5 or 1.6 of the Standard.

For further information please refer to:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

Two-way PCT-PPH pilot program between the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2022 about the two-way PCT-PPH pilot program between the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has announced that its annual limit of 100 PCT-PPH requests has been reached for 2023. As a result, no further PPH requests based on PCT work products will be accepted by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) for the remainder of 2023. The Office will resume the PCT-PPH program on 1 January 2024 with a new limit of 100 requests.

The announcement by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) can be found at:

<https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br/central-de-conteudo/noticias/atingido-limite-anual-de-participacao-na-modalidade-pct-pph>

It is recalled that, under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase in one country is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either

¹ For further information, please refer to the Official Journal of the EPO, July 2023 at: <https://new.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/07/a67.html>

the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued by the Office of the other country in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH agreement is available at:

https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/shinsa/soki/pph/japan_brazil_highway.html; and

<https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br/servicos/patentes/legislacao/legislacao/PPHIIIPortaria55de15.12.21RPI2662de11.01.22.pdf>

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.

Italian Patent and Trademark Office

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office, which already operates as a DAS depositing Office for PCT applications filed with it as a PCT receiving Office, as well as for national applications, utility model applications, national and international industrial design applications, and national trademark applications, has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 September 2023, it will extend the scope of its participation in DAS to include operation as an accessing Office for Priority Documents. As an accessing Office, it will recognize priority documents available to it through DAS for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document had not expired by 1 September 2021 including national and international patent applications, utility model applications, national and international industrial design applications, and national trademark applications.

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

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11580

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), which already acts as an accessing and depositing Office for PCT applications and certain other types of applications, has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 August 2023, it extended the scope of its access as an accessing Office of DAS to include national industrial design applications and Hague international applications.

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

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=10487

A list of the DAS participating Offices is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

PCT Information Update

BH Bahrain (name of Office; mailing address)

The name and mailing address of the National Patent Office (Bahrain) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 60667 Manama Kingdom of Bahrain

Furthermore, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine. As a result, the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

BR Brazil (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; means of telecommunication)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has specified, with effect from 1 August 2023, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brazil with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) (or with the International Bureau (IB)) as receiving Office.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (BR))

CA Canada (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2023, as follows (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Basic national fee:	CAD 421.02	(210.51) ²
Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD 210.51	

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

² 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).

CL Chile (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has specified, with effect from 1 August 2023, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (or with the IB) as receiving Office.

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

CV Cabo Verde (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) has specified, with effect from 1 October 2023, the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde with the Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) (or with the IB) as receiving Office.

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

ES Spain (telephone number; fees; types of physical media accepted by the Office; requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The telephone number of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has changed as follows:

Telephone: (34) 910 780 780

The Office has also notified the conditions for reductions in the filing fee – fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.oepm.es>

Furthermore, the Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the IB that it no longer accepts the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings on physical media. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (please refer to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

The Office has also informed the IB that the International Depositary Authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure – the Banco Español de Algas (BEA) – has clarified the kinds of microorganisms accepted for deposit and that, as of 1 September 2023, only microalgae and cyanobacteria that grow autotrophically will be accepted, rather than microalgae and cyanobacteria in general.

For further information, please refer to Budapest Notification No. 358, which is published at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_358.html

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

IS Iceland (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Katrínartún 4
IS-105, Reykjavik
Iceland

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

IT Italy (internet address)

The Internet address of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office has changed, as follows:

Internet: <https://uibm.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/>

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

JP Japan (fees)

With effect from 1 September 2023, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the Japan Patent Office (JPO) in JPY, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in JPY of the applicable filing 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 (JP))

LV Latvia (means of telecommunication)

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

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

MU Mauritius (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office)

The Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) has specified, with effect from 1 August 2023, the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mauritius with IPOM, or with the IB, as receiving Office.

Furthermore, additional information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (MU), at:

<https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=MU&doc-lang=en#RO>

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

NZ New Zealand (required contents of the translation for national phase entry)

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) has notified the following with respect to the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended)

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended)

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

SE Sweden (fees; types of physical media accepted by the Office)

As from 1 October 2023, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SEK to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in SEK of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as receiving Office, has changed:

Fee for priority document:

If requested under PCT Rule 17.1(b):None

If requested outside of PCT Rule 17.1(b):SEK 250

Furthermore, the Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the IB that it no longer accepts the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings on physical media. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (please refer to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C and D (SE))

SG Singapore (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as designated (or elected) Office, has changed with effect from 26 May 2022:

Filing fee.....SGD 210

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

TR Türkiye (fees)

The amounts of several components of the national fee, payable to the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed. The new amounts, applicable since 1 January 2023, are as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY 5,800
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY 1,050
Renewal fee for third year:	TRY 1,050
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY 5,730

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

UA Ukraine (government authority acting as national Office; name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine has informed the IB that, following a change in the government authority of Ukraine acting as national Office, the functions of the national office of the Ukraine will now be performed by the State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO).

The location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the UANIPIO are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	1, Hlazunova Street Kyiv 01601 Ukraine
Telephone:	(380-44) 494 05 05
Fax:	(380-44) 494 05 06
Email:	office@nipo.gov.ua
Internet:	https://nipo.gov.ua/en/

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

US United States of America (types of physical media accepted by the Office)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the IB of changes concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13~~ter~~.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

Read-only optical disc: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R

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

Search fee (various Offices)

As from 1 August 2023, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....	ZAR
Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	CHF
European Patent Office (EPO)	ZAR
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).....	CHF
United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	ZAR

As from 1 September 2023, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	EUR
Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	EUR, USD
European Patent Office (EPO)	JPY, SEK
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).....	EUR, USD
Indian Patent Office	JPY
Japan Patent Office (JPO).....	CHF, EUR, KRW, USD
Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	SEK
Nordic Patent Institute	SEK

The above-mentioned amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT), (CN) (EA), (EP), (IN), (JP), (RU) (SE) (US) and (XN))

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

With effect from 1 August 2023, there has been a change in the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by Rospatent. The new amount is indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV))

As from 1 October 2023 there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as International Preliminary Examining Authority. The new amount will be SEK 2,380.

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

Exceptional Non-working Days

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business on 24 July 2023, due to inclement weather conditions and a transport strike in Metro Manila.

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

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

It is recalled that, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach an Office fell on a day on which the Office is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent business day.

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

It is recalled that, since 1 July 2020, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary international search or International Preliminary Examining Authority may participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a “participating Office”, in which PCT fees are transferred from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (IB) (for further information, please refer to PCT/WG/12/20 at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=436911).

The IB has published information on 6 July 2023 on the Offices that have notified the IB of their participation or of a change in the scope of their participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* (from page 144) at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

New/Updated PCT Resources

Meeting of International Authorities documents

Documents that have been prepared for the upcoming thirtieth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT, to be held in Geneva from 1 to 3 November 2023, are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=78593

Seminar materials

Seminar materials, covering all aspects of the PCT procedure, have been updated in Japanese to take into account some changes in practice that have taken place since the last version of the document was published. The document is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/ja/docs/pct-seminar.pdf>

New webinar recordings

Webinars in Chinese

Recordings of the following webinars in Chinese (which took place on the dates indicated below):

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Mastering priority claims in PCT applications (21 June 2023)
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Restoring the Priority Right (27 June 2023)

as well as the supporting documents, can now be accessed at:

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

Recordings and supporting documents for ePCT webinar series

The recordings and supporting documents for the series of sixteen ePCT webinars presented by PCT Consultant Carl Oppedahl which took place from 2 March to 22 June 2023, are now available at:

https://blog.oppedahl.com/?page_id=8978

The series covers all aspects of ePCT, guiding users through the procedures and features available.

EPO: Discontinuance of Form 1201 ("Entry into the European phase")

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 November 2023, it will no longer send out EPO Form 1201 ("Entry into the European phase").

Currently, where the EPO is selected as designated or elected Office, the Office sends EPO Form 1201 during the international phase to inform European professional representatives, international agents and applicants of the steps to take to enter the European phase. Instead, all relevant information will be available in a dedicated section on the epo.org website.

As a result, applicants, in particular those not wishing to enter the European phase, will no longer need to handle this communication, marking another milestone towards a digital and paperless patent grant process.

EPO Form 1201 currently also specifies the European application number allocated to the international application. Applicants will be able to find this number in the following ways:

- If EPO Form 1200 is filed using one of the EPO's online filing services, it will be included on the acknowledgement of receipt;

- Once the international application is published, it can also be retrieved via the European Patent Register by entering the international application or publication number.

As Form 1201 is almost always sent on paper, its discontinuation will save more than 500,000 sheets of paper each year. It is another important step in the EPO's commitment to sustainability and towards its goal of carbon neutrality by 2030.

For further details on the discontinuation of Form 1201, please refer to the *Official Journal EPO* 2023, A66 at:

<https://new.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/07/a66.html>

Practical Advice

Managing external signatures for declarations under PCT Rule 4.17

Q: I regularly file PCT applications via ePCT and either include declarations of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) at the time of filing or, in order to avoid extra fees when the application already contains at least 30 sheets, I often submit the declarations of inventorship after filing using the corresponding ePCT Action. I find it much easier to prepare the declarations this way as ePCT automatically generates the correct standardized wording, fills in the inventors' details and I can use the option "external signature" so that the inventors can sign the declaration electronically. Now that it is the holiday period, I am concerned that not all the inventors will respond to the external signature request during the seven day period when the link to the request is active. Is there any way of extending the time period within which the inventors must sign?

A: One day before the expiry of a link to an external signature request (that is, seven days after the request is made), a reminder notification is sent by e-mail to both the requester of the external signature and the signatory.

It is not possible to extend the seven day time limit during which the link to an external signature request is active. However, since January of this year, an improved process has been implemented in ePCT and it is now possible to manage each external signature separately without affecting any other inventors' signature already received. This means that even if one inventor's signature request has expired or is about to expire, you can delete the external signature request for only that person and resend a new request to that inventor which will be valid for another seven days. Likewise, if an inventor has a problem receiving e-mails due to an unforeseen event, you can always resend a new external signature request to that inventor when they have regained access to their email account.

When the inventors have signed the declaration, you will be notified of this by e-mail so that you can preview the signed document and submit the ePCT Action to the International Bureau within the time limit under PCT Rule 26ter (16 months from the priority date or before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed). If you miss this time limit you will have the option of submitting the declaration during the national phase. In any event, and although submitting declarations during the international phase is intended to help applicants comply with national phase requirements early on, an applicant does not lose any rights due to not submitting a declaration during the international phase – declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 are optional.

The PCT eServices Help page contains useful information about the external signature function in general at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=992

For more detailed information on submitting declarations and obtaining the signatures of the inventors for the declaration of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17 using ePCT, please refer to the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2019.

General information on the filing of declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 is available in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, paragraphs 5.074 to 5.083A, and 6.045 to 6.050 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html

PCT Seminar Calendar

(https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf)
(situation on 8 August 2023)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
12 – 13 October 2023 London (GB)	English	PCT Seminar within the framework of the 19th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
5 December 2023 Brussels (BE)	French	PCT Seminar within the framework of the CEIPI Basic Training Seminar - Modules L1, L2 and L3 of the CEIPI Study Guide WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PATENTSCOPE Webinars

(www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
8 August 2023 17:30 – 18:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Series of practical sessions – Session 2: Intermediate Level Exercises WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bSQXdolPQiONH4iFI4xvCA#/registration
9 August 2023 08:30 – 09:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Series of practical sessions – Session 2: Intermediate Level Exercises WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aYi8ofCbQJ2ymYnV47nbsQ#/registration
22 August 2023 17:30 – 18:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Series of practical sessions – Session 3: Advanced Level Exercises WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N6SIQt9bSN2cvwprlGy8pA#/registration
23 August 2023 8:30 – 9:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Series of practical sessions – Session 3: Advanced Level Exercises WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fdwqat20QmGTfaC-3_gGWQ#/registration
29 August 2023 17:30 – 18:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Series of practical sessions – Session 4: Diverse Mix of Exercises WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v83c7u1fQXmuZwNpZNXqnQ
30 August 2023 8:30 – 9:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE Series of practical sessions – Session 4: Diverse Mix of Exercises WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bnypaEZ3TaGAbwo94f3DvQ

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 August 2023, 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
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 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2} (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
							Item 4(a) ⁴ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁵ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁶ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,435		16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	USD	50	USD	1,435		16	–	216	324	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)									
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,378		16	–	207	311	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,247		25	–	338	507	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,435		16	–	216	324	EA EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,378		16	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,378		16	–	207	311	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,435		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 ⁷ online:	175	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
	on paper: ⁸	260								
BW	USD	32	USD	1,435		16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN	90.65	USD	1,435		16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,435		16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CA	315.77	CAD	1,956		22	–	294	441	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹	130	CLP eq USD ⁹	1,435	eq USD ⁹	16	–	eq USD ⁹ 216	eq USD ⁹ 324	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	none	CNY	10,350		120	–	1,560	2,340	CN EP ¹⁰
CO	COP online:	419,640	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
	on paper:	503,470								
CR	USD online:	237	USD	1,435		16	–	216	324	CL EP ES
	on paper:	289								

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

(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
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 – ¹¹	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,378	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,250	120	–	1,540	2,310	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,435 or EUR 1,378	16 16	– –	216 207	324 311	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 145	EUR 1,378	16	104	207	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,200	14	–	181	271	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,435	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,378	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,435	16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 518,700	5,900	–	78,000	117,000	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 104 or USD ¹⁴ 108	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,378 or USD 1,435	15 16 16	100 104 108	200 207 216	300 311 324	Refer to footnote 15
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
IL	ILS 596	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	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 18,200	ISK 195,300	2,200	–	29,400	44,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,435	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁸	JPY 195,000 (from 1.9.23: 214,200)	2,200 (2400)	– (–)	– (–)	44,000 (48,300)	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,435	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG

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

(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³
				Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶	
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,435	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,435	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,378	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
LY	LYD – ²¹	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 1,435	16	–	216	324	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 1,378	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,435	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87 ²² (natural persons) USD 375.50 ²¹ (legal persons)	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 550 ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,950	180	–	2,400	3,600	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,387	27	–	359	539	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ²¹	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,435	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,435	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,435	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	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: 10.91 on paper: 21.82	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,435	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	EG EP US
RO	RON 495	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD – ²¹	USD 1,435	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 15,010 (from 1.10.23: 15,840)	170 (180)	– (–)	2,260 (2,380)	3,390 (3,570)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,932	22	–	291	436	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 66 ²⁵	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP XV
SV	none ²⁶	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	CL EP ES
SY	SYP 5,000	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	AT EG EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ³	
						Item 4(a) ⁴	Item 4(b) ⁵	Item 4(c) ⁶		
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	— ²¹	USD	1,435		16	–	216	324	EA EP RU
TM	USD	— ²¹	USD	1,435		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	1,435		16	–	216	324	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,435		16	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office		UGX eq USD	1,435	eq USD	16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	AT EP SG
US	USD	260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸	USD	1,435		16	108	216	–	AU EP IL JP KR SG US
UZ	UZS	245,000 ³⁰	USD	1,435		16	–	216	324	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT	200	USD	1,435		16	–	216	324	EP PH
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	28,990		330	–	4,360	6,540	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,435		16	–	216	324	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,435	eq USD	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ³¹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,713	KRW	2,572,000	SGD	2,488	USD	1,875	ZAR	36,760
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,302	EUR	1,345	KRW	1,864,000	NZD	2,340	SGD	2,036
	USD	1,523	ZAR	26,950								
BR ⁷	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	307	EUR	319	USD	334		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	461	EUR	477	USD	500		
CA	CAD	1,684.12	CHF	1,145	EUR	1,175	USD	1,226				
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,853	EUR	1,894						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD	400	CHF	371	EUR	379				
In case of filing by a university ³² :			USD	300	CHF	278	EUR	284				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	270	EUR*	283	USD	294				
	*(from 1.9.23:				EUR	265)						
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:											
	RUB	9,000	CHF	98	EUR*	109	USD*	115				
	*(from 1.9.23:				EUR	98	USD	100)				
	For searches carried out in English:											
RUB	40,000	CHF	435	EUR*	485	USD*	512					
*(from 1.9.23:				EUR	434	USD	447)					
EG ³³	EGP	4,000	CHF	121	EUR	121	USD	132				
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,713	DKK	13,200	GBP	1,546	HUF	690,700	ISK	271,000
	JPY*	251,100	NOK	19,970	NZD	3,064	SEK*	19,330	SGD	2,488	USD	1,875
	ZAR	36,760										
	*(from 1.9.23:		JPY	266,100	SEK	20,760)						
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,713	USD	1,875						
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,713	USD	1,875						
IL	ILS	3,820	CHF	934	EUR	948	USD	1,075				

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	113	EUR	114	JPY*	16,000	USD	121
	*(from 1.9.23: JPY 17,200)									
IN	In case of filing by an individual:									
	INR	2,500	CHF	28	EUR	28	JPY*	4,000	USD	30*
*(from 1.9.23: JPY 4,300)										
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:									
	JPY	143,000	CHF*	975	EUR*	1,011	KRW*	1,434,000	USD*	1,080
	*(from 1.9.23: CHF 888 EUR 953 KRW 1,287,000 USD 988)									
	For IAs in English:									
JPY	169,000	CHF*	1,153	EUR*	1,195	SGD	1,674	USD*	1,277	
*(from 1.9.23: CHF 1,049 EUR 1,127 USD 1,167)										
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:									
	KRW	450,000	AUD	531	CHF	315	EUR	312	NZD	547
	SGD	456	USD	347						
	For IAs in English:									
KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,416	CHF	840	EUR	831	NZD	1,460	
SGD 1,215 USD 924										
PH	USD	600	CHF	561	EUR	564				
	Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 200 CHF 187 EUR 188									
RU	For IAs in Russian:									
	RUB	8,500	CHF	92	EUR*	103	USD*	109		
	*(from 1.9.23: EUR 92 USD 95)									
	For IAs in English:									
RUB	40,000	CHF	435	EUR*	485	USD*	512			
*(from 1.9.23: EUR 434 USD 447)										
SE	SEK*	19,330	CHF	1,713	DKK	13,200	EUR	1,775	ISK	271,000
	USD	1,875								
(from 1.9.23: SEK 20,760)										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,542	EUR	1,598	JPY	226,000	KRW	2,218,000
USD 1,664										
TR	TRY	32,210	CHF	1,713	EUR	1,775	USD	1,875		
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:									
					EUR	100	CHF	96	USD	106
For IAs in English, French or German:										
				EUR	300	CHF	289	USD	317	
US	USD	2,180	CHF	2,020	EUR	2,064	NZD	3,400	ZAR	42,250
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD 872 CHF 808 EUR 826 NZD 1,360 ZAR 16,900									
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 436 CHF 404 EUR 413 NZD 680 ZAR 8,450									
XN	DKK	13,200	CHF	1,713	EUR	1,775	ISK	271,000	NOK	19,970
	USD	1,875								
*(from 1.9.23: SEK 20,760)										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,713	HUF	690,700	USD	1,875		

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	CHF 820	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,148
	CHF 1,640	
EP	CHF 1,713 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,713	CHF 200
RU	CHF 128	CHF 200
	CHF 205 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,713	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,542	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,713
	– 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 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 40}
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 87	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 87	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 68	
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv): CHF 58	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,713	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 519	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,713	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 531	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴¹	Handling fee ^{2, 41} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 207
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴²	AUD 338
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁷ On paper: BRL 945 ^{7,8}	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 842.06	CAD 294
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 216
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,560
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 216
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 216
EP	EUR 1,840 ³⁴	EUR 207
ES	EUR 595.37 ³⁴	EUR 207
FI	EUR 600	EUR 207
IL	ILS 1,637	ILS 818
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000	USD 216
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 29,300 (from 1.9.23: JPY 32,200)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 286,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 150	USD 216
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴³ 6,750 ⁴⁴ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴³ 24,000 ⁴⁴	USD 216

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Table II — Preliminary examination fees*[continued]*

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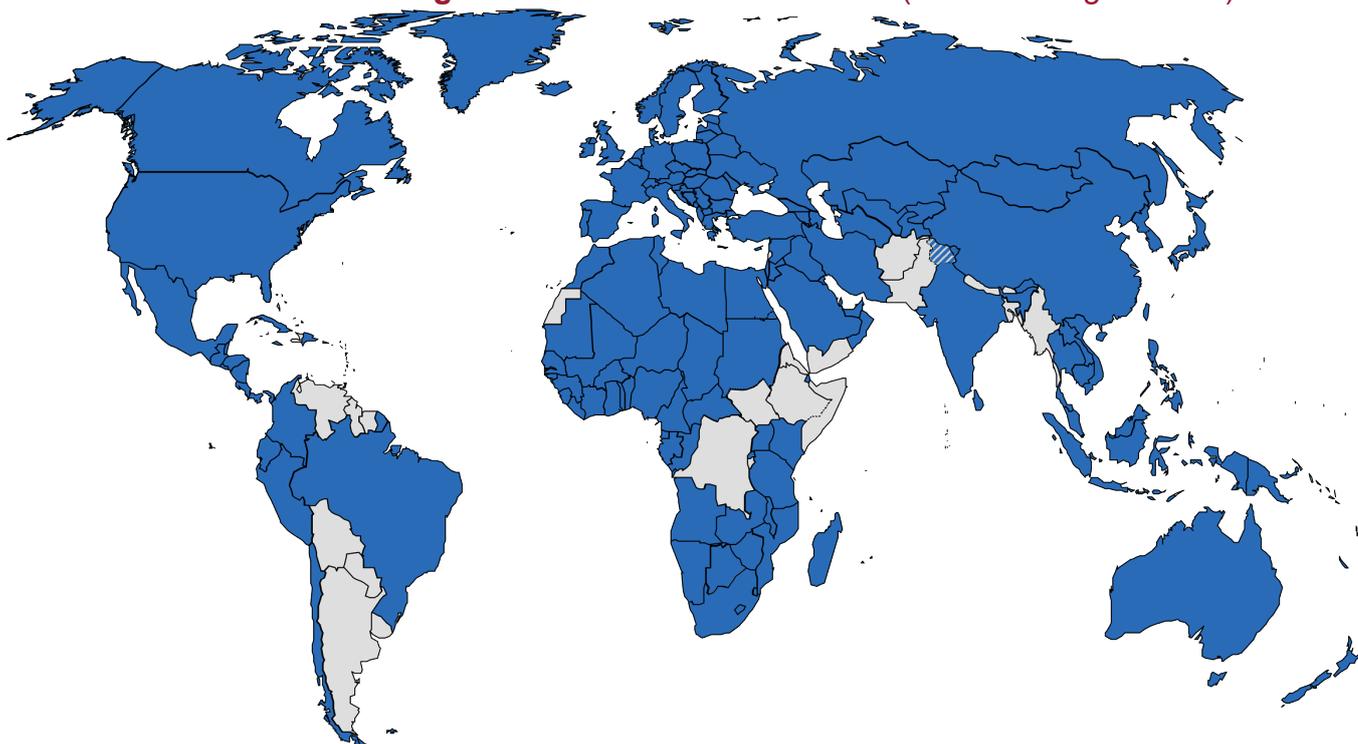
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁵			Handling fee^{2, 41}(CHF 200)	
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	2,260 <i>(from 1.10.23: SEK 2,380)</i>
SG	SGD	830		SGD	291
TR	TRY	1,000		CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If 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	207
US	USD	640	800 ⁴⁶	USD	216
		For small entity ²⁹ :	USD 256 320 ⁴⁶		
		For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD 128 160 ⁴⁶		
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	1,540
XV	EUR	900		EUR	207

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 4 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 7 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.
- 8 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>).
- 9 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.
- 10 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html. The pilot project has been extended by one year until 30 November 2023.
- 11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus, 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: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf.
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 33 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/guide/en/index.html>.
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: 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 Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 41 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 43 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 44 In all cases where footnote 43 does not apply.
- 45 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 46 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 August 2023)



AE United Arab Emirates	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DJ Djibouti	JM Jamaica	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ²
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JO Jordan	MU Mauritius	SN Senegal (OA) ²
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 ¹	EE Ecuador	KH Cambodia ⁴	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Eswatini (AP) ²
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KM Comoros (OA) ²	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NE Niger (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GA Gabon (OA) ²	KW Kuwait	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia ⁴
BN Brunei Darussalam	GD Grenada	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NZ New Zealand	TR Türkiye (EP)
BR Brazil	GE Georgia	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GH Ghana (AP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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CA Canada	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
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CL Chile	HR Croatia (EP)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HU Hungary (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RU Russian Federation (EA)	SC Seychelles
CN China	ID Indonesia	ME Montenegro (EP) ^{2,5}	RW Rwanda (AP)	SD Sudan (AP)
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CU Cuba	IN India		SD Sudan (AP)	
CV Cabo Verde (AP)	IQ Iraq		SE Sweden (EP)	

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.

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

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Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2022). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.