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May Singapore be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Singapore concerning international-type search:	None

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<sup>1</sup> Patents Act, Section 34.

<sup>2</sup> Unless written authorization from the Registrar to file abroad has already been obtained or unless an application for the same invention has been filed with the Office and not less than two months have elapsed and there is no subsisting direction given by the Registrar prohibiting publication or communication of the invention.

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**Information of interest if Singapore is designated (or elected)**

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May be in the request or must be furnished within two months<sup>3</sup> from the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

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<sup>3</sup> Where an international application is filed on or after 1 April 2007 and enters national phase at the express request of the applicant prior to the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), i.e. an express request made under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), the time limit to give the name and address of the inventor, where required, is the later of the following periods:  
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 (b) 2 months from the date of national phase entry.