

# PCT NEWSLETTER

## New pilot XML rendering arrangement for publication of international applications

The International Bureau (IB) has launched a pilot XML rendering arrangement in order to better display where modifications have been made in the publication of international applications filed in (or converted to) XML format.

Previously, where modifications (such as corrections, rectifications and incorporation by reference) were made to an international application, the applicant would submit replacement sheets and once approved, the competent Authority would apply the appropriate stamp (for example, “SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 26)”) in the bottom margin of these sheets to show the fact, together with the applicable legal basis on which the modification was accepted.

The IB now aims to make more effective use of the XML content of the international applications filed in XML format (or converted to XML format as per Section 705*ter* of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT) to generate the application document for publication and to better display the results of such modifications.

The pilot arrangement replaces the stamping of modified sheets in the bottom margin with indications in the right-hand margin to identify more specifically where modifications have been made. Instead of indicating that a modification has been made somewhere within a sheet, the relevant material will be marked at the level of the title, heading, paragraph, claim or figure, using a vertical line in the right margin and, to the right of that line, an indication of the applicable legal basis and the date on which the relevant modification was submitted to the competent Authority. In this way, changes will be more easily identifiable.

Please see below an example showing a title corrected under PCT Rule 26 and a paragraph rectified under PCT Rule 91:

<b>Description</b>	
<b>Title of Invention: SAMPLE-CHANGED-TITLE</b>	<b>Rule 26, 01.01.2023</b>
<p>[0003] This is a sample text. The description must disclose the invention in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for it to be carried out by a person skilled in the art. It must start with the title of the invention as appearing in Box No. I of the request. Rule 5 contains detailed requirements as to the “manner and order” of the description, which, generally, should be in six parts. Those parts should have the following headings:</p>	<b>Rule 91, 01.01.2023</b>

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The pilot XML rendering arrangement will not change the technical format in which the official publication can be downloaded.

The introduction of this change, starting in October 2023, will be gradual. Consequently, within the same publication week, some applications filed in or converted to XML format may be published containing the new modified indications, while others may be published containing the old page-stamping indications. The pilot only applies to international applications filed in or converted to XML format and does not affect other types of international applications for the time being.

Also in October 2023, a similar change to the display markup will be applied to the HTML version of the description, claims and drawings in the “Full Text” tab in PATENTSCOPE. This change will apply retrospectively to all XML applications that have been processed in the relevant way, in some cases going back to 2008. The previously published PDF versions will not be changed.

## **IMPORTANT NEW SERVICE – The ePCT Business Continuity Service**

In the event that it is not possible to access the ePCT system, for example, if the system is unavailable for technical reasons or you are unable to login using your WIPO Account, the ePCT Business Continuity Service is now available at the following link:

<https://pctcs.wipo.int>

The ePCT Business Continuity Service is hosted in an entirely separate technical environment from the main ePCT system and does not include dependencies on the International Bureau’s (IB) internal services. When accessing this new service, applicants are required to provide a name and email address, to which a link (valid for 1 hour) is sent.

Note: This service replaces the previous ‘PCT Contingency Upload Service’ and is a **backup solution** that is not intended as an alternative to creating a WIPO Account and using the ePCT System when it is available.

### **Filing a new PCT application using the Service**

All the receiving Offices which accept electronic filings via ePCT are available for selection. Data and documents are packaged in exactly the same format as ePCT Filing, with DOCX and XML formats available for the specification in addition to PDF, as per the usual requirements of each receiving Office.

WIPO’s PCT reference data is available to this Service in near real time, which allows most of the ePCT-Filing validations to be applied, meaning that you can prepare your application in the usual manner, with the exception of the following features that cannot be made available in the ePCT Business Continuity Service:

- no login using your WIPO Account;
- no sharing of access rights or use of access rights groups;
- no access to any address books;
- no real-time validation of DAS access codes;
- no external signature function;

- no possibility to access or view data and documents just submitted;
- no history of user actions available for look-up;
- no validation of the KIPO Patent Customer ID (specific to filings to RO/KR).

**IMPORTANT** - The ePCT Business Continuity Service does not retain copies of the draft international application after the end of the user's current browser session – it is necessary to prepare and submit the application within the same session or the data will be lost. For this reason, it is recommended to download a copy of the draft to the local machine. As with ePCT-Filing, it is possible to import draft applications from the local machine in order to create a new filing.

**Note:** Since no access rights are assigned when filing using the ePCT Business Continuity Service, you will need to request access rights as a separate step after receipt of Form PCT/IB/301 from the IB.

From the perspective of receiving Offices, use of this Service by applicants should in most cases be totally transparent because the Service packages the data in exactly the same format as in ePCT Filing. Consequently, an application filed through the ePCT Business Continuity Service will normally look identical to any other, except that the RO/101 indicates that the ePCT Business Continuity Service was used to prepare the international application.

Even if an applicant uses the ePCT Business Continuity Service despite normal ePCT-Filing services being available, the filing will be sent to the Office's local server if it is responding. In the event that this server is not available, the ePCT Business Continuity Service offers an additional set of filing servers as back-up which are configured identically to the normal servers (for example, with regard to time zones). Note that the back-up servers will attribute an international application number in a separate range and the new international application will be temporarily held in a secure electronic storage by the IB until it is able to transmit it to the receiving Office as per a mutually agreed procedure.

### **Submitting post-filing documents to the IB using the service**

It is possible to submit post-filing documents to the IB only using the ePCT Business Continuity Service. So far, only PDF format is permitted (additional formats may be added in the future), with the exception of sequence listings, which can be uploaded in XML or ZIP format. XML files are automatically zipped by the system as part of the upload step in order to optimize the process and offset potential issues in the case of large sequence listing files.

## **Budapest Treaty**

### **Accession by Rwanda**

Rwanda deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure on 4 September 2023, bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 89. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Rwanda on 4 December 2023. For further information, please refer to Budapest Notification No. 360 at:

[https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty\\_budapest\\_360.html](https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_360.html)

### *Information about the Budapest Treaty*

A document containing a summary of the Budapest Treaty and Regulations, as well as an explanation of the main advantages of the Treaty (WO/INF/12 Rev.28), is available in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

[https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/wo\\_inf\\_12.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/treaties/fr/registration/budapest/pdf/wo\\_inf\\_12.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/treaties/fr/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/treaties/es/registration/budapest/pdf/wo\\_inf\\_12.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/treaties/es/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf)

### **ePCT Update**

A new version of the ePCT system was deployed on 3 October 2023. For full details on the new ePCT features for applicants and for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities, please refer, respectively, to:

<https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/direct.aspx?T=EN&UG=4&N=1646> and

<https://www.wipo.int/ipportal-support/epct-office-user-guide/faq?selected=0>

A summary of the main new features follows.

### **What's new in ePCT for applicants?**

- Updated interface design: The look and feel of the ePCT user interface has been updated to reflect the new design of WIPO's main website;
- WIPO Account:
  - renaming of “eHandshake” to “connection”: the term “eHandshake” has been replaced with “connection” so that the terminology can be aligned across all the WIPO online services that use this same functionality;
  - request new connections: It is now possible to request a ‘connection’ (previously known as an ‘eHandshake’) with other WIPO Account holders in one step by pasting one or more e-mail addresses in the field ‘Request new connection.’ An e-mail request will be sent in a single operation to the persons concerned for them to accept or decline;
- ‘Generate eOwnership code’ renamed to ‘Generate access rights code’: This term has been updated so that terminology can be aligned across all the WIPO online services that might use this same functionality in the future;
- New service - The ePCT Business Continuity Service: please refer to “IMPORTANT NEW SERVICE – The ePCT Business Continuity Service”, above;
- Filing:
  - Signature: For ePCT-Filing to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), when signing on behalf of an Applicant that is a legal entity, a checkbox must be ticked to confirm authority to sign on behalf of the company;

- Documents - Warning if no drawings: If no drawings are included in the specification, a new validation check draws this to the attention of the user to confirm that it is intentional;
  - Documents - New warning about drawings attached as a separate PDF file: When preparing a Draft New International Application (IA) in ePCT, it is possible to attach the description, claims and abstract as a single PDF file and to attach drawings as a separate PDF file. However, as the two files combined make up the specification, if the PDF file containing the description, claims and abstract is deleted, the PDF file containing the drawings is also deleted by the system. In order to warn the user about the automatic deletion of the drawings, a new message requiring confirmation is now displayed;
  - Documents - Sequence listings in XML format: If a sequence listing part of the description is attached in XML format, the .xml file is automatically zipped at the time of upload in order to optimize the process;
  - Documents - Does the drawing to be published contain text? The indication by the user as to whether the drawing for publication contains text or not is now mandatory. If 'Yes' is selected, the usual optional free-text field is displayed where the user can provide the drawing text in a format that can be used efficiently by the IB for translation and international publication;
  - International Search - PCT Direct: In ePCT-Filing, if the selected International Searching Authority (ISA) is one that accepts requests for the 'PCT Direct' procedure, i.e., the ISA accepts informal comments from the applicant regarding earlier searches made by that ISA (currently EP, ES, FI and IL), this can now be requested via a convenient new short-cut button 'Request PCT Direct' on the International Search screen;
  - Fee sheet: Prior to filing, users now have an option to reset the date of signature for deposit account payment that will appear on the Fee sheet to the current date at the selected RO;
- Workbench:
- opening draft IAs in 'downloaded' status: If a draft IA for RO/CA, RO/IL or RO/US is in Downloaded status on the Workbench but the record copy has not yet been received at the IB, please note that if you open that IA the validation of the priority claim continues to be run based on the current day's date. As a result, a validation warning might be displayed for the priority claim even if the draft IA was already downloaded from ePCT and submitted to the independent RO system at a time when the priority claim was still valid;
  - Comment + Warning for Draft New IAs in Downloaded status (CA, IL, US): Comments and warnings for draft New IAs that have been downloaded for subsequent filing to RO/CA, IL, and US, cannot be edited or saved while in 'Downloaded' status until the record copy is received at the IB;
- Access Rights History: the complete history of access rights of a filed application is now available, including before filing, and shows if access rights were added/modified as part of an access rights group;
- ePCT Message:

- customized subjects: The dropdown list of pre-defined subjects for selection when drafting an ePCT Message is now customized depending on the recipient selected (IB, RO, ISA, IPEA);
- DAS assistance: When the subject selected is 'DAS assistance' a shortcut link to the Action to request the IB to obtain the priority document from DAS is displayed, since this is the best practice for making such requests and for providing the DAS access code to the IB. When this dedicated Action is used, the DAS access code is validated in real time and the process of retrieval is fully automated, meaning that errors are avoided;
- Workbench filter for archived IAs: The options to either 'Show only archived IAs' or 'Include archived IAs' are now directly available in the filter list under "Other", instead of being a sub-selection; and
- Documents list - highlighting of downloaded documents: After the download of selected documents, the checkbox selections are cleared and the documents that were downloaded are highlighted as a visual aid that you have downloaded the intended documents. This is similar to the manner in which documents that you upload are also immediately highlighted in the Documents list.

### What's new in ePCT for Offices?

- General:
  - Updated user interface look and feel;
  - ePCT Task for unprocessed ePCT Message;
  - document download improvement;
  - ePCT Message subject context sensitive choice and display;
- RO:
  - Form generation confirmation checkbox;
  - Corrected input of the title;
  - ePCT Action to generate the RO/107;
  - Generate RO/109 checkbox enabled;
- ISA:
  - Require input in addition to Box I prior to transmission of the ISA/237;
  - Inclusion in ISA reports of Search Copy transmission date;
  - Improved multiple IPC Symbol input;
- ISA/IPEA:
  - Improvements to IPC bulk upload and input in the IPEA/408 and IPEA/409;
  - Improvements to enhanced text editor fields;
  - Report date of completion behavior updated;

- IPEA:
  - Integration of IPEA/412 into the Action to process rectified sheets;
  - The language of preliminary examination is set by default;
  - IPC Symbols automatically inserted into IPEA/408 or IPEA/409;
  - Improved draft Action Box V display for IPEA/408 and IPEA/409;
  - Require input in addition to Box I prior to the transmission of the IPEA/408 and IPEA/409;
  - New ePCT action to create Form IPEA/412;
- DO:
  - Improvements to the ePCT Action to request documents.

As usual, Offices are encouraged to provide their feedback and to discuss their needs with the PCT International Cooperation Division at: [pctid@wipo.int](mailto:pctid@wipo.int).

Questions about the current ePCT system can be sent to the PCT eServices Support Team via the 'Contact Us' link at:

<https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/direct.aspx?UG=4&T=en&N=769>

## **Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits due to Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication (PCT Rule 82<sup>quater</sup>.2)**

### **Notification under PCT Rule 82<sup>quater</sup>.2 (European Patent Office (EPO))**

In accordance with PCT Rule 82<sup>quater</sup>.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 (IB) of the unavailability of Online Filing 2.0 (one of their permitted electronic means of communication) from Tuesday, 3 October 2023, from 14:30 CET (Central European Time) to Thursday, 5 October 2023 15:52 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<sup>quater</sup>.2, in accordance with the applicable

conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 26 November 2020 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/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>

A full collection of such notifications received by the IB is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

## WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

### Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property

The Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 December 2023, it will commence operation as a depositing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS). As a depositing Office, it will deposit certified copies of patent and industrial design applications as priority documents, including PCT applications filed at the Office on and after 1 December 2023, which the applicant specifically requests be made available to the service.

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

[https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating\\_offices/details.jsp?id=12873](https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12873)

It is recalled that, by using DAS, a PCT applicant can request the 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. The best practice for making such a request is by selecting the DAS option for providing the priority document to the IB in ePCT-Filing or, post-filing, using the dedicated “Action” in ePCT. Provided that the access code entered in ePCT matches the access code in DAS, the priority document is automatically made available to the internal processing system at the IB.

Please be aware that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the Office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed. Information on DAS participating Offices can be found at:

[https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating\\_offices/](https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/)

## The Netherlands: Change in Short Form of Name of Country

The International Bureau has been notified that the short form of the country name “Netherlands (Kingdom of the)” should be used instead of the name “Netherlands”. All lists and tables on the PCT website containing the names of PCT Contracting States, as well as the relevant PCT indications in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, have been changed accordingly. The two-letter code “NL” has not changed.

## New/updated ISA and IPEA Agreements

### Visegrad Patent Institute

An updated version of the Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as in force from 1 January 2024, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa\\_ipea\\_agreements.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa\\_ipea\\_agreements.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html)

## European Patent Office as ISA: CNIPA/EPO Pilot extended until 30 November 2026

It is recalled that, on 1 December 2020, the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the European Patent Office (EPO) began a pilot to allow PCT applicants who are nationals or residents of China to select the EPO, in addition to the CNIPA, as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with the CNIPA or the International Bureau (IB), as receiving Office.

On 13 October 2023, the two Offices announced that the pilot will be further extended by three years, from 1 December 2023 until 30 November 2026.

The specification by the CNIPA of the EPO as ISA in the framework of the pilot is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the pilot will only be applicable to international applications filed in English;
- (b) the pilot will apply to international applications filed with the CNIPA or with the IB, as receiving Office; and
- (c) a maximum of 3,000 international applications per year will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis during the extended three years of the pilot.

The special arrangement made during a transitional period set at the beginning of the pilot, under which applicants filing their international applications with the CNIPA as receiving Office and choosing the EPO as ISA have to pay the international search fee directly to the EPO, will continue to apply.

The amount – payable in euros only – is indicated in PCT Fee Table I(b). Applicants are invited to pay the fee using the EPO's Central Fee Payment service (<https://www.epo.org/fee-payment-service/en/login>), which offers all payment methods available at the EPO: credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Amex), deposit account and bank transfer.

For international applications filed with the IB as receiving Office, the search fee, together with other applicable fees should be paid to the IB as usual.

Please note that the EPO can only be chosen as the IPEA for an international application if the international search has been carried out by it. That is to say, only international applications participating in the pilot choosing the EPO as ISA can further choose the EPO as IPEA under the pilot.

For further detailed information, please refer to

- the Joint Communiqué of the CNIPA and the EPO at:  
[https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art\\_53\\_187971.html](https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art_53_187971.html) and  
<https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-cnipa-joint-communique-chinese-applicants-may-continue-designate-epo-isa-0>
- the list of Frequently Asked Questions on the EPO's website at:  
<https://www.epo.org/en/service-support/faq/applying-patent/cnipa-epo-pilot-programme>
- the information published on the website of the CNIPA at:

[https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/11/art\\_332\\_187931.html](https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/11/art_332_187931.html)

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

## Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees

### Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

It is recalled that the search fee and preliminary examination fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office are reduced by 75% if 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low-income”, “lower-middle-income” or “upper-middle-income”.

Guyana, which has now been classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “high income”, has been removed from the list of States whose nationals and residents may be eligible for this fee reduction.

The lists of States, the nationals and/or residents of which are eligible for a 75% Reduction in international search and preliminary examination fees at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, is available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oeprm\\_fee\\_reduction.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oeprm_fee_reduction.html)

## PCT Information Update

### BG Bulgaria (filing of documents in pre-conversion format)

The Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it accepts the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application in accordance with Section 706 of the PCT Administrative Instructions.

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

### CA Canada (fees)

The amount of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will change with effect from 1 January 2024:

Basic national fee: ..... CAD 555 (225)<sup>1</sup>

Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase): ..... CAD 277

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

<sup>1</sup> 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).

## GE Georgia (e-mail address; fees; national security provisions; provisional protection after international publication; requirements concerning agent; number of copies on paper)

The e-mail address of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: info@sakpatenti.gov.ge

There have been changes in the components of the national fee<sup>23</sup>, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable since 2 June 2023, are as follows:

Filing fee for patent or utility model:

For examination as to form  
and publication of the application:

Up to 30 pages of application materials<sup>4</sup>:.....Equivalent in GEL of USD 100

For each additional page over 30<sup>5</sup>: .....Equivalent in GEL of USD 3

The Office has notified the IB that the restrictions in its national legislation which were applicable when filing international applications with other Offices, no longer apply. This updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (GE) and the table entitled "International applications and national security considerations" at:

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

The Office has also notified its provisions relating to provisional protection in Georgia after international publication, as follows:

Upon entry into the national phase, SAKPATENTI as a designated Office or an elected Office shall publish the international application in Georgian language as soon as the Georgian translation is submitted and the fee for examination as to form and publication of the application is paid. From the date of publication of the application in Georgian language, the applicant shall be granted the provisional rights.

Furthermore, there has been a change in the requirement of SAKPATENTI as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office: from 1 January 2025, an applicant not having a residence or a registered legal address in Georgia shall appoint a patent attorney of Georgia as a representative before SAKPATENTI.

In addition, the Office as receiving Office has notified the IB that it now requires one copy of the international application on paper, instead of three and that the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) and fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))<sup>6</sup> are reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and

<sup>2</sup> Fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific-research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or pensioner.

<sup>3</sup> Fees are reduced by 20% for applications filed electronically.

<sup>4</sup> Must be paid within one month from the date of request for entry into the national phase.

<sup>5</sup> Must be paid within one month from the date of the invitation to pay.

<sup>6</sup> The payment of these fees shall be effected in the equivalent in Georgian Lari (GEL) of the amounts in US dollars (USD) indicated in Annex C (GE).

is also the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific-research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or pensioner.

The Office has also notified the IB that the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee which were applicable where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report had been established and a Georgian translation thereof was submitted, no longer apply.

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

### **IB International Bureau (fees)**

As from 1 November 2023, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document in USD, payable to the IB as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....USD 114

Fee for priority document:.....USD 57

Supplement for airmail: .....USD 10

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

### **IT Italy (national security provisions)**

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified changes to the IB concerning restrictions in its national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices. Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (IT), and the table entitled "International applications and national security considerations" at:

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

### **NL Netherlands (change in name of country)**

For information on the change in the name for Netherlands, please see "Netherlands: Change in Name of Country", above.

### **NO Norway (filing of documents in pre-conversion format)**

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that it accepts the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application in accordance with Section 706 of the PCT Administrative Instructions.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO))

### **NZ New Zealand (fees)**

As from 1 November 2023, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in

NZD 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 (NZ))

### Search fee (various Offices)

As from 1 November 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) ..	CHF
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore .....	CHF, JPY
Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines .....	CHF
Japan Patent Office .....	SGD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) .....	CHF

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

Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) .....	USD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) .....	USD
Israel Patent Office .....	USD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (CL), (CN), (EA), (IL), (JP), (PH), (RU) and (SG))

### Supplementary search fee (Intellectual Property Office of Singapore)

As from 1 November 2023, there will be a change in the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. The new amount is indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

## Global Innovation Index

The 2023 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) is now available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/global\\_innovation\\_index/en/2023/](https://www.wipo.int/global_innovation_index/en/2023/)

This edition of the GI takes the pulse of global innovation trends against the background of an economic environment fraught with uncertainty. It reveals the ranking of this year's most innovative economies in the world among 132 economies and localizes the top 100 science and technology innovation clusters. A summary of the findings of the new edition of the GI was published in Press Release PR/2023/908, at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2023/article\\_0011.html](https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2023/article_0011.html)

## WIPO Fee Transfer Service

It is recalled that, since 1 July 2020, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary 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](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=436911))

The IB has published information on 5 October 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 187) at:

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

## PCT Success Stories

PCT users are invited to share their success stories about how the PCT helped them to seek protection for their invention. A selection of the submitted stories are highlighted on the PCT website under the theme “PCT Success Stories” and on WIPO social media (provided that they are the subject of an already-published PCT application).

A new story about how the PCT helped an independent inventor seek patent protection in key markets for a water-saving sanitary module for toilets is available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2023/news\\_0024.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2023/news_0024.html)

If you are interested in more information about the invention featured in the story, you will also find a link to the published PCT application concerned. The PCT Success Stories page also contains information on how you can contribute your own story, and is available in all 10 PCT languages at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/success\\_story/success\\_story.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/success_story/success_story.html)

## Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

As previously announced, an advanced PCT seminar will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 9 and 10 November 2023. The program will be conducted by the experienced PCT staff of the International Bureau and guest speakers from several large IP Offices. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators, paralegals and other users who are already familiar with the PCT system.

The first day will be offered in hybrid format, covering topics on best practices during the international phase, ePCT updates and best practices, and entry into the regional phase before the EPO and entry into the national phase before the USPTO. On the second day, hands-on workshops on legal and processing issues, an ePCT clinic and visits with the PCT Operations Teams will be offered to participants attending in person.

There is no registration fee for the two-day seminar and the deadline for registrations is by close of business (CET) 3 November 2023. For those who want to attend in person, please note that physical participation is limited to 50 participants and early registration is advised. Further

information about the seminar will be provided at the following webpage shortly:

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

To register and for further information on the seminar, please send an e-mail to:

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

## Practical Advice

### International filing fees and how the equivalent amounts in various currencies are determined

*Q: I am a Dutch applicant and, when filing with the European Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO, I pay the applicable fees in euros. The fees are calculated automatically when I file a new PCT application using ePCT. However, I would like to understand when and how PCT fees change. For example, the amount that I pay in euros for the international filing fee has increased at the beginning of each year for the past several years. How are these increases determined?*

A: The international filing fee is paid for the benefit of the International Bureau and is fixed by the PCT Assembly in Swiss francs (CHF). It is set out in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/texts/pct-regs.pdf#page=187>) and the current amount is 1330 CHF plus 15 CHF per sheet in excess of 30, with specific reductions for electronic filings and for applicants from certain countries. It is payable in the currency (or one of the currencies) prescribed by the receiving Office with which you choose to file your PCT application. One of the advantages of the PCT is that the filer pays the applicable fees (transmittal fee, international filing fee and international search fee) to one single Office. Each receiving Office determines the currencies it accepts.

The amount of the international filing fee fixed in Swiss francs has not changed for many years. Any changes you experience are therefore due to the changing exchange rates on which the equivalent amounts are based. Where the fee is payable to a receiving Office in a currency other than Swiss francs (as determined by the relevant receiving Office – in your case euros), an equivalent amount is established in each currency in order to avoid the daily fluctuations in exchange rates. For those currencies that are freely convertible into Swiss francs, equivalent amounts are established annually by the Director General of WIPO, after consultation with the relevant Offices, according to the exchange rates prevailing on the first Monday in the month of October. This applies not only to the basic international filing fee, but also to the fee per sheet over 30, the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees (PCT Rule 15.2(d)(i)), and to the handling fee (under PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i)), payable for the benefit of the International Bureau where a demand for international preliminary examination is filed). Any such adjustments usually enter into force on the first day of the subsequent calendar year and are all available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/fees.pdf>

Throughout the year, these amounts are further revised (again, after consultation with the relevant Offices) when the exchange rate becomes at least 5% higher or at least 5% lower than the last exchange rate applied, for more than four consecutive Fridays. These new amounts generally become applicable two months after their publication in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at [https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/index.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html).

Equally, equivalent amounts of the search fee and the supplementary search fee payable for the benefit of the International Searching Authority and the Authority specified for supplementary search respectively, and fixed by each Authority itself in the currency which it accepts, are also established in this way (under PCT Rules 16.1(d)(i) and 45*bis*.3(b), respectively), and are indicated in the PCT Fee Tables. For example, if you file with a US co-applicant at the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) and you choose the USPTO to perform the international search and wish to pay all fees in euros, you will pay an amount in euros which is an equivalent amount of the international search fee fixed by the USPTO in US dollars.

The details are governed by the Directives of the PCT Assembly Relating to the Establishment of Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees and are available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent\\_amounts.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html)

For more information on PCT fees please go to our dedicated page at:

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

## PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>)  
(situation on 19 October 2023)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
<b>9-10 November 2023</b> Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced PCT seminar (hybrid) No registration fee. WIPO speakers: experienced PCT staff Other speakers: invited speakers from the EPO and USPTO	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) For information and to register, please contact: <a href="mailto:pct.training@wipo.int">pct.training@wipo.int</a> before 3 November 2023
<b>5 December 2023</b> 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: <a href="mailto:thierry-debled@ceipi.edu">thierry-debled@ceipi.edu</a>

## PCT Webinars

([www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html))  
([www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/](http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/))

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
<b>19 October 2023</b> 9:00 – 10:00 CEST	Chinese	“Exploring the PCT” webinar series: Entering the national phase WIPO speakers: Mr. Yu and Mr. Zhou	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/9716946102041/WN_wnJCKj0-SgqGShmDhR-Opg">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/9716946102041/WN_wnJCKj0-SgqGShmDhR-Opg</a>
<b>24 October 2023</b> 10:00 – 12:30 CEST	English	Online Regional Webinar for CACEEC “PCT System: Typical Mistakes Made By Applicants at Filing PCT Applications and After Filing on the International Phase” WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov, Ms. Krysanova	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/1416922664080/WN_B4w0zN5KTcij7m_mSXHBAQ#/registration">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/1416922664080/WN_B4w0zN5KTcij7m_mSXHBAQ#/registration</a>
<b>16 November 2023</b> 9:00 – 11:30 CET	English	Online Regional Webinar for CACEEC “PCT System: Entry into the National Phase” WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov, Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: invited speakers from national patent Offices from CACEEC and EAPO	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3516922665110/WN_DnaPVKbfTwauXbO58uXrVg#/registration">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3516922665110/WN_DnaPVKbfTwauXbO58uXrVg#/registration</a>
<b>22 November 2023</b> 15:00 – 16:00 CET	German	“Exploring the PCT” webinar series: Entering the national phase WIPO speakers: Mr. Henninger and Ms. Schumm	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/7716945255702/WN_ozZjrCKRRoWTHXyvFP8h5w">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/7716945255702/WN_ozZjrCKRRoWTHXyvFP8h5w</a>

## PATENTSCOPE Webinars

([www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/](http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/))

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
<b>24 October 2023</b> 17:30 – 18:45 CEST	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y7l3SOKaSIWVgMvUv9hD0g">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y7l3SOKaSIWVgMvUv9hD0g</a>
<b>26 October 2023</b> 8:30 – 9:15 CEST	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PrTj5d7FSZeHNJ3MJ6sLrA">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PrTj5d7FSZeHNJ3MJ6sLrA</a>

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 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	SYR	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 October 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup> (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2</sup> (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>3</sup>
						Item 4(a) <sup>4</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) <sup>5</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,435	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
			(from 1.11.23:	1,515)	(17)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,435	16	–	216	324	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 1.11.23:	1,515)	(17)	(–)	(228)	(342)	
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
			(from 1.11.23:	1,515)	(17)	(–)	(228)	(342)	
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
			(from 1.11.23:	1,515)	(17)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL <sup>7</sup> online:	175	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
	on paper: <sup>8</sup>	260							
BW	USD	32	USD	1,435	16	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.11.23:	1,515)	(17)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BY	BYN	90.65	USD	1,435	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
			(from 1.11.23:	1,515)	(17)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,435	16	–	–	–	CA EP
			(from 1.11.23:	1,515)	(17)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
CA	CA	315.77	CAD	1,956	22	–	294	441	CA

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

(amounts on 1 October 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>3</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>4</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>6</sup>	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup> 130	CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup> 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	eq USD <sup>9</sup> 16 (17)	– (–)	eq USD <sup>9</sup> 216 (228)	eq USD <sup>9</sup> 324 (342)	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY 10,350 (from 1.11.23: 10,920)	120 (120)	– (–)	1,560 (1,640)	2,340 (2,460)	CN EP <sup>10</sup>
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 237 on paper: 289	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	CL EP ES
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – <sup>11</sup>	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	AT 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 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,250	120	–	1,540	2,310	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515) or EUR 1,378	16 (17) 16	– (–)	216 (228) 207	324 (342) 311	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	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 <sup>12</sup> 100	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS <sup>13</sup> 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,378	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 <sup>14</sup> 100 or EUR <sup>14</sup> 104 or USD <sup>14</sup> 108 (from 1.11.23: 114)	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,378 or USD 1,435 (1,515)	15 16 16 (17)	100 104 108 (114)	200 207 216 (228)	300 311 324 (342)	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 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 <sup>16</sup> INR 17,600 <sup>17</sup> No fee for e-filings	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US

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

(amounts on 1 October 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>3</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>4</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>6</sup>	
IQ	IQD 77,075	USD 1,435	16	–	216	324	AU CA EG EP TR
	or USD 55	(from 1.11.23: 1,515)	(17)	(–)	(228)	(342)	
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
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 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	eq USD 16 (17)	– (–)	eq USD 216 (228)	eq USD 324 (342)	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 <sup>18</sup>	JPY 214,200	2,400	–	–	48,300	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 <sup>19</sup>	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP <sup>20</sup> KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – <sup>21</sup>	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 – <sup>21</sup>	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	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 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MX	USD 93.87 <sup>22</sup> (natural persons)	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AT CL EP ES KR SE
	USD 375.50 <sup>21</sup> (legal persons)						SG US
MY	MYR 550 <sup>23</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	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 (from 1.11.23: 2,531)	27 (29)	– (–)	359 (381)	539 (571)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – <sup>21</sup>	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	eq USD 16 (17)	– (–)	eq USD 216 (228)	eq USD 324 (342)	AT AUEGEPUS

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

(amounts on 1 October 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>3</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>4</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>6</sup>	
PA	USD 240	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	eq USD 16 (17)	– (–)	eq USD 216 (228)	eq USD 324 (342)	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR online: 11.80 on paper: 23.59	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	eq USD 16 (17)	– (–)	eq USD 216 (228)	eq USD 324 (342)	EG EP US
RO	RON 495	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 <sup>24</sup>	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD – <sup>21</sup>	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 15,840	180	–	2,380	3,570	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,932 (from 1.11.23: 2,052)	22 (23)	– (–)	291 (309)	436 (463)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 66 <sup>25</sup>	EUR 1,378	16	–	207	311	EP XV
SV	none <sup>26</sup>	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	CL EP ES
SY	SYP 5,000	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS – <sup>21</sup>	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	EA EP RU
TM	USD – <sup>21</sup>	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	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 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) <sup>27</sup> 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office	UGX eq USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	eq USD 16 (17)	– (–)	eq USD 216 (228)	eq USD 324 (342)	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 <sup>28</sup>  small entity <sup>29</sup> : 104 <sup>28</sup> micro entity <sup>29</sup> : 52 <sup>28</sup>	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	108 (114)	216 (228)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 <sup>30</sup>	USD 1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 October 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup>		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>3</sup>
						Item 4(a) <sup>4</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>6</sup>	
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT	200	USD	1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	EP PH
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	28,990	330	–	4,360	6,540	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	16 (17)	– (–)	216 (228)	324 (342)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,435 (from 1.11.23: 1,515)	eq USD 16 (17)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 October 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT <sup>31</sup>	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								
			SGD	1,915	USD	1,411						
BR <sup>7</sup>	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						
			CHF	1,756								
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> :				USD	400	CHF*	371	EUR	379		
							CHF	351				
	In case of filing by a university <sup>32</sup> :				USD	300	CHF*	278	EUR	284		
							CHF	263				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF*	270	EUR	265	USD	294				
			CHF	256								
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:											
	RUB	9,000	CHF	86	EUR*	98	USD**	100				
					EUR	87						
							USD	94				
	For searches carried out in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF	382	EUR*	434	USD**	447				
					EUR	387						
							USD	416				
EG <sup>33</sup>	EGP	4,000	CHF	114	EUR	121	USD	132				
EP <sup>34</sup>	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,713	DKK	13,200	GBP	1,546	HUF	690,700	ISK*	271,000
	JPY	266,100	NOK	19,970	NZD	3,064	SEK	20,760	SGD	2,488	USD	1,875
	ZAR	36,760										
			ISK	255,000								
ES <sup>34</sup>	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				
							USD	998				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	113	EUR	114	JPY	17,200	USD	121		
			CHF	106								
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF*	28	EUR	28	JPY	4,300	USD	30		
			CHF	26								
JP <sup>35</sup>	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	143,000	CHF	888	EUR	953	KRW	1,287,000	USD	988		
	For IAs in English:											
	JPY	169,000	CHF	1,049	EUR	1,127	SGD*	1,674	USD	1,167		
							SGD	1,563				

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

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
KR <sup>36</sup>	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 <sup>37</sup> :		CHF	527								
			USD	200	CHF*	187	EUR	188				
					CHF	176)						
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	81	EUR*	92	USD**	95			
	Small entity or government <sup>37</sup> :					EUR	82)					
								USD	88)			
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	382	EUR*	434	USD**	447			
						EUR	387)					
								USD	416)			
SE	SEK	20,760	CHF	1,713	DKK	13,200	EUR	1,775	ISK*	271,000	NOK	19,970
	USD	1,875										
									ISK	255,000)		
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,542	EUR	1,598	JPY*	226,000	KRW	2,218,000	USD	1,664
			CHF	1,452			JPY	242,200)				
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		
	Small entity or government <sup>29</sup> :		CHF	1,914			NZD	3,690)				
	For small entity <sup>29</sup> :	USD	872	CHF*	808	EUR	826	NZD*	1,360	ZAR	16,900	
	Small entity or government <sup>29</sup> :			CHF	766			NZD	1,476)			
	For micro entity <sup>29</sup> :	USD	436	CHF*	404	EUR	413	NZD*	680	ZAR	8,450	
	Small entity or government <sup>29</sup> :			CHF	383			NZD	738)			
XN	DKK	13,200	CHF	1,713	EUR	1,775	ISK*	271,000	NOK	19,970	SEK	20,760
	USD	1,875										
								ISK	255,000)			
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,713	HUF	690,700	USD	1,875				

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 38</sup>
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 <sup>34</sup>	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,713	CHF 200
RU	CHF 113	CHF 200
	CHF 180 <sup>39</sup>	
SE	CHF 1,713	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,542 (from 1.11.23: CHF 1452)	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 47

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

(amounts on 1 October 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 40</sup>
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 October 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>41</sup>	Handling fee <sup>2, 41</sup> (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 <sup>31</sup>	EUR 207
AU	AUD 590 820 <sup>42</sup>	AUD 338
BR	Online: BRL 630 <sup>7</sup> On paper: BRL 945 <sup>7,8</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup> : USD 400 in case of filing by a university <sup>32</sup> : USD 300	USD 216 (from 1.11.23: USD 228)
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,560 (from 1.11.23: CNY 1,640)
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 (from 1.11.23: USD 228)
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 216 (from 1.11.23: USD 228)
EP	EUR 1,840 <sup>34</sup>	EUR 207
ES	EUR 595.37 <sup>34</sup>	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 (from 1.11.23: USD 228)
JP <sup>35</sup>	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 32,200
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 286,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government <sup>Error! Bookmark not defined.</sup> : USD 150	USD 216 (from 1.11.23: USD 228)
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 <sup>43</sup> 6,750 <sup>44</sup> For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 <sup>43</sup> 24,000 <sup>44</sup>	USD 216 (from 1.11.23: USD 228)
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 2,380

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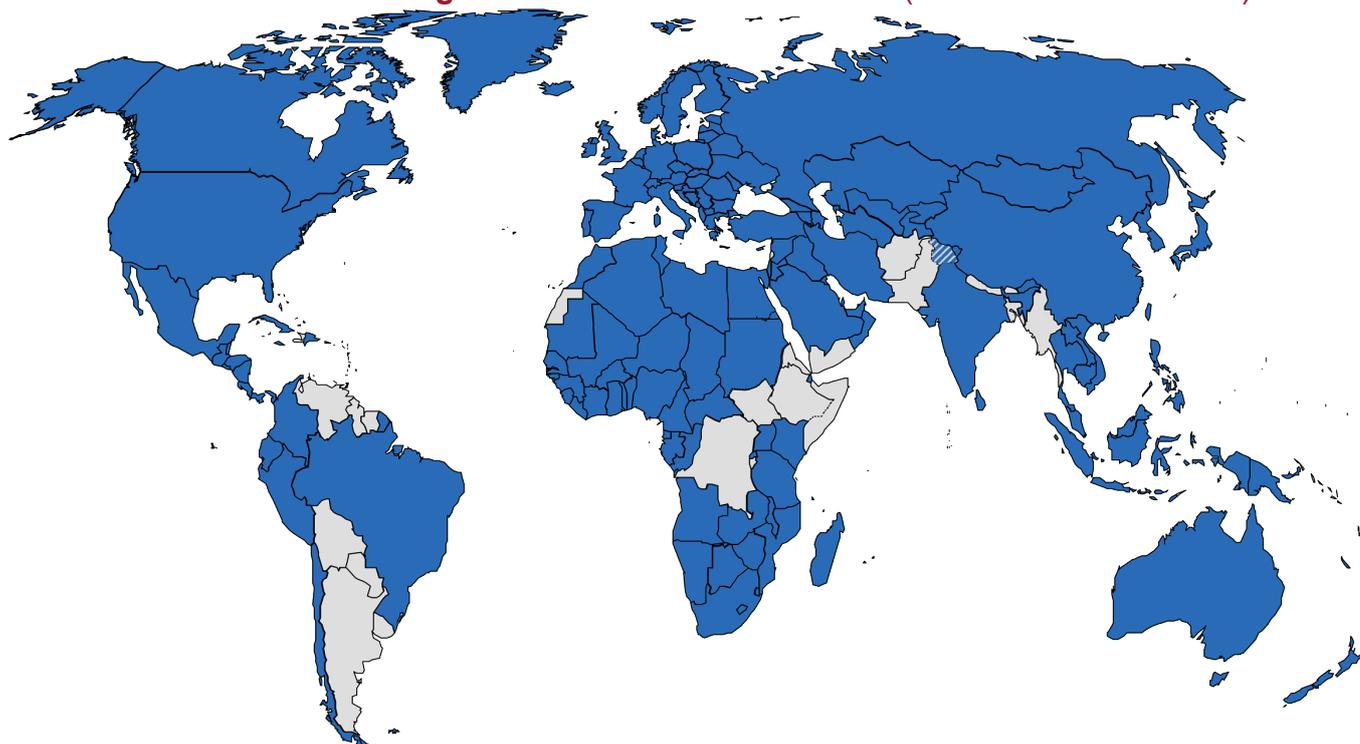
<b>IPEA</b>	<b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>45</sup></b>				<b>Handling fee<sup>2, 41</sup>(CHF 200)</b>	
<b>SG</b>	<b>SGD</b>	830			<b>SGD</b>	291 <i>(from 1.11.23: SGD 309)</i>
<b>TR</b>	<b>TRY</b>	1,000			<b>CHF</b>	200
<b>UA</b>	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: <b>EUR</b> 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: <b>EUR</b> 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: <b>EUR</b> 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: <b>EUR</b> 70				<b>EUR</b>	207
<b>US</b>	<b>USD</b>	640	800 <sup>46</sup>		<b>USD</b>	216 <i>(from 1.11.23: USD 228)</i>
		For small entity <sup>29</sup> :	<b>USD</b>	256	320 <sup>46</sup>	
		For micro entity <sup>29</sup> :	<b>USD</b>	128	160 <sup>46</sup>	
<b>XN</b>	<b>DKK</b>	5,000			<b>DKK</b>	1,540
<b>XV</b>	<b>EUR</b>	900			<b>EUR</b>	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](http://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](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](http://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](http://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](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf).
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <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](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees).
- 33 This fee is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>.
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.  
For further details refer to: [https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet\\_e.pdf](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf).
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International 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)).

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AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>3</sup>	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DJ Djibouti	JM Jamaica	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SM San Marino (EP) <sup>2</sup>
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JO Jordan	MU Mauritius	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	EE Ecuador	KH Cambodia <sup>4</sup>	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Eswatini (AP) <sup>2</sup>
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KM Comoros (OA) <sup>2</sup>	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	ES Spain (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	FI Finland (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	KW Kuwait	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GB United Kingdom (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia <sup>4</sup>
BN Brunei Darussalam	GD Grenada	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NZ New Zealand	TR Türkiye (EP)
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BW Botswana (AP)	GH Ghana (AP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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BZ Belize	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LR Liberia (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
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CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GT Guatemala	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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CL Chile	HR Croatia (EP)	MA Morocco <sup>4</sup>	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
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CN China	ID Indonesia	MD Republic of Moldova <sup>4</sup>	RW Rwanda (AP)	SD Sudan (AP)
CO Colombia	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>	ME Montenegro (EP) <sup>2,5</sup>	SA Saudi Arabia	SE Sweden (EP)
CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles (AP)	SG Singapore
CU Cuba	IN India	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SD Sudan (AP)	
CV Cabo Verde (AP)	IQ Iraq			

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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