# B1 Information on Contracting States

## SL SIERRA LEONE

### General information

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Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?

- **Yes, by facsimile machine**

  Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?

  - All kinds of documents

  Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?

  - Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application
  - No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?

- Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or EMS

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Sierra Leone:

- ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)

Competent designated (or elected) Office if Sierra Leone is designated (or elected):

- National protection: Administrator and Registrar General’s Department (Sierra Leone) (see National Phase)
- ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)

May Sierra Leone be elected?

- Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

Types of protection available via the PCT:

- National: Patents, utility models
- ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)

Provisions of the law of Sierra Leone concerning international-type search:

- None

Provisional protection after international publication:

- None

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Information of interest if Sierra Leone is designated (or elected)

For national protection

| Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Sierra Leone is designated (or elected): | Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation. |
| Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? | No |

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B