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<td>Yes, the Office accepts XML files with JPEGs as well as TIFFs for the drawings filed using PCT-SAFE and JPO PAS. Offline filings are not accepted³</td>
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<td>No⁶</td>
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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).
² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with the electronic file on a physical medium and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).
³ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).
⁴ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 14 May 2009, page 79).
⁵ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to PCT Gazette No. 17/2004, pages 9452 et seq.
⁶ For the relevant Notice concerning Administrative Instruction 710(a), see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 26 June 2008, page 92.
⁷ For international applications filed on or after 1 April 2015. For the relevant notification by the Office, see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 12 March 2015, page 51.
⁸ The Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English.
⁹ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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### Fees payable to the receiving Office:

- **Transmittal fee:** JPY 10,000\(^{10}\)
- **International filing fee:** JPY 164,300
- **Fee per sheet in excess of 30:** JPY 1,900
- **Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):**
  - **PCT-EASY:** JPY 12,400
  - **Electronic filing** (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): JPY 37,100
- **Search fee:** See Annex D(EP) or (JP)
- **Fee for priority document:** JPY 1,400

### Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

- **No,** if the applicant resides in Japan
- **Yes,** if he is a non-resident

### Who can act as agent?

- Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Japan, or any firm registered to practice before the Office

### Waiver of power of attorney:

- **Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?** Yes\(^{12}\)
- **Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:** Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent’s entitlement to act.

- **Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?** Yes\(^{12}\)
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11 See footnote 2.

12 Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).