

# INSTITUTE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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### List of abbreviations:

Office: Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina

IPL: Bosnian Law on Industrial Property

APL: Bosnian Law on Administrative Procedures

**SUMMARY****Designated  
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****BA INSTITUTE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BA  
OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase****If grant of a national patent by the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina is desired:**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 34 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 34 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: <sup>1</sup>	Bosnian, Croatian or Serbian
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Description (not required where the international application is in English), claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description (not required where the international application is in English), claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Convertible mark (BAM) Filing fee: BAM 105 — plus for each page of the application over 30: BAM 3 — plus for each claim over 10: BAM 4 Publication fee: BAM 15
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The filing fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): <sup>2</sup>	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office

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<sup>1</sup> Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).<sup>2</sup> 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.

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Does the Office accept requests for  
restoration of the right of priority  
(PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?

Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any  
fee payable for such requests

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**If extension of a European patent is desired: See European Patent Organisation  
(EP) in Annex B2, Summary (EP) and National Chapters EP and BA**

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## THE PROCEDURE IN THE NATIONAL PHASE

**BA.01 TRANSLATION (CORRECTION).** Errors in the translation of the international application can be corrected with reference to the text of the international application as filed (see paragraphs 57 and 58 of the General Part of this Volume).

**BA.02 FEES (MANNER OF PAYMENT).** The manner of payment of the fees indicated in the Summary and in this Chapter is outlined in Annex BA.I.

PCT Art. 28  
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**BA.03 AMENDMENT OF THE APPLICATION; TIME LIMITS.** The applicant may amend or correct the international application up to the grant of a patent, provided that the scope of the subject matter of the application is not broadened thereby.

**BA.04 MAINTENANCE FEES.** After a patent has been granted, maintenance fees must be paid for maintaining the patent in force. The first maintenance fee is payable for the third year following the international filing date. Payment of the maintenance fees for subsequent years must be made before the anniversary of the international filing date. If payment is not made within this time limit, the Office will invite the applicant to pay the maintenance fee, together with a 50% surcharge, within six months after the due date. The amounts of the maintenance fees are indicated in Annex BA.I.

PCT Art. 24(2)  
48(2)  
PCT Rule 82bis

**BA.05 EXCUSE OF DELAYS IN MEETING TIME LIMITS.** Reference is made to paragraphs 67 to 71 of the General Part of this Volume. Where, during the international phase or before the Office, the applicant has missed a time limit for performing any act in relation to the international application, such time limit may be extended by the Office. The procedure for excusing a delay is available to: (1) parties which have been delayed in performing certain actions due to justifiable reasons; (2) parties which have failed to submit the application in time because it was submitted to an unauthorized authority due to lack of awareness or obvious mistake; and (3) parties which have missed prescribed deadlines due to lack of awareness or obvious mistake but submit the application or relevant papers to the competent authority within three days after the deadline and where delay would mean that the party would lose rights.

**BA.06** The request for excusing a delay shall explain the circumstances which caused the delay and include the paper(s) sought to be submitted late. The request for excusing a delay must be submitted within eight days from the day on which the circumstances which caused the delay ceased to exist, or, where the party learned about its cessation only later, from the day the party learned of it. Requests for excusing a delay are acceptable only up to three months from the day when the delayed paper or action was due.

PCT Art. 25  
PCT Rule 51

**BA.07 REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE PCT.** The applicable procedure is outlined in paragraphs 63 to 66 of the General Part of this Volume. In the case of a negative decision of the Office during the national phase (including in case of a request for review under Article 25), an appeal may be submitted to the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina within one month from the date of receipt of the decision.

## FEES

(Currency: convertible mark)

Filing fee .....	105
Publication fee .....	15
Maintenance fees:	
— for the 1 <sup>st</sup> year, counted from the international filing date .....	55
— for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, counted from the international filing date .....	65
— for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> year, counted from the international filing date .....	80
— for the 4 <sup>th</sup> year, counted from the international filing date .....	98
— for the 5 <sup>th</sup> year, counted from the international filing date .....	110
— for the 6 <sup>th</sup> year, counted from the international filing date .....	132
— for the 7 <sup>th</sup> year, counted from the international filing date .....	159
— for the 8 <sup>th</sup> year, counted from the international filing date .....	186
— for the 9 <sup>th</sup> year, counted from the international filing date .....	228
— for the 10 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> years, counted from the international filing date .....	330

### How can payment of fees be effected?

(i) All fees must be paid to the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina via a registered patent agent.

(ii) National fees must be paid by bank transfer into an account of the Office, No. 500015000 – 16 986, with the Reiffeisen bank d.d. Sarajevo, SWIFT Code: RZBABASS. All payments should include the complete application number, the name of the applicant and the type of fee being paid.