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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2026.

With effect from 1 March 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israeli new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	4,203
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	4,203
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,801
Late payment fee for preliminary examination amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2	
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,801
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	540
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	52

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at:
<https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-il.pdf>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of corrections to certain amounts of fees, in **Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible marks (BAM)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These corrected amounts are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BAM	60
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Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BAM	30
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[Updating of Annex C(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Danish krone (DKK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2026, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	DKK	950
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Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	DKK	380
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[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2026, is – for a patent: per document, plus EUR 50.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2026, is ILS 656.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, however, is applicable from 1 March 2026, and is ILS 104.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2026, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	4,203
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	4,203
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)):	ILS	540
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 <i>ter</i>), per document:	ILS	52

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2026, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,801
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,801
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .2):	ILS	540
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	52

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 December 2025 (page 249) concerning the requirements of the **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office contained an error.

The correct information should have been:

any person residing in El Salvador; if the agent is a lawyer, they must be a lawyer authorized to practice in El Salvador.

[Updating of Annex C(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the national filing fee, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2026, is ILS 2,402.²

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)), in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2026, is ILS 240.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 December 2025 (page 249) concerning the requirements of the **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office contained an error.

The correct information should have been:

any person residing in El Salvador; if the agent is a lawyer, they must be a lawyer authorized to practice in El Salvador.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PATENT AND UTILITY MODEL DOCUMENTS FORMING PART OF THE MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

Amended PCT Rule 34.1, adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its Fifty-Fifth (24th Ordinary) Session held from 6 to 14 July 2023, with effect since 1 January 2026, requires the International Bureau to validate the availability of the patent and utility model documents notified in accordance with amended PCT Rule 34.1(d), and to publish in the Gazette details of the documents concerned and the date from which they will become a part of the minimum documentation.

The following Office has made a notification under PCT Rule 34.1(d) and the International Bureau has validated the availability of the documents so notified. Consequently, **with effect from 8 March 2026**, those patent documents listed below that were published after 1 January 1920 will form part of the minimum documentation. In accordance with PCT Rule 34.1(c), the International Searching Authorities should also preferably consult the utility model documents referred to below.

² A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B1	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility certificate	B3	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility certificate application	A3	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1990	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1920	01/01/1990	Paper	Collections available on request
Utility certificate	B3	01/01/1920	01/01/2008	Paper	Collections available on request
Utility certificate	B3	01/01/2008	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request

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Utility certificate application	A3	01/01/1990	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Utility certificate application	A3	01/01/1920	01/01/1990	Paper	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/1920	01/01/2008	Paper	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/1920	01/01/2008	Paper	Collections available on request

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 February 2026, payments of fees to the Office can only be made in **euro (EUR)** and it will no longer be possible to pay fees in Bulgarian lev.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 February 2026, payments of fees to the Office can only be made in **euro (EUR)** and it will no longer be possible to pay fees in Bulgarian lev.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 February 2026, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search,
publication and other processing): RUB 70,000

Claim fee for each claim:

- in excess of five: RUB 7,000
- in excess of 20: RUB 7,500
- in excess of 50: RUB 8,000

Examination fee:

- for one invention: RUB 70,000
- for a group of inventions including one independent claim: RUB 70,000
- additional fee for the second independent claim: RUB 40,000
- additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims: RUB 25,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the search fee and the additional fee for international search, will enter into force on 1 April 2026.

With effect from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,885 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,885 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change] ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-es.pdf

² This fee is reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – with effect from 1 April 2026, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

[Updating of Annex B(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2026, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	110.25
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BYN	150 for each copy of priority document up to 35 pages
	plus	BYN 2.40 for each page of one copy in excess of 35 pages
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BYN	225

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)): EUR 1,885³

Additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)): EUR 1,885³

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2026, are CHF 1,064, EUR 1,142 and USD 1,333, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) – in addition to itself and the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea) – as competent International Searching Authority, with effect from 1 March 2026, for international applications filed with the Australian Patent Office or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Australia.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee is reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{4, 5} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2026, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	110.25
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	47.25
Examination fee:	BYN	535.50
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	315
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	110.25

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	220.50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	110.25

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

<https://www.wipo.int/web/das/participating-offices/search>

⁴ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

⁵ For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

BY Belarus

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect since 1 January 2026.

[Updating of Annex B(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

FI Finland

Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendments to Annex D

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2026.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,885
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,885
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,885
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at:
<https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-fi.pdf>

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 March 2026, consists of the addition of **Australia** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 March 2026, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [No change]

² Available on the WIPO website at:
<https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-sg.pdf>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 1,885 each.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search, the Office notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a)), in **euros (EUR)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is EUR 1,885.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to itself, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2026 with the Australian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Australia.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has specified the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) – in addition to itself, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 February 2026 with the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of the Russian Federation.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PATENT AND UTILITY MODEL DOCUMENTS FORMING PART OF THE MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

FR France – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 January 2026 (page 8) concerning the patent documents made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT contained an error. The data in the last row of the table was incorrect; it has been corrected below.

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B1	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility certificate	B3	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility certificate application	A3	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1990	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1920	01/01/1990	Paper	Collections available on request
Utility certificate	B3	01/01/1920	01/01/2008	Paper	Collections available on request
Utility certificate	B3	01/01/2008	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request

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Utility certificate application	A3	01/01/1990	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Utility certificate application	A3	01/01/1920	01/01/1990	Paper	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/1920	01/01/2008	Paper	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2008	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annex D

Pursuant to Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 April 2026, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

As from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

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Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,885 ²
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i> ³)	1,885 ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,885 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	2,010 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	2,010 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,070
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	1,070
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	280

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-ep.pdf

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4)). See Part II, paragraph (4) for further details.

³ This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5*bis* (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁴ – Amendments to Annex D

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2026.

With effect from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,885
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,885
International-type search fee	
If requested in HU, PL, SK national application	[No change]
If requested in other national application	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	1,885
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-xv.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, applicable since 31 March 2023, in **Dominican pesos (DOP)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	DOP	1,980	for the first 10 pages
	plus DOP	14	for each additional page

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2026, is EUR 160.

In addition, the EPO notified new amounts of other fees, in **euros (EUR)**, also payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable for payments made on or after 1 April 2026, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	125
	(EUR	[No change] ⁵⁾
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	790

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary international search, and applicable from 1 April 2026, as follows:

Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,885 ⁶⁾
Additional fee (PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40bis ⁷⁾):	EUR	1,885 ⁶⁾
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a)):	EUR	1,885 ⁶⁾

⁵ This amount applies where the document is requested using MyEPO.

⁶ This 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 classified by the World Bank as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, refer to: <https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html>

⁷ This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5bis (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	1,070
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	1,070
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	EUR	280

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	2,010 ⁶
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR	2,010 ⁶
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	1,070
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	280

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**⁸ has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable from 1 April 2026, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	GBP	100
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	GBP	27
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	GBP	200

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the cancellation of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) and the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), with effect since 1 January 2026.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁸ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 1,885 each.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search, the Office notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **euros (EUR)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is EUR 1,885.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 January 2026 (page 15) was incomplete, the capacity of the European Patent Office (EPO) as International Preliminary Examining Authority having been omitted. The correct information is as follows:

The **Australian Patent Office** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) – in addition to itself and the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 1 March 2026, for international applications filed with the Australian Patent Office or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Australia.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of its national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

National fee:⁹

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: ¹⁰	EUR	720
Claims fee: ¹¹		
– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50	EUR	290
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim	EUR	720
Search fee for (international) applications: ¹¹	EUR	1,595
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee		[No change]
– other cases	EUR	315
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	280
Examination fee: ¹²		
– for international applications for which a supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,010
– for international applications for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,240
Renewal fee for the third year: ¹³	EUR	725

⁹ Refer to the Decision of the EPO Administrative Council dated 11 December 2025 (CA/D 9/25), OJ EPO 2026, A2.

¹⁰ Payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

¹¹ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. (For claims fees, see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter EP.)

¹² A request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1) or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

¹³ This fee is due before the expiration of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 31 months from the priority date, if that 31-month time limit expires later.

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office or, in accordance with the *Protocol on Centralisation*, by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI). The new amount of this reduction, applicable from 1 April 2026, is EUR 1,365.¹⁴

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified a new amount, in **euros (EUR)**, of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)) or for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6), payable to the EPO in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2026, is EUR 790.

¹⁴ Refer to footnote 9.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annex D

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2026.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,885 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,885 ²
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[no change]
– of only European and North American documentation	[no change]
– of only German-language documentation	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[no change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-at.pdf

² This 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.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 1,885 each.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 98 and USD 116 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 435 and USD 516 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **multiple currencies** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**³. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

Australian dollars (AUD)	3,210
Yuan renminbi (CNY)	15,710
Danish kroner (DKK)	14,080
Hungarian forints (HUF)	719,500
Icelandic kronur (ISK)	273,600
Japanese yen (JPY)	345,900
New Zealand dollars (NZD)	3,717
Norwegian kroner (NOK)	21,620
Pounds sterling (GBP)	1,632
Singapore dollars (SGD)	2,842
South African rand (ZAR)	35,800
Swedish kronor (SEK)	19,950

³ A new amount of this fee (EUR 1,885) has been established by the EPO, with effect from 1 April 2026. Refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 12 February 2026, pages 25 and 27.

Swiss francs (CHF)	1,734
US dollars (USD)	2,237

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 98 and USD 116 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 489 and USD 580 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollars (AUD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2026, is AUD 2,643.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

New amounts in **Turkish lira (TRY)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are TRY 97,060 each.

[Updating of Annex D (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is TRY 97,060.

[Updating of Annex SISA (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.1: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES, AUTHORITIES OR THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.1(d)

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.1(d), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that it shall waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.1(a), where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it expiring between 27 January and 26 February 2026 is not met by an interested party residing or having its place of business in Portugal, due to the effects of the storms in Portugal during that time.

For further information, refer to the notice published by the EPO on its website at:

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/notice-10-february-2026>

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is KRW 3,250,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollars (AUD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2026 and only until 31 March 2026¹, is AUD 3,140.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For the equivalent amount in AUD that will be applicable from 1 April 2026, refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 19 February 2026, p. 34.

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MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: ipinfo@ipom.gov.mn

[Updating of Annex B(MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are CHF 1,734, SGD 2,842, USD 2,237 and ZAR 35,800, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **won (KRW)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are KRW 2,268,000 and USD 1,555, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are CHF 1,734 and USD 2,237, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are CHF 1,734 and USD 2,237, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	264,900
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	3,000
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	59,800
Handling fee:	JPY	39,800

[Updating of Annexes C(JP) and E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property Office (MOIP) (Republic of Korea)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are AUD 437 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and AUD 1,166 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are SEK 19,950 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

CHF	1,734
DKK	14,080
EUR	1,885
ISK	273,600
NOK	21,620
USD	2,237

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)) in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are ZAR 38,300 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,320 for a small entity, and ZAR 7,660 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

New amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are DKK 14,080 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

CHF	1,734
EUR	1,885
ISK	273,600
NOK	21,620
SEK	19,950
USD	2,237

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Hungarian forints (HUF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are CHF 1,734, HUF 719,500 and USD 2,237, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name of the Office and its e-mail addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority
E-mail:	patinfo@egypo.gov.eg (for PCT matters) egypa-info@egypo.gov.eg

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau that its national legislation does not restrict the filing of international applications with foreign Offices.

[Updating of Annex B(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)
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[Updating of Annex B(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are CHF 718 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3¹ and CHF 848 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority** has notified a new amount of the examination fee component of the national fee for patents, in **Egyptian pound (EGP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 18 June 2025, is EGP 50,000. In addition, students are no longer exempt from paying the examination fee.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

ID Indonesia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Government of the Republic of Indonesia** has notified² the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*, with effect since 24 February 2026, as follows:

Indonesian Culture Collection (InaCC)
Directorate of Scientific Collection Management
National Research and Innovation Agency
(Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional, BRIN)
Kawasan Sains dan Teknologi Dr. (H.C.) Ir. H. Soekarno
Jl. Raya Bogor Km. 46
Cibinong 16911, West Java
Indonesia

² The full text of Budapest Notification No. 378 is available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/treaties/notifications/details/treaty_budapest_378

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

UY Uruguay

The **National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office: National Directorate of Industrial Property and
Software Registry (DNPIRS) (Uruguay)

[Updating of Annex B(UY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are CHF 84, or CHF 21 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

<https://www.wipo.int/web/das/participating-offices/search>

SM San Marino

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 May 2026.

[Updating of Annex B(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULE 89bis.1(d)

BH Bahrain

The **Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from 1 October 2026, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (973) 17 57 48 96; (973) 17 57 49 23; (973) 17 57 47 69
- by e-mail at: ip@moic.gov.bh

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://www.moic.gov.bh>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]