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Paris Convention Accession

Accession by Fiji

On 19 October 2023, Fiji (country code: FJ) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 180. Fiji will become bound by the Paris Convention on 19 January 2024.

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention.

The updated table of “States Party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization” can be found at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/paris_wto_pct.html

Meeting of International Authorities

The 30th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held as a virtual meeting from WIPO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 1 to 3 November 2023. The Summary by the Chair and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

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

The topics discussed included:

- the results of the meeting of the Quality Subgroup, including the agreement to continue reporting on quality management systems via the publication of quality reports, and to perform once again paired reviews of Quality Management Systems including the small group format that was used for the first time at this year’s meeting, as well as recommendations for further work on quality management. For further details, please refer to the Summary by the Chair (Annex II to document PCT/MIA/30/10);
- a status report on the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force led by the European Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (document PCT/MIA/30/2), where International Authorities accepted the offer from the United

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States Patent and Trademark Office to coordinate and lead the first comprehensive review of the non-patent literature items in the PCT minimum documentation by a permanent Task Force in May 2026;

- a final report of the IP5 PCT Collaborative Search and Examination pilot (document PCT/MIA/30/3), prepared by the European Patent Office. The final assessment report presented to IP5 Heads of Offices in June 2023 had concluded that whilst the scheme enriched the work products of the participating Offices, the Collaborative Search and Examination would not be formally introduced into the PCT System for the time being;
- the issue of the extension of appointment of International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities after 2028 (document PCT/MIA/30/4), where International Authorities discussed the process for the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation to review applications for extension of appointment, and agreed to begin informal discussions on improving the agreements between the International Bureau (IB) and International Authorities;
- the issue of the citation of non-written disclosures as relevant prior art in international search and preliminary examination (document PCT/MIA/30/5). International Authorities agreed that extending the definition of prior art to include non-written disclosures was desirable and invited the IB to prepare draft amendments to PCT Rules 33 and 64, for consideration by the PCT Working Group. International Authorities also agreed to share information on systems that they use for recording non-written disclosures and what analysis could be performed on the types and origins of non-written disclosures cited in search reports that could allow copyright issues to be addressed;
- the issue of words in drawings in PCT applications (document PCT/MIA/30/6), where International Authorities noted the proposed new format for the front page drawing with searchable text. International Authorities also agreed on the importance of revising the parts of the PCT Rules related to drawings to recognize the needs of current electronic processing, inviting the IB to prioritize work on the modernization of PCT Rules 11 and 26;
- a proposal to promote the improvement of PCT International Search Reports and Written Opinions (document PCT/MIA/30/7) where Authorities agreed to discuss modifications to the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines for the priority items in the document and invited the IB to look further into merging Forms PCT/ISA/210 and PCT/ISA/237 to report to a future session of the Meeting;
- a status report on the Sequence Listing Task Force (document PCT/MIA/30/8), where the next version of the WIPO Sequence Suite is planned for the beginning of January 2024, targeted primarily at improving the performance of WIPO Sequence Validator, the tool for IP Offices to validate filed sequence listings with WIPO Standard ST.26. A new version of WIPO Standard ST.26 is expected to be adopted by the eleventh session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) and enter into force on 1 July 2024, and that session of the CWS is also expected to review a proposal for a new Standard on data package format for the electronic exchange of priority documents and certified copies to enable transmission of sequence listings in WIPO Standard ST.26 format; and
- a status report on PCT online services (document PCT/MIA/30/9), where Authorities discussed work to produce more work products in XML format, to increase XML filing

and processing of international applications, and to eliminate paper communications by providing a secure electronic service for delivery of documents and data.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Updated notifications from the International Bureau as receiving Office and the International Bureau

The updated notifications concerning the requirements and practices of the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) and the International Bureau with regard to the filing of international applications and/or documents in electronic form, effective as from 3 October 2023, were published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) on 16 November 2023 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/official-notice/officialnotices.pdf#page=215>

Unavailability of the ePCT System

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a), the International Bureau (IB) informs PCT users of the unavailability of the ePCT system during the following period:

20 October 2023, from 5:10 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. Central European Summer Time.

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations due to this particular unavailability may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions announced in the notification of the IB published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 16 July 2020 (p.155 et seq.).

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New PCT PPH pilot program (Singapore and Saudi Arabia)

On 12 September 2023, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) and the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase before the SAIP is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II), issued by IPOS in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.ipos.gov.sg/docs/default-source/protecting-your-ideas/patent/ipos-saip-pph-guidelines.pdf>

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on the new pilot at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

PCT Information Update

ES Spain (discontinuance of use of fax machine; fees)

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

Internet: <https://www.oepm.es>

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 January 2024, it will discontinue the use of its fax machine and will therefore no longer accept the filing of documents by fax from that date.

The Office has also notified a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee which are now as follows:

- Fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, refer to Invention fees, available at:

<https://www.oepm.es/en/tasas-y-precios-publicos/tasas-de-invenciones/>

- Refunds of fees are available if the ISA was the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. For more information, refer to the instructions on the refund of search report fees and substantive examination fees, available at:

https://www.oepm.es/export/sites/portal/comun/documentos_relacionados/PDF/2019_03_06_Reembolso_Tasas_IET_Resolucion.pdf

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

HU Hungary (provisions of national law)

The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) has notified the International Bureau that its national law now permits the applicant who files a national application with it to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)). The relevant provision in the national law of Hungary is Article 69/B, Act XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions by Patents.

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

IB International Bureau (fees; *corrigendum*)

As from 1 January 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document in USD, payable to the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:.....USD 109

Fee for priority document:.....USD 55

Supplement for airmail:[No change]

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

Corrigendum: The new equivalent amount of the supplement for airmail for the fee for the priority document, payable to the IB as receiving Office with effect from 1 November 2023 which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2023, should have read USD 11 and not USD 10.

IT Italy (discontinuance of use of fax machine; means of telecommunication; fees)

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 October 2023, it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax since that date.

Furthermore, with effect from the same date, all kinds of documents, except the international application, may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail to:

uibm.pct@mise.gov.it

The original of any document transmitted by e-mail must be furnished within two months from the date of the transmission.

In addition, the Office has notified the IB that the amount of the stamp fee (imposta di bollo) for requests for restoration of the right of priority payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, has changed with effect since 23 August 2023. This fee is now EUR 16 when filing online (the amount when filing on paper has not changed).

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

International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

On 1 January 2024, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

These changes are reflected in the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/>):

- Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BG, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CL, CN, CR, CV, CY, CZ, DE, DJ, DK, DO, EA, EC, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, HN, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, IQ, IS, IT, JM, JO, JP, KE, KG, KH, KZ, LR, LT, LU, LV, MD, MT, MW, MX, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PG, PH, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SC, SE, SG, SI, SK, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, WS, ZA, ZM, ZW;
- Annex D (International Searching Authorities): All;
- Annex SISA (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): All; and
- Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AT, AU, CA, CL, CN, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, KR, PH, RU, SE, SG, UA, US, XN, XV.

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH))

The amounts of the following fees, payable in EUR to the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) as International Preliminary Examining Authority, will change with effect from 1 January 2024:

Preliminary examination fee:EUR 650

Additional preliminary examination fee:EUR 650

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

Non-Working Days at the International Bureau and Publication Schedule at the End of this Year

Non-Working Days at the International Bureau

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2023 and January 2024, in addition to the weekends, will be:

Monday, 25 December 2023

Friday, 29 December 2023 and

Monday, 1 January 2024

The IB will therefore be open for business over the holiday period from Tuesday, 26 December 2023 to Thursday, 28 December 2023, inclusive, and will then be open as usual from Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

The dates of operation of the PCT Information Service, the PCT Operations Customer Support Section (PCT eServices) and the PCT Operations Division, as well as information on the publication schedule, are given below.

PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed from Monday, 25 December 2023 to Monday, 1 January 2024, inclusive. It will reopen on Tuesday, 2 January 2024. Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone number: (41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a recorded message providing a telephone number for cases requiring urgent attention.

It is recalled that the PCT Information Service answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT (questions relating to specific applications should be addressed to the PCT Operations Division). For further information, please refer to:

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

PCT Operations Customer Support Section (PCT eServices) and PCT Operations Services

The schedule for the PCT Operations Customer Support Section and the PCT Operations Services during the end-of-year holiday period will be as follows:

Monday, 25 December 2023:	closed
Tuesday, 26 December to Thursday, 28 December 2023:	open as usual, from 9:00 to 18:00 CET
Friday, 29 December 2023 to Monday, 1 January 2024:	closed
Tuesday, 2 January 2024, onwards:	open as usual, from 9:00 to 18:00 CET

It is recalled that:

- the PCT Operations Customer Support Section responds to inquiries related to services for the purpose of preparing, filing and managing applications electronically: ePCT (<https://pct.wipo.int>) and the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (<https://www.wipo.int/das/en/>);
- the PCT Operations Services answer specific application-related inquiries. Please note that the PCT Operations Services consist of 10 teams. In order to find the generic e-mail address and telephone number of the competent team, please either check Form PCT/IB/301 or refer to:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/TeamLookup.xhtml>

Publication schedule

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications will be published, as usual, on Thursday, 21 December 2023 and on Thursday, 28 December 2023. There will be no changes to the deadlines for receipt of changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication (which will be, respectively, midnight (CET) on Tuesday, 5 December 2023 and Tuesday, 12 December 2023).

World Intellectual Property Indicators 2023

The 2023 edition of the World Intellectual Property Indicators report is now available in English at:

<https://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4678>

This authoritative annual report analyzes IP activity around the globe. Drawing on 2022 filing, registration and in force statistics from national and regional IP offices, it covers patents, utility models, trademarks, industrial designs, microorganisms, plant variety protection and geographical indications. The report also draws on survey data and industry sources to give a picture of activity in the creative economy.

Highlights from the World Intellectual Property Indicators have been published in Press Release PR/2023/910 in English, as well as in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish at:

https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2023/article_0013.html

Languages other than English can be selected at the top of the page.

Upcoming Webinars on PCT Forms

WIPO PCT consultant Carl Oppedahl is organizing a series of four webinars, beginning 28 November 2023, about inbound PCT forms.

The webinars are aimed at patent attorneys and agents, paralegals, legal assistants, secretaries and docket clerks who handle Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) patent prosecution and the webinars and related presentation materials will provide a valuable resource for those who handle incoming correspondence from Receiving Offices, the International Bureau of WIPO, International Searching Authorities, and from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

Registration is free and is available from Carl's blog page "Ant-Like Persistence", together with more detailed information, at:

<https://blog.oppedahl.com/four-webinars-about-inbound-pct-forms/>

Carl is a highly experienced and appreciated lecturer and has been a featured presenter at many previous PCT seminars. Earlier this year, he aired a series of 16 webinars on all aspects of ePCT the recordings of which are archived on the PCT page of the WIPO website, and can be downloaded free-of-charge at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/training/external-training.html>

Additional PCT recorded material is available at:

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

New/updated PCT Resources

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys or for the European Patent Administration Certification (EPAC) for patent administrators, the International Bureau, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE and the EPAC Board, has made available on the PCT website a special edition of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* containing individual annexes and the introductions to the "International Phase" and the "National Phase" in both English and French, as of 31 October 2023. It is recalled that the PDF files have been replaced by a searchable and comprehensive application that will be available for the EQE.

The application is available at:

<https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/eqe/documents.xhtml>

Quality reports

It is recalled that the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities submit annual reports on the quality management systems that have been implemented for their work as International Authorities.¹ The reports for 2022 are now available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html>

New webinar recordings

Webinars in Chinese

Recordings of the following webinars in Chinese:

- "Exploring the PCT" Webinar Series: Entering the National Phase (19 October 2023)
- "Exploring the PCT" Webinar Series: Amendments and rectifications of obvious mistakes (11 October 2023)

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

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

Webinar in English

A recording of the following webinar in English:

- "Everything you need to know about ePCT" webinar series: What's New for Applicants (10 and 12 October 2023)

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

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

Webinars in Japanese

Recordings of the following webinars in Japanese:

- PCT Webinar Series: Part 1 – Overview and benefits of the PCT (6 November, 2023)
- PCT Webinar Series: Part 2 – International applications and searches (13 November, 2023)
- PCT Webinar Series: Part 3 – International publication and further PCT procedures (20 November, 2023)

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

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

Webinars in Russian

Recordings and supporting documents from webinars that took place from May 2023 to October 2023 are now available at:

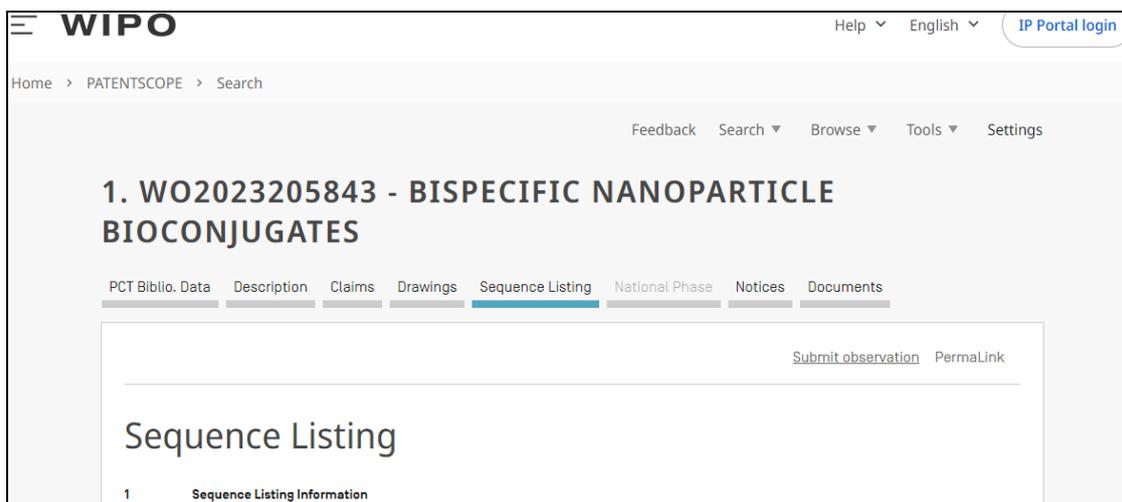
<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/seminar/webinars/index.html>

¹ In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.26 and 21.27 (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html>).

PATENTSCOPE News

New sequence listing reader in PATENTSCOPE

WIPO Standard ST.26 sequence listings contained in published PCT applications can now be viewed in a sequence listing reader integrated into PATENTSCOPE from the "Sequence Listing" tab. The original sequence listing part of the description in XML format can be downloaded from the "Documents" tab, under "Published International Application."



The International Bureau provides this service in order to offer PATENTSCOPE users a more convenient option for viewing sequence listings furnished in XML, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26. Please note, however, that the XML versions of the documents should be considered to be the official publication.

National Patent collection: Monaco

PATENTSCOPE now includes the national patent collection of Monaco, with over 250 bibliographic and full-text documents. The addition of the national collection of Monaco brings to 79 the number of national/regional collections available in PATENTSCOPE.

The collection is available at:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/advancedSearch.jsf>

Milestone celebration: close to 5 million new non-patent literature documents in PATENTSCOPE

Thanks to an exclusive collaboration between WIPO and the publisher IEEE, a collection of almost 5 million non-patent literature (NPL) documents from IEEE is now searchable in PATENTSCOPE.

IEEE publishes nearly a third of the world's technical literature in electrical engineering, computer science, and electronics. This includes more than 200 transactions, journals, and magazines published annually. In cooperation with John Wiley and Sons, Inc., IEEE also produces technical books, monographs, guides, and textbooks. IEEE journals are consistently

among the most highly cited in electrical and electronics engineering, telecommunications, and other technical fields².

The key features and benefits of this collaboration can be found in the PATENTSCOPE news article at:

https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2023/news_0007.html

PCT in the Media

A link to the following article in the WIPO Magazine (issue 3/2023) now features on the “PCT in the Media” page at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct-media.html>

Westwell's smart port technology for a sustainable supply chain

In a recent interview in the WIPO Magazine, Vincent Zhang, President of the Chinese AI logistics company Westwell, explains how the company’s advanced technologies are supporting the drive to reduce pollution and cut waste in seaport operations around the world. Westwell is one of the seven winners of the 2023 WIPO Global Awards.

Westwell is a frequent user of WIPO’s Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Madrid System for the International Registration of Trademarks. Mr. Zhang sums up the benefits of WIPO’s Global IP services as follows: “For companies that want to expand into international markets, WIPO’s international IP services for patents, brands and designs are very useful. They are cost-effective and facilitate the process of securing IP rights in multiple countries.”

The *WIPO Magazine* is available at

https://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/

and issue No. 3/2023 is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2023/03/

Practical Advice

Filing Article 19 amendments using ePCT

Q: I am a new paralegal in a law firm and I have been asked to submit amendments to the claims of an international application under PCT Article 19 for a client. What is the correct way of doing this?

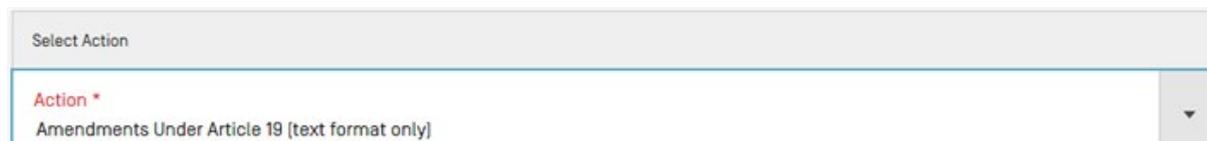
A: Under Article 19 of the PCT, following receipt of the international search report (ISR), the applicant is entitled to one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. The amendments must be submitted to the International Bureau (IB) (**not** to the receiving Office nor to the International Searching Authority (ISA)) within the later to expire of the following time-limits (PCT Rule 46):

- two months following the date of mailing of the ISR and the written opinion of the ISA; or

² Source: <https://www.ieee.org/about/>

- before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date³.

Submission of the amendments to the claims can be made most efficiently using ePCT in text format (DOCX or text-based PDF files) using the “Action”:



The image shows a screenshot of a web interface. At the top, there is a grey box with the text 'Select Action'. Below this is a dropdown menu. The dropdown is currently open, showing a list of options. The first option is 'Action *' in red text. Below it, the selected option is 'Amendments Under Article 19 (text format only)'. A small downward-pointing arrow is visible on the right side of the dropdown box.

For Article 19 amendments that are not in text format, the “Document Upload” function can be used, which does not require strong authentication or access rights to the international application in ePCT. However, applicants are encouraged to submit Article 19 amendments in text format using ePCT with full access rights in order to benefit from real-time validation checks which verify that all the requirements are met.

The system will prevent you from proceeding if Article 19 amendments cannot be submitted for one of the following reasons:

- if the ISR has not yet been issued or, at least, not yet been received at the IB and uploaded in ePCT;
- amendments have already been received and processed by the IB;
- if the time limit has expired and preparations for international publication have been completed;
- where the ISA has declared, under Article 17(2), that no ISR will be established (see *PCT Applicant's Guide* paragraph 7.014).

Your submission should include the following:

(i) a complete set of claims in replacement of the claims originally filed

Please note that you must provide a complete set of claims as amended. The amended claims must be furnished in the language in which the international application is published and submitted as replacement sheets. The replacement sheets containing the amended claims should not contain any marked-up text – they should only contain clean text.

It is also important to note that under PCT Article 19, the amendments must not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed (unless the national law of any designated State permits this⁴).

If you submit the amendments using the ePCT Action you will need to indicate the total number of claims as amended. In the case of a DOCX file, the system will extract the total number of claims and, if possible, will also do so if a text-based PDF file is attached. Failing that, you can manually indicate the total number of claims as amended. Where a claim is cancelled, no

³ However, if you file the amendments after the later of these time limits has expired but before the completion of technical preparations for international publication at the IB (usually 15 calendar days before the actual publication date – see also <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ro/ro337.html>), the amendments will be considered to have been received by the IB on the last day of that time limit.

⁴ If the national law of any designated State permits amendments to go beyond the said disclosure, failure to comply with paragraph (2) of Article 19 shall have no consequence in that State (see *PCT Applicant's Guide* paragraphs 10.070 and 11.047).

renumbering of the other claims is required. However, if you do renumber the claims, they must be renumbered consecutively.

Links to sample files and templates are available in all PCT publication languages at, respectively:

- <https://pct.wipo.int/DocConverter/pages/amendedClaimsSampleFiles.xhtml>; and
- <https://pct.wipo.int/DocConverter/pages/amendedClaimsTemplateFiles.xhtml>

(ii) a letter which must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and those as amended, plus the basis for the amendments

In order to comply with Article 19 and Rule 46, you must submit a letter in English or French accompanying the amended claims explaining the differences between the claims as filed and those as amended and also indicating the basis for the amendments in the application as filed (in accordance with Section 205 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). This should be done by stating, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application, whether:

- the claim is unchanged,
- the claim is cancelled;
- the claim is new;
- the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed, etc.

Indicating the basis for the amendments enables the examiner to assess whether the amendments contain subject-matter which goes beyond the disclosure of the application as filed by consulting your precise references in the application – non-specific indications such as “see the description as filed” or “see the claims as filed” are generally not considered sufficient. Please ensure that, based on the figure indicated as the total number of claims as amended, each claim number is accounted for on the list, including any claims that remain unchanged (more information is available at https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/amendments_19_and_34.html).

It is possible to attach an accompanying letter in PDF format. It is, however, recommended to prepare a standardized accompanying letter with the help of the ePCT interface to ensure that all the amendments are explained. The system will check that an explanation is given for each claim that is “Amended” or “New” for which it is mandatory to indicate a basis for the change.

Once all the mandatory values have been filled in, you will be able to preview the accompanying letter, which will be rendered as a document accompanying the amended claims when the action is submitted to the IB.

(iii) a statement under Article 19 (optional)

You may optionally include a brief statement under Article 19 when submitting amended claims, explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings. The statement must be in English or French and should not exceed 500 words if in English or when translated into English. This too, can also be attached in PDF format but, again, it is recommended to use the ‘Prepare a statement’ feature in ePCT to type the text of the statement directly into the interface for automatic formatting and rendering.

Before submitting the “Action”, you must sign the Action by selecting one of the signature options. You can sign yourself if either you are the applicant or agent of the application, or if you have uploaded an accompanying letter signed by the authorized signatory. If this is not the case, you can select the ‘external signature’ option which allows an authorized signatory to apply a signature to your draft Action saved in ePCT without requiring access to the system. When ‘external signature’ is selected in ePCT as the signature option, an e-mail is sent to the signatory in question with a unique document identifier code plus a link to a dedicated web page where they can either type in a text string signature or attach an image file containing their signature. You must make sure that the e-mail address to which the external signature request will be sent is the individual e-mail address of the signatory and not a shared e-mail address. Once signed, the amendments of the claims may be submitted.

More detailed instructions can be found in the guidance on how to file amendments under Article 19 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/amendments_19_and_34.html

and in the ePCT FAQ article “Action – Amendments under Article 19 (text format only)” at:

<https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/direct.aspx?UG=4&T=en&N=840>

PCT Seminar Calendar

(https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf)
(situation on 22 November 2023)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
5 December 2023 Brussels (BE)	French	PCT Seminar within the framework of the CEIPI Basic Training Seminar - Modules <i>L1</i> , <i>L2</i> and <i>L3</i> 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

PCT Webinars

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)
(www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
22 November 2023 15:00 – 16:00 CET	German	“Exploring the PCT” webinar series: Entering the national phase WIPO speakers: Mr. Henninger and Ms. Schumm	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/7716945255702/WN_ozZjrCKRRoWTHXyvFP8h5w
28 November 2023 18:00 – 19:30 (CET) (10:00 – 11:30 US MT time)	English	2023 PCT Webinar Series Webinar 1: Receiving Office forms WIPO speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7387085799154198111
5 December 2023 18:00 – 19:30 (CET) (10:00 – 11:30 US MT time)	English	2023 PCT Webinar Series Webinar 2: International Bureau forms WIPO speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3186576447584854361
8 December 2023 18:00 – 19:30 (CET) (10:00 – 11:30 US MT time)	English	2023 PCT Webinar Series Webinar 3: International Searching Authority forms WIPO speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8703965378183464277
12 December 2023 18:00 – 19:30 (CET) (10:00 – 11:30 US MT time)	English	2023 PCT Webinar Series Webinar 4: International Preliminary Examining Authority forms WIPO speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6974483065715084120

PATENTSCOPE Webinars

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
21 November 2023 17:30 – 18:15 CET	English	Breaking language barriers in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jIPpteNTnW53sE0DcAIOA#/registration
23 November 2023 8:30 – 9:15 CET	English	Breaking language barriers in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eBy15PUISPaxEOfq2FHi2g#/registration
28 November 2023 16:00 – 16:45 CET	French	PATENTSCOPE: General presentation WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cl7gMjP4TqyH3RISRckcYA#/registration

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 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
		DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
		EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
		GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
		HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Currencies:

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 November 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		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	1,515	17	–	–	–	EA EP RU
			(from 1.1.24:	1,454)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,515	17	–	228	342	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 1.1.24:	1,454)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(328)	
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,378	16	–	207	311	EP
			(from 1.1.24:	1,381)	(16)	(–)	(208)	(311)	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,247	25	–	338	507	AU KR
			(from 1.1.24:	2,274)	(26)	(–)	(342)	(513)	
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,515	17	–	228	342	EA EP RU
			(from 1.1.24:	1,454)	(16)	(–)	(219)	(328)	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,378	16	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.1.24:	1,381)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,378	16	–	207	311	EP RU
			(from 1.1.24:	1,381)	(16)	(–)	(208)	(311)	
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,515	17	–	–	–	AT EP US
			(from 1.1.24:	1,454)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
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: on paper: ⁸	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,515	17	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.1.24:	1,454)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BY	BYN	90.65	USD	1,515	17	–	–	–	EA EP RU
			(from 1.1.24:	1,454)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,515	17	–	–	–	CA EP
			(from 1.1.24:	1,454)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
CA	CAD	315.77	CAD	1,956	22	–	294	441	CA
			(from 1.1.24:	1,979)	(22)	(–)	(298)	(446)	

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

(amounts on 1 November 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	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	eq USD ⁹ 17 (16)	– (–)	eq USD ⁹ 228 (208)	eq USD ⁹ 342 (328)	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY 10,920 (from 1.1.24: 10,620)	120 (120)	– (–)	1,640 (1600)	2,460 (2,400)	CN EP ¹⁰
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 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	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 – ¹¹	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,250 (from 1.1.24: 10,300)	120 (120)	– (–)	1,540 (1,550)	2,310 (2,320)	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454) or EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	17 (16) 16 (16)	– (–) – (–)	228 (219) 207 (208)	342 (328) 311 (311)	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 145	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	104 (104)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,200 (from 1.1.24: 1,197)	14 (13)	– (–)	181 (180)	271 (270)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP

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

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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	
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 518,700 <i>(from 1.1.24: 536,300)</i>	5,900 <i>(6,000)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	78,000 <i>(80,600)</i>	117,000 <i>(121,000)</i>	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	Refer to footnote 15
	or EUR ¹⁴ 104	or EUR 1,378 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,381)</i>	16	104	207	311	
	or USD ¹⁴ 114 <i>(from 1.1.24: 109)</i>	or USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	114 <i>(109)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	
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 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,381)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	207 <i>(208)</i>	311 <i>(311)</i>	EP
IL	ILS 596	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings:	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
	INR 3,500 ¹⁶						
	INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings						
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	AU CA EG EP TR
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 <i>(from 1.1.24: 202,100)</i>	2,200 <i>(2,300)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	29,400 <i>(30,400)</i>	44,100 <i>(45,600)</i>	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,378 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,381)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	207 <i>(208)</i>	311 <i>(311)</i>	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	eq USD 17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	eq USD 228 <i>(219)</i>	eq USD 342 <i>(328)</i>	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁸	JPY 214,200 <i>(from 1.1.24: 217,700)</i>	2,400 <i>(2,500)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	48,300 <i>(49,100)</i>	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,378 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,381)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	207 <i>(208)</i>	311 <i>(311)</i>	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,378 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,381)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,378 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,381)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	207 <i>(208)</i>	311 <i>(311)</i>	EP

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

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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	
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 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	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 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MX	USD 93.87 ²² (natural persons) USD 375.50 ²² (legal persons)	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	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 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,950 (from 1.1.24: 15,630)	180 (180)	– (–)	2,400 (2,350)	3,600 (3,520)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,531 (from 1.1.24: 2,436)	29 (27)	– (–)	381 (366)	571 (550)	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 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	eq USD 17 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 228 (219)	eq USD 342 (328)	AT AU JEG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	eq USD 17 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 228 (219)	eq USD 342 (328)	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	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 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	eq USD 17 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 228 (219)	eq USD 342 (328)	EG EP US
RO	RON 495	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,378 (from 1.1.24: 1,381)	16 (16)	– (–)	207 (208)	311 (311)	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	228 (219)	342 (328)	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD — ²¹	USD 1,515 (from 1.1.24: 1,454)	17 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP

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

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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	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK 15,840 <i>(from 1.1.24: 15,990)</i>	180 <i>(180)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	2,380 <i>(2,410)</i>	3,570 <i>(3,610)</i>	EP SE XN	
SG	SGD	150	SGD 2,052 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,995)</i>	23 <i>(23)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	309 <i>(300)</i>	463 <i>(450)</i>	AT AU EP JP KR SG	
SI	EUR	91	EUR 1,378 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,381)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	207 <i>(208)</i>	311 <i>(311)</i>	EP	
SK	EUR on paper:	66 ²⁵	EUR 1,378 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,381)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	207 <i>(208)</i>	311 <i>(311)</i>	EP XV	
SV		none ²⁶	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	CL EP ES	
SY	SYP	5,000	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	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	– ²¹	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	EA EP RU	
TM	USD	– ²¹	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	AT CL EP SE SG US	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP UA	
UG	UGX refer to Office		UGX eq USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	eq USD 17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	eq USD 228 <i>(219)</i>	eq USD 342 <i>(328)</i>	AT EP SG	
US	USD	260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	114 <i>(109)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AU EP IL JP KR SG US	
UZ	UZS	245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	EP RU	
VN	VND	300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG	
WS	SAT	200	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	EP PH	
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR 28,990 <i>(from 1.1.24: 27,820)</i>	330 <i>(310)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	4,360 <i>(4,180)</i>	6,540 <i>(6,280)</i>	AT AU EP US	
ZM	USD	50	USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	228 <i>(219)</i>	342 <i>(328)</i>	AT SE	
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,515 <i>(from 1.1.24: 1,454)</i>	eq USD 17 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP RU	

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Table I(b) — Search fees
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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
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	1,710	KRW	2,536,000	SGD	2,565	USD	1,870	ZAR	35,770)
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF*	1,302	EUR*	1,345	KRW*	1,864,000	NZD*	2,340	SGD*	1,915
	USD*	1,411	ZAR*	26,950								
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	1,287	EUR	1,336	KRW	1,913,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	1,930
	USD	1,407	ZAR	26,920)								
BR ⁷	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF*	307	EUR*	319	USD*	334		
	(from 1.1.24:				CHF	306	EUR	318	USD	335)		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF*	461	EUR*	477	USD*	500		
	(from 1.1.24:				CHF	459	EUR	476	USD	502)		
CA	CAD	1,684.12	CHF*	1,145	EUR*	1,175	USD*	1,226				
	(from 1.1.24:		CHF	1,132	EUR	1,175	USD	1,237)				
CL	USD	2,000	CHF*	1,756	EUR*	1,894						
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	1,829	EUR	1,899)						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF*	351	EUR*	379		
	*(from 1.1.24:						CHF	366	EUR	380)		
In case of filing by a university ³² :						CHF*	263	EUR*	284			
*(from 1.1.24:						CHF	274	EUR	285)			
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF*	256	EUR*	265	USD*	294				
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	263	EUR	273	USD	288)				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:											
	RUB	9,000	CHF**	86	EUR**	87	USD*	100				
	*(from 1.12.23:						USD**	94)				
	***(from 1.1.24:		CHF	83	EUR	86	USD	91)				
	For searches carried out in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF**	382	EUR**	387	USD*	447				
*(from 1.12.23:						USD**	416)					
***(from 1.1.24:		CHF	370	EUR	384	USD	405)					
EG ³³	EGP	4,000	CHF*	114	EUR*	121	USD*	132				
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	118	EUR	123	USD	129)				
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,713	DKK*	13,200	GBP*	1,546	HUF*	690,700	ISK*	255,000
	JPY*	266,100	NOK*	19,970	NZD*	3,064	SEK*	20,760	SGD*	2,488	USD*	1,875
	ZAR*	36,760										
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	1,710	DKK	13,240	GBP	1,538	HUF	690,700	ISK	259,900
	JPY	280,000	NOK	20,090	NZD	3,132	SEK	20,560	SGD	2,565	USD	1,870
	ZAR	35,770)										
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,713	USD*	1,875						
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	1,710	USD	1,870)						
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,713	USD*	1,875						
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	1,710	USD	1,870)						
IL	ILS	3,820	CHF**	934	EUR**	948	USD*	1,075				
	*(from 1.12.23:						USD**	998)				
	***(from 1.1.24:		CHF	912	EUR	946	USD	997)				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	106	EUR*	114	JPY*	17,200	USD*	121		
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	110	EUR	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120)		
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF*	26	EUR*	28	JPY*	4,300	USD*	30		
*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	28	EUR	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30)			
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	143,000	CHF*	888	EUR*	953	KRW*	1,287,000	USD*	988		
	*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	874	EUR	907	KRW	1,304,000	USD	955)		
	For IAs in English:											
JPY	169,000	CHF*	1,049	EUR*	1,127	SGD*	1,563	USD*	1,167			
*(from 1.1.24:		CHF	1,033	EUR	1,072	SGD	1,549	USD	1,129)			

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

ISA	Search fee ¹														
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:	KRW	450,000	AUD*	531	CHF*	315	EUR*	312	NZD*	547				
	SGD*	456	USD*	347											
	*(from 1.1.24:			AUD	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552				
	SGD	452	USD	330)											
PH	For IAs in English:	KRW	1,200,000	AUD*	1,416	CHF*	840	EUR*	831	NZD*	1,460				
	SGD*	1,215	USD*	924											
	*(from 1.1.24:			AUD	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473				
	SGD	1,206	USD	879)											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF**	81	EUR**	82	USD*	95						
	*(from 1.12.23:							USD**	88)						
	** (from 1.1.24:			CHF	79	EUR	82	USD	86)						
SE	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF*	382	EUR*	387	USD*	447						
	*(from 1.12.23:							USD**	416)						
	** (from 1.1.24:			CHF	370	EUR	384	USD	405)						
SG	Small entity or government ³⁷ :	USD	200	CHF*	176	EUR*	188								
	*(from 1.1.24:			CHF	183	EUR	190)								
	SEK*	20,760	CHF*	1,713	DKK*	13,200	EUR*	1,775	ISK*	255,000	NOK*	19,970			
TR	USD*	1,875													
	*(from 1.1.24:			SEK	20,560	CHF	1,710	DKK	13,240	EUR	1,775	ISK	259,900	NOK	20,090
	USD	1,870)													
UA	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,452	EUR*	1,598	JPY*	242,200	KRW*	2,218,000	USD*	1,664			
	*(from 1.1.24:			CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY	244,300	KRW	2,218,000	USD	1,633)		
	TRY*	32,210	CHF*	1,713	EUR*	1,775	USD*	1,875							
US	*(from 1.1.24:			TRY	51,340	CHF	1,710	EUR	1,775	USD	1,870)				
	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF*	96	USD*	106						
	*(from 1.1.24:					CHF	96	USD	105)						
XN	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF*	289	USD*	317						
	*(from 1.1.24:					CHF	289	USD	316)						
	USD	2,180	CHF*	1,914	EUR*	2,064	NZD*	3,690	ZAR*	42,250					
	*(from 1.1.24:			CHF	1,994	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR	41,680)				
XV	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	872	CHF*	766	EUR*	826	NZD*	1,476	ZAR*	16,900				
	*(from 1.1.24:			CHF	798	EUR	828	NZD	1,461	ZAR	16,670)				
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	436	CHF*	383	EUR*	413	NZD*	738	ZAR*	8,450				
	*(from 1.1.24:			CHF	399	EUR	414	NZD	730	ZAR	8,340)				
EP	DKK*	13,200	CHF*	1,713	EUR*	1,775	ISK*	255,000	NOK*	19,970	SEK*	20,760			
	USD*	1,875													
	*(from 1.1.24:			DKK	13,240	CHF	1,710	EUR	1,775	ISK	259,900	NOK	20,090	SEK	20,560
XV	USD	1,870)													
	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,713	HUF*	690,700	USD*	1,875							
	*(from 1.1.24:			CHF	1,710	HUF	690,700	USD	1,870)						

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	*(from 1.1.24:	
	CHF	820
	CHF	819)
EP	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	
	*(from 1.1.24:	
	CHF	1,148
	CHF	1,146)
EP	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	
	*(from 1.1.24:	
	CHF	1,640
	CHF	1,638)
EP	CHF 1,713 ³⁴ (from 1.1.24:	CHF 200
	CHF 1,710)	

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

(amounts on 1 November 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee		Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 39}	
FI	CHF	1,713 (from 1.1.24: CHF 1,710)	CHF	200
RU	CHF	113 (from 1.1.24: CHF 109)	CHF	200
	CHF	180 ⁴⁰ (from 1.1.24: CHF 175)	CHF	
SE	CHF	1,713 (from 1.1.24: CHF 1,710)	CHF	200
SG	CHF	1,452 (from 1.1.24: CHF 1,493)	CHF	200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,713 (from 1.1.24: CHF 1,710)		CHF	200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority (from 1.1.24: CHF 47) CHF 17			
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 (from 1.1.24: CHF 67)			
	– 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 (from 1.1.24: CHF 1,710)		CHF	200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 519 (from 1.1.24: CHF 517)			
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,713 (from 1.1.24: CHF 1,710)		CHF	200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 531 (from 1.1.24: CHF 530)			

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 November 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴¹		Handling fee ^{2, 41} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ³¹	EUR	207 (from 1.1.24: EUR 208)
AU	AUD	590 820 ⁴²	AUD	338 (from 1.1.24: AUD 342)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁷	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ^{7,8}		
CA	CAD	842.06	CAD	294 (from 1.1.24: CAD 298)
CL	USD	1,500	USD	228 (from 1.1.24: USD 219)
	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			
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY	1,640 (from 1.1.24: CNY 1,600)
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 6,750		USD	228 (from 1.1.24: USD 219)
	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			
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	228 (from 1.1.24: USD 219)
EP	EUR	1,840 ³⁴	EUR	207 (from 1.1.24: EUR 208)
ES	EUR	595.37 ³⁴	EUR	207 (from 1.1.24: EUR 208)

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Table II — Preliminary examination fees [continued]

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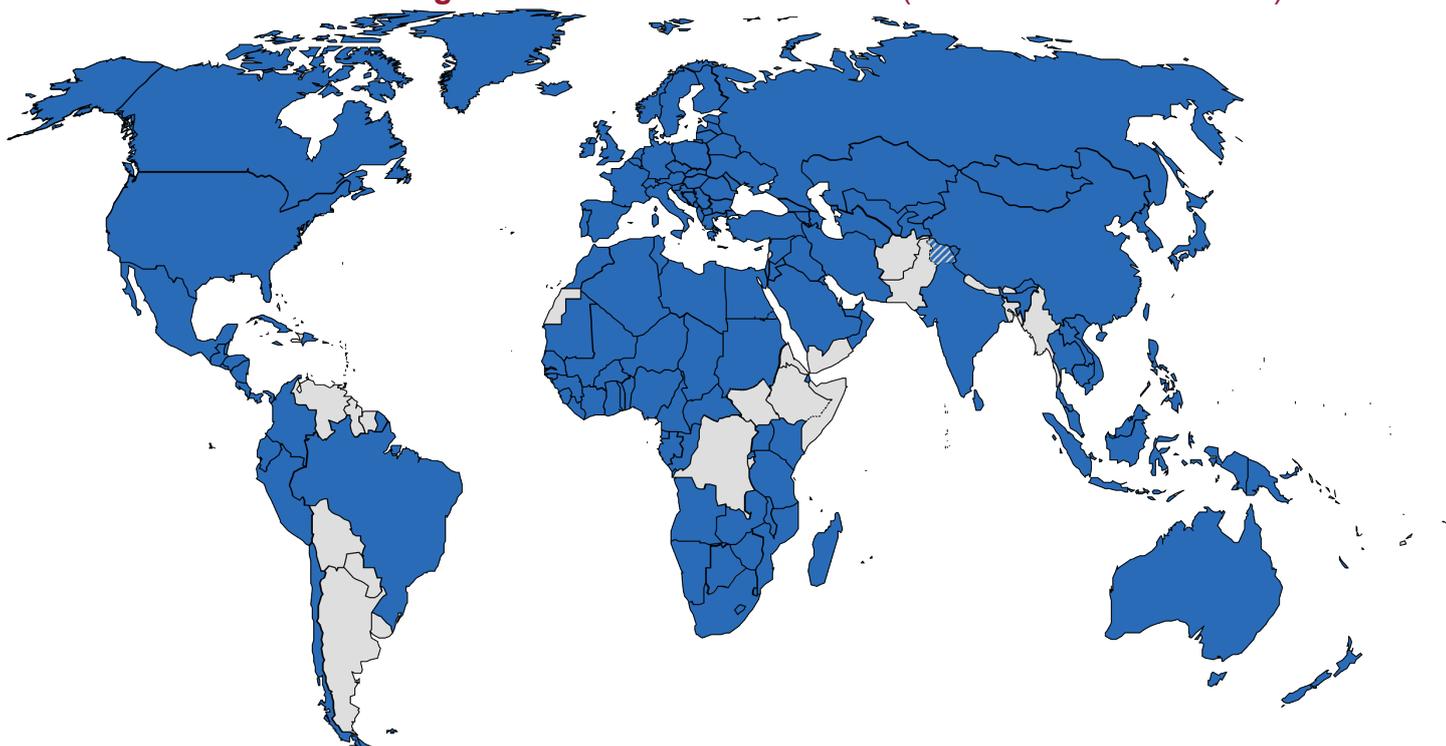
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴³			Handling fee^{2, 41} (CHF 200)		
FI	EUR	600	(from 1.1.24: EUR 650)	EUR	207	(from 1.1.24: EUR 208)
IL	ILS	1,637		ILS	818	(from 1.1.24: ILS 838)
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			USD	228	(from 1.1.24: USD 219)
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000			JPY	32,200	(from 1.1.24: JPY 32,700)
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW	286,000	(from 1.1.24: KRW 299,000)
PH	USD	300		USD	228	(from 1.1.24: USD 219)
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :	USD	150			
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴⁴ 6,750 ⁴⁵ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴⁴ 24,000 ⁴⁵			USD	228	(from 1.1.24: USD 219)
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	2,380	(from 1.1.24: SEK 2,410)
SG	SGD	830		SGD	309	(from 1.1.24: SGD 300)
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	(from 1.1.24: EUR 208)
US	USD	640	800 ⁴⁶	USD	228	(from 1.1.24: USD 219)
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	256	320 ⁴⁶		
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	128	160 ⁴⁶		
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	1,540	(from 1.1.24: DKK 1,550)
XV	EUR	900		EUR	207	(from 1.1.24: EUR 208)

[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 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 until 30 November 2026.
- 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/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.
- 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 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 40 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).
- 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 to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 44 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 45 In all cases where footnote 44 does not apply.
- 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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CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	LV Latvia (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
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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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