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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 November 2018 (pages 331 and 332) of the text of an Amendment to the Agreement concluded between the **Canadian Commissioner of Patents** and the International Bureau extending the appointment of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT until 31 December 2019, or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter (in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada), the parties have concluded a new Agreement, which entered into force on 28 December 2018.

The new Agreement is effective until 31 December 2027, and is set out at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

RECEIVING OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the requirements concerning who can act as agent — since 9 November 2018, any attorney or lawyer registered to practice before the Office can act as such.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BH Bahrain

On 12 November 2018, the **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** notified the International Bureau that a copy of the international application is no longer required by the Office.

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1 — the Office no longer requires applicants to furnish two copies of the translation of the international application.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of a change in the requirements concerning who can act as agent — since 9 November 2018, any attorney or lawyer registered to practice before the Office can act as such.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee², in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2019, are as follows:

For a patent:	Online	On paper
Filing fee:	COP 76,000	COP 95,000
Annual fee:		
– for the 1 st to the 4 th year, per year:	COP 266,500 (396,000) ³	COP 320,000 (475,000) ³
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 66,500	COP 83,000

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

² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable since 1 January 2019 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee
(PCT Rule 14): ILS 557

Fee for priority document: ILS 88

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

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, with effect since 1 January 2019. The requirements are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Israel Israel Patent Office	The name of the depository institution, the date of the deposit and the accession number at the time of filing (must be in the description)	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AGREEMENT

between the Government of Canada
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

Considering that the Patent Cooperation Treaty Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, done at Washington, on June 19, 1970, and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT);
- (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Canadian Commissioner of Patents;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date specified in the written notification from the Government of Canada to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization informing that it has completed its internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The Parties shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the Parties; they shall take effect in accordance with the process set out in Article 9 of this Agreement.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Government of Canada; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect in accordance with the process set out in Article 9 of this Agreement.

(3) The Government of Canada may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

- (i) if the Government of Canada gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Canada written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other Party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both Parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this 28th day of September 2018, in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government of Canada by:
by:

Johanne BÉLISLE
Commissioner of Patents
Government of Canada

For the International Bureau of the
World Intellectual Property Organization
by:

Francis GURRY
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization

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:

Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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) the following languages which it will accept:

English, French.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination.

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Canadian patent law.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	800
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	800
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	10 ⁴
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	10 ⁴
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per page (paper)	1 ⁴

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, up to 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

⁴ With respect to Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, the Authority provides applicants with a first copy of all non-patent literature documents cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each non-patent literature document cited is made available to designated or elected Offices upon request, free of charge. In its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Authority makes a first copy of all additional non-patent literature documents cited in the international preliminary examination report but not cited in the international search report available to applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.

Annex E
Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages: English, French.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

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 2019. 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 (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,567
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,567
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,529
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,529
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2)	458
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ~~ter~~ and 94.2), per document	44

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 102, 109, 705*bis* and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as well as new Section 406*bis*, were promulgated with effect from 1 January 2019.

The main purpose of these modifications is to:

- (i) facilitate electronic processing of international applications and other related documents (Section 102);
- (ii) extend the permitted length of file references (Section 109);
- (iii) provide a specific basis for an applicant to voluntarily submit a suggested English translation of the title of the invention to the International Bureau, where the application is not filed in English and no translation of the application into English is required by the receiving Office (Section 406*bis*); and
- (iv) shorten the retention time for paper originals by Offices (Sections 705*bis* and 713).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force since 1 January 2019 (PCT/AI/19) is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 January 2019)*

Section 102 **Use of the Forms**

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (k) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

[List of forms omitted]

(b) Slight variations in layout necessary in view of the printing of the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) in various languages are permitted.

(c) Slight variations in layout in the Forms referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) to (v) are permitted to the extent necessary to meet the particular office requirements of the International Authorities, in particular in view of the production of the Forms by computer or of the use of window envelopes.

(d) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority and/or the International Preliminary Examining Authority are each part of the same Office, the obligation to use the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) does not extend to communications within that same Office.

(e) The annexes to Forms PCT/RO/106, PCT/RO/118, PCT/ISA/201, PCT/ISA/205, PCT/ISA/206, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/ISA/219, PCT/IB/313, PCT/IB/336, PCT/IPEA/404, PCT/IPEA/405 and PCT/IPEA/415 may be omitted in cases where they are not used.

(f) The notes attached to Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form), PCT/IB/375 (supplementary search request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) shall be distributed by the International Authorities concerned together with the printed versions of those Forms. The notes attached to Form PCT/ISA/220 shall accompany the Form when sent to the applicant.

(g) The use of Forms other than those referred to in paragraph (a) is optional.

(h) Where the request or the demand is presented as a computer print-out, such print-out shall be prepared as follows:

(i) the layout and contents of the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs shall correspond to the format of Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) ("the printed Forms"), with the same information being presented on the corresponding pages;

(ii) all boxes shall be drawn by solid lines; double lines may be presented as single lines;

(iii) the box numbers and box titles shall be included even where no information is supplied therein;

(iv) the boxes for use by the International Authorities shall be at least as large as those on the printed Forms;

(v) all other boxes shall be within one cm in size of those on the printed Forms;

(vi) all text shall be 9 points or larger in size;

(vii) titles and other information shall be clearly distinguished;

(viii) explanatory notes presented in italics on the printed Forms may be omitted.

(i) Other formats permitted for the presentation of the request and the demand as computer print-outs may be determined by the Director General. Any such format shall be published in the Gazette.

(j) The page-based layout of a Form generated from a character-coded format shall be permitted if it is generated using a stylesheet provided by the International Bureau.²

(k) A Form may be transmitted by one Office, International Authority or the International Bureau to another in character-coded format only, without its page-based layout, if the recipient Office, Authority or Bureau has agreed to receive the information in such format and has agreed to generate any page-based layout which may be required for the recipient Office's file records.

Section 109 **File Reference**

(a) Where any document submitted by the applicant contains an indication of a file reference, that reference shall not exceed 25 characters in length and may be composed of either letters of the Latin alphabet, or Arabic numerals, or both. The hyphen character ("-") may also be used as a separator between alphanumeric characters.

(b) Correspondence from International Authorities intended for the applicant shall indicate any such file reference.

Section 406bis **Suggested English Translation of the Title of the Invention**

(a) Where the international application is to be published in a language other than English and a translation of the application into English is not required under Rule 12.3(a), the applicant may furnish a suggested translation of the title of the invention into English to the International Bureau before the expiration of 14 months from the priority date.

(b) The International Bureau shall, to the extent possible, take the suggested translation into account in the preparation of the translation referred to in Rule 48.3(c) if it is received within the time limit specified in paragraph (a).

Section 705bis **Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications Filed on Paper; Home Copy, Record Copy and Search Copy**

(a) Where an international application is filed on paper, it may, subject to this Part, be processed and kept as a complete and accurate copy in electronic form prepared by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau.³

² *Editor's Note:* Available from the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/resources.

³ *Editor's Note:* Notifications under Section 705bis(a) should contain information as to the types of electronic document formats and electronic packages that are used by the Office as well as to the means of transmission and any other appropriate information aiming at facilitating the exchange of documents.

(b) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and for the purposes of Article 12, where an international application is filed on paper:

(i) the receiving Office may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the home copy;

(ii) the International Bureau may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the record copy;

(iii) the International Searching Authority may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the search copy.

(c) Where a copy in electronic form is kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii), the original of the international application as filed on paper shall be kept, for a period of at least 5 years from the international filing date, by the International Bureau or, where so agreed by the receiving Office and the International Bureau, by the receiving Office on behalf of the International Bureau. The original shall be marked with the words “INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – ORIGINAL AS FILED ON PAPER (SECTION 705*bis*)” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application on the bottom of the first page of the request and of the first page of the description.⁴

(d) Where, before the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (c), the International Bureau finds, upon request for correction made by the applicant or otherwise, that a copy in electronic form kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii) is not in fact a complete and accurate copy of the original kept under paragraph (c), it shall correct the record copy so as to bring it into conformity with the original. If the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or a designated or elected Office considers that the International Bureau should make a finding under the first sentence of this paragraph, it shall call the relevant facts to the attention of the International Bureau.

(e) Where the International Bureau has corrected the record copy in accordance with paragraph (d), it shall promptly notify the applicant, publish the corrected international application together with a revised front page, and publish a notice of this fact in the Gazette. Section 422(a)(i) to (v) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with regard to the notification of the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated and elected Offices.

⁴ *Editor's Note:* In principle, receiving Offices should mark the original at the time of its receipt but they could also mark the original when it is relied upon for the purposes of the correction of the record copy under Section 705*bis*(d).

Section 713
Application of Provisions to International Authorities and the International Bureau, and to Notifications, Communications, Correspondence and Other Documents⁵

(a) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (g), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v), 710(a)(iv) and 714(b), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to the International Searching Authorities, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, apply *mutatis mutandis* to those Authorities and that Bureau.⁶

(b) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (f), 705, 705bis(b) to (e), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v) and 710(a)(iv), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications that are filed, processed or communicated in electronic form, apply *mutatis mutandis* to such notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2019, are CHF 427 when filing online, and CHF 640 when filing on paper.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office since 1 January 2019. This amount, payable in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, is ILS 2,038.

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

⁵ *Editor's Note:* Provisions of Part 7 and Annex F relating to the form or contents of the international application would automatically, by virtue of Article 27(1), be applicable to designated Offices. Communications between applicants and designated Offices would not, however, be governed in general by Annex F.

⁶ *Editor's Note:* In relation to Sections 703(a) and 710, an Office acting in more than one capacity (receiving Office, International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority) would give separate notices to the International Bureau, in each capacity, as to its readiness to receive and process international applications in electronic form.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2019, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,567
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,567
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c)):	ILS	458
Fee for copies of documents (PCT Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 ~~ter~~)	ILS	44

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2019, are CHF 948, EUR 842 and USD 963, respectively.

[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 **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2019, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,529
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,529
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .2):	ILS	458
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US United States of America

Due to the official closing of Federal Government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

- Wednesday, 5 December 2018; and
- Monday, 14 January 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on Thursday, 6 December 2018 and Tuesday, 15 January 2019, respectively.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

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SE Sweden

On 28 January 2019, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (46-8) 782 28 00

[Updating of Annex B1(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new lei (RON)**, of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable since 1 January 2019, and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): RON 466

Fee for priority document: RON 93 plus copying costs

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

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2019, is EUR 75.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2019, are EUR 560 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,249 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

On 4 January 2019, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** notified the International Bureau of a clarification concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. Specifically, if the translation of the claims amended under PCT Article 19(1) is not furnished in due time, only those claims will be disregarded (PCT Rule 49.5(c-bis)) and the international application will not be considered withdrawn.

The Office also clarified that the designation, extension and validation fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date, or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

In addition, the Office clarified the conditions of the examination-fee component of its national fee—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 within six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

Furthermore, the Office clarified one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*—applicants must furnish any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form, if it is not otherwise available to the EPO.

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

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ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone:	(27-12) 394 50 01
	(27-12) 394 50 84

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2019, is JPY 221,700.

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

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KE Kenya

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which contain, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 28 November 2018, the **Kenya Industrial Property Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 April 2019, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (254-2) 600 22 10, 600 22 11
- by e-mail at: info@kipi.go.ke, pct@kipi.go.ke

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 (www.kipi.go.ke).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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”

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTIETH (29TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fiftieth (29th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 24 September to 2 October 2018 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- introduction of an application form for appointment of an Office or intergovernmental organization as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT; and
- amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents prepared for the Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=47815

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

Amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2019:

- Amendments to PCT Rule 69 are intended to increase the time available for dialogue between the applicant and the examiner during international preliminary examination. The amendments allow the International Preliminary Examining Authority to begin the international preliminary examination as soon as it is in possession of all required documents and fees, without needing to wait until the time limit for filing a demand for international preliminary examination has expired.
- The amendments shall apply to any international application in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after 1 July 2019.

Introduction of an Application Form for Appointment as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The PCT Assembly adopted the proposed decision relating to the introduction of an application form for appointing an Office or intergovernmental organization as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

Amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The PCT Assembly approved the following proposed amendments to the aforementioned agreement:

- the party to the agreement with the International Bureau has been changed from the Canadian Commissioner of Patents to the Government of Canada;
- the Preamble explicitly defines “the Parties”, and includes the date of signature of the PCT; and
- amendments were approved to Article 9 and Articles 11(1) and (2) relating to the process for entry into force of the agreement and subsequent amendments to the agreement other than those listed in Article 11(3).

These amendments entered into force on 28 December 2018. The full text of the new agreement was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 January 2019, pages 5 to 13.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2019)

Rule 69
Start of and Time Limit for
International Preliminary Examination

69.1 *Start of International Preliminary Examination*

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall start the international preliminary examination when it is in possession of all of the following:

- (i) the demand;
- (ii) the amount due (in full) for the handling fee and the preliminary examination fee, including, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 58*bis*.2; and
- (iii) either the international search report or the declaration by the International Searching Authority under Article 17(2)(a) that no international search report will be established, and the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1;

unless the applicant expressly requests to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a).

(b) to (e) [*No change*]

69.2 [*No change*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Due to weather conditions in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Wednesday, 20 February 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on Thursday, 21 February 2019.

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BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2019, are CHF 452 when filing online, and CHF 677 when filing on paper.

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

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Engjateigi 3 IS-105, Reykjavik Iceland

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are published by the International Bureau at: www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html.

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 April 2019.

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 May 2019.

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

The **National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the English name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location, mailing address, and telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Korgalzhin Highway, Building 3 B Astana, 010000 Kazakhstan

Telephone:	(7-7172) 62 15 15 (7-7172) 62 15 16

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since November 2016, the Office has ceased to accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2019, are COP 400,000 when filing electronically and COP 480,000 when filing on paper.

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

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation

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

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part II of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 April 2019, consists of a change in the reference contained in the footnote of Part II of Annex D, paragraph 3, as follows: OJ EPO 2019, A5.

The effect of this amendment is to change the conditions relating to the refund of the search fee, where the EPO (acting as International Searching Authority) benefits from the results of an earlier search prepared by it on an application the priority of which is claimed in the international application. In particular, a full or partial refund of the international search fee paid for a pending international application is now applicable where the international search report is based on an earlier search made on behalf of the United Kingdom on a national application filed as of 1 July 2018.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT:
MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF ANNEX F (STANDARD FOR THE
ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS)**

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in section 2.5 of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 3.6 of Appendix I of Annex F are promulgated with effect from 1 April 2019.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

These modifications involve changes to the Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for the PCT fee calculation sheet, the PCT fee calculation sheet (Chapter II), and the PCT Demand. The purpose of these modifications is:

- to enable automated reimbursement procedures at a Receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority using reimbursement information provided at the time of filing an international application;
- to allow an applicant/agent the option to indicate a (different) deposit account for reimbursements, independent from the payment method indicated; and
- to indicate the expiry of the postponement of the start of the international preliminary examination.

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated, revised text of Appendix I to Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/13 on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_13.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers and email addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(7-499) 240 60 15 (general) (7-299) 240 58 88 , (7-499) 240 25 91 (application processing)
E-mail:	rospatent@rupto.ru (general) ro-ru@rupto.ru (RO) pct-peo@rupto.ru (ISA, SISA, IPEA)

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2019, it will no longer send notifications by e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee, where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application the priority of which is claimed in the international application (see OJ EPO 2019, A5 for details). With effect from 1 April 2019, earlier searches give rise to a refund as follows:

- for a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE,² CY, FR, GB,³ GR, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL,² SM, TR):
 - full benefit: refund of 100%
 - partial benefit: refund of 25%
- for an international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)):
 - full benefit: refund of 70%
 - partial benefit: refund of 17.5%

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

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, applicable from 1 April 2019 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ZAR	525
Fee for priority document:	ZAR	210

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

² Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the Authority and that Office.

³ Applies to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 July 2018 for the United Kingdom.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the national fee, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2019, are ZAR 590 in the case of filing by an individual or SMME, and ZAR 1,100 in the case of filing by a corporation.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2019, the Office accepts Greek (in addition to English, French and German) as a language in which international applications may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a)).

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of national fees. Since 6 October 2017, the examination fee is reduced by 10% where the international search report has been established by any International Searching Authority other than Rospatent.

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

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 87 70 (RO)
(82-42) 481 57 41 (ISA, IPEA)

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: epct@impi.gob.mx

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/patent-cooperation-treaty>

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EC Ecuador

On 27 March 2019, the **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** notified the International Bureau of an amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollars (USD)**. This amount, payable to the Office as receiving Office, is USD 300.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2019, are CHF 144 and EUR 129, or CHF 36 and EUR 32 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2019, is NZD 2,921.

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

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AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone numbers, as well as a new email address and a website for online services, as follows:

Telephone: (263-242) 79 40 54, 79 40 65, 79 40 68

E-mail: mail@aripo.org
registry@aripo.org
(for filing of documents only)

Online service: <http://eservice.aripo.org>

[Updating of Annex B2(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the provisions of the law of Kazakhstan concerning the international-type search. For further details, see Article 22(7) of the Patent Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

- Since 1 January 2016, the filing fee, fee for request for examination, annual fees from the first to the third year and fee for request for scope confirmation trial are reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and is also the inventor. However, if the number of applications per year by the applicant exceeds 20, the application fee will be reduced by only 30%;
- Since 1 October 2018, the fee for request for examination is reduced by 30% where the international search report or international preliminary examination report has been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office; or by 70% where both the international search report and international preliminary examination report have been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2019, is EUR 204.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

PH Philippines

At its forty-ninth (21st ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL)** as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT.

On 10 April 2019, the Office notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 20 May 2019.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and its telephone numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Korgalzhyn Highway, Building 3 B Nur-Sultan, 010000 Kazakhstan
Telephone:	(7-7172) 62 15 15 (7-7172) 62 15 16 (7-7172) 62 15 91

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is payable in **Cuban convertible pesos (CUC)** or the equivalent in **Cuban pesos (CUP)**.

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

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)** and **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 2 May 2019, as follows:

Transmittal fee: (PCT Rule 14)	USD	316	
Fee for priority document: (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	DOP	1,725	for the first 10 pages plus
	DOP	12	for each additional page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))	DOP	17,250	

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the national filing fees, in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**. These amounts, also applicable since 2 May 2019, are DOP 11,500 for a patent and DOP 8,050 for a utility model.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL)** has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with IPOPHL by nationals and residents of the Philippines, with effect from 20 May 2019.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2019, consists of the addition of Brunei Darussalam to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. 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:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and 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]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

PH Philippines

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization²

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) on 20 May 2019 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 May 2019, page 61), the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau concerning these functions will enter into force on 20 May 2019.

This Agreement, in addition to information on the requirements of the Office as ISA and IPEA published in Annexes D(PH) and E(PH), is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2019, is CHF 238.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2019, is CHF 1,007.

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

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** has notified the International Bureau that the transmittal fee payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, in **Jordanian dinars (JOD)** only, is JOD 100.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ph.pdf.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of changes in the fees for requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)) payable to it as receiving Office in **Jordanian dinars (JOD)**. These amounts, applicable since 17 February 2019, are JOD 25 in the case of filing by an individual or JOD 50 in the case of filing by a company or organization.

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 20 May 2019, are CHF 1,004 and EUR 884, or CHF 402 and EUR 354 where the applicant is a small entity.³

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 2 May 2019, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated these functions to the International Bureau.

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

³ A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam (BrulPO)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with BrulPO by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam, with effect from 1 July 2019.

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

TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

CH Switzerland

Further to its notification, under PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(e), of the incompatibility of the national law of Switzerland with PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(a) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, page 210) the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(a).

AGREEMENT

between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Intellectual Property Office
of the Philippines
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

- (i) if the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]* this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Intellectual Property Office of the
Philippines by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

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) the following language[s] which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (USD)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,000 (400) ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,000 (400) ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	500 (200) ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	500 (200) ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	500 (200) ¹
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2)	250 (100) ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ~~ter~~ and 94.2)	20 (8) ¹

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded on request of the applicant, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

¹ The fee is reduced by 60% where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system(s) in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language(s):
English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	US dollar (USD) 1,000 (400) ³ Euro (EUR) 884 (354) ³ Swiss franc (CHF) 1,004 (402) ³
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	USD 1,000 (400) ³
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international search report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international search report is sent by mail.
How to obtain copies:	Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph, free of charge, for designated (elected) Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.
Fee(s):	USD 20 (8) ³ per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	USD 20 (8) ³ per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority: refund of 50%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	USD 500 (200) ³
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1c):	USD 250 (100) ³
Language accepted for international search:	English
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, DVD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines

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¹ The Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 20 May 2019.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ The amount in parentheses applies where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁶

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁶

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ 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).

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**International Preliminary
Examining Authorities**

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Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	US dollar (USD)	500	(200) ³
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁴	USD	500	(200) ³
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁵	USD	203	
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international preliminary examination report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international preliminary examination report is sent by mail.		
How to obtain copies:	Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph , free of charge, for elected Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.		
Fee(s):	USD	20	(8) ³ per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	USD	20	(8) ³ per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ⁴	USD	500	(200) ³
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	USD	250	(100) ³
Language accepted for international preliminary examination:	English		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines		

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¹ The Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 20 May 2019.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ The amount in parentheses applies where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

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OF THE PHILIPPINES⁶

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Yes⁷

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Yes⁷

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

⁶ See footnote 1.

⁷ 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).

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers, with effect from 1 June 2019, as follows:

Telephone:	(972-73) 3927 313
	(972-73) 3927 320

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – as from 1 June 2019, the Office will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine. In addition, from this date, all documents, except the international application, may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must be furnished only upon invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) 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 rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

Transmittal fee: (PCT Rule 14)	BYN	89.25
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d))	BYN	76.50

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

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{1,2} in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ³	BYN	127.50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	51
Examination fee:	BYN	612
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	357
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	51
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	127.50

For utility model:

Filing fee ³ :	BYN	255
Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	51

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

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rubles. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian rubles in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment.

³ 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 of two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

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LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and Mailing Address:	Nahaidyo Road Chanthaboury District P.O. Box 2279 Vientiane Lao People's Democratic Republic

[Updating of Annex B1(LA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the provisions of the law of Slovakia concerning the international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)), applicable since 1 January 2018. For more information, see Article 41(a) of Patent Law No. 435/2001 Coll. and Article 23 of Decree No. 223/2002 Coll.; Article 38(a) of Utility Model Law No. 517/2007 Coll.; and Article 20(b) of Decree No. 1/2008 Coll.

In addition, the Office further specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

- Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Under Articles 13(2), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Patent Law, the applicant is entitled to appropriate remuneration starting from the day of publication of the application in the *Official Gazette of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic*, provided that a patent has been granted for an invention which is the subject of the application. However, claiming of these rights vis-à-vis third parties shall be possible only as from the date of effect of the patent.
- Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: The provisional protection shall be effective in Slovakia as from the day on which: (1) the international application has been published in one of the EPO official languages; and (2) the translation of the claims into the Slovak language has been made available to the public.

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are USD 423 when filing online, and USD 634 when filing on paper.

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

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Japan Patent Office** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 145,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,600
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	JPY 32,700

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2019, are CHF 642¹ and KRW 759,000,¹ respectively, for an application in Japanese, and CHF 1,431 for an application in English.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 August 2019, is JPY 21,800.

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

¹ This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by a small-sized sole proprietorship, a sole proprietorship that has commenced business less than ten years ago, a small-sized enterprise, or a small or medium-sized enterprise that has been established less than ten years.

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified new amounts and currencies of several fees, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. The consolidated list of these fees is now as follows:

Transmittal fee ² (PCT Rule 14):	KES 5,000 or USD 250 plus cost of mailing
Fee for priority document ² (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	KES 2,000 or USD 100

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are NZD 577 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,667 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has clarified its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Slovakia is designated (or elected).

The name and address of the inventor may be in the request or may be furnished later. 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.

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This fee is payable in USD if the person paying the fee or on whose behalf the fee is being paid does not reside in Kenya and does not have a principal place of business in Kenya.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26BIS.3
AND 49TER.2**

KE Kenya

In accordance with PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of these fees, payable in **Kenyan shillings (KES)** or **US dollars (USD)**,³ is KES 1,000 or USD 50.

[Updating of Annex C(KE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (KE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee is payable in USD if the person paying the fee or on whose behalf the fee is being paid does not reside in Kenya and does not have a principal place of business in Kenya.

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JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address: 3-4-3 Kasumigaseki
Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo, 100-8915
Japan

[Updating of Annex B1(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts and currencies of several components of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

National fee¹:

For patent:

– National processing fee:	KES 3,000	or	USD 150
– Annual fee for the second year: ²	KES 2,000	or	USD 300

For utility model:

– National processing fee:	KES 1,000	or	USD 50

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

¹ This fee is payable in USD if the person paying the fee or on whose behalf the fee is being paid does not reside in Kenya and does not have a principal place of business in Kenya.

² Late payment of annual fees is permitted in certain circumstances subject to the payment of a surcharge.

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are SGD 520 for searches carried out in Korean and SGD 1,510 for searches carried out in English.

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

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Section 507 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been promulgated with effect from 1 July 2019.

The main purpose of these modifications is to:

- (i) provide for the introduction of document category “D” in line with WIPO Standard ST.14; and
- (ii) provide further guidance on the manner of indicating document categories in the international search report.

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2019 (PCT/AI/20) is available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_20.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2019)*

Section 507 **Manner of Indicating Certain Special Categories** **of Documents Cited in the International Search Report**

(a) Where any document cited in the international search report refers to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition, or other means referred to in Rule 33.1(b), the separate indication required by that Rule shall consist of the letter “O” placed next to the citation of the document. Category “O” shall be accompanied by one of the categories “X”, “Y” or “A”.

(b) Where any document cited in the international search report is a published application or patent as defined in Rule 33.1(c), the special mention required by that Rule shall consist of the letter “E” placed next to the citation of the document.

(c) Where any document cited in the international search report is not considered to be of particular relevance requiring the use of categories “X” and/or “Y” as provided in Section 505 but defines the general state of the art, it shall be indicated by the letter “A” placed next to the citation of the document.

(d) Where any document cited in the international search report is a document whose publication date occurred earlier than the international filing date of the international application, but later than the priority date claimed in that application, it shall be indicated by the letter “P” next to the citation of the document. Category “P” shall be accompanied by one of the categories “X”, “Y” or “A”.

(e) Where any document cited in the international search report is a document whose publication date occurred after the filing date or the priority date of the international application and is not in conflict with the said application, but is cited for the principle or theory underlying the invention, which may be useful for a better understanding of the invention, or is cited to show that the reasoning or the facts underlying the invention are incorrect, it shall be indicated by the letter “T” next to the citation of the document.

(e-*bis*) Where any document cited in the international search report is a document cited by the applicant in the international application, it shall be indicated by the letter “D” next to the citation of the document. Category “D” shall be accompanied by one of the categories indicating the relevance of the cited document.

(f) Where in the international search report any document is cited for reasons other than those referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e-*bis*), for example:

- a document which may throw doubt on a priority claim,
- a document cited to establish the publication date of another citation,

such document shall be indicated by the letter “L” next to the citation of the document and the reason for citing the document shall be given.

(g) Where a document is a member of a patent family, it shall, whenever feasible, be mentioned in the international search report in addition to the one cited belonging as well to this family and should be preceded by the sign ampersand (&). Members of a patent family may also be mentioned on a separate sheet, provided that the family to which they belong shall be clearly identified and that any text matter on that sheet, if not in the English language, shall also be furnished to the International Bureau in English translation.

(h) A document whose contents have not been verified by the search examiner but are believed to be substantially identical with those of another document which the search examiner has inspected, may be cited in the international search report in the manner indicated for patent family members in the first sentence of paragraph (g).

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CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	dirnuecreaciones@sic.gov.co (general enquiries)
	ePCT@sic.gov.co (enquiries concerning ePCT)

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning its requirements as to 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) – in addition to DHL and DEPRISA, it now also accepts such evidence where the 4-72 delivery service is used.

[Updating of Annex B1(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, as from 29 July 2019, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	1 Paya Lebar Link #11-03 PLQ 1, Paya Lebar Quarter Singapore 408533

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Due to the relocation, the Office will not be open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

- Friday, 26 July 2019;
- Monday, 29 July 2019; and
- Tuesday, 30 July 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on the aforementioned days, that period is extended so as to expire on Wednesday, 31 July 2019.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center on Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for the priority document in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document:
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):

	BYN	36.50	per each copy of priority document up to 35 pages
plus	BYN	18.50	per each additional copy of priority document provided that the copies are prepared simultaneously
plus	BYN	0.60	per each page in excess of 35

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2019, are USD 381 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,101 for searches carried out in English.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 August 2019, consists of the addition of **Saint Kitts and Nevis** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. 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:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America, and

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago.

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

- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 18 December 2017, the national legislation of Belarus restricts the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO by natural or legal persons having a residence or principal place of business in Belarus.

The national legislation indicates that: “Natural persons with the permanent domicile (residence) in the territory of the Republic of Belarus and legal persons of the Republic of Belarus have the right to patent inventions, utility models, and industrial designs in foreign countries.

Before filing of the application in foreign countries, the applicant is obliged to file such application in the Republic of Belarus and inform the patent authority about the intention to patent the invention, utility model, industrial design in foreign countries.”²

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau that the restrictions imposed by the national legislation of Kazakhstan concerning the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) and the International Bureau of WIPO no longer apply.

The national legislation, as amended on 20 June 2018, now indicates: “International registration of industrial property objects is carried out by filing an application with the expert authority” and “the rules for consideration of applications shall be approved by the authorized body in accordance with the international treaties ratified by the Republic of Kazakhstan.”³

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Law No. 160-Z of the Republic of Belarus of 16 December 2002 “On Patents for Inventions, Utility Models and Industrial Designs”, Article 32.

³ Patent Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 427-I of 16 July 1999, (as amended by Law No. 161-VI of the Republic of Kazakhstan of 20 June 2018 “On introducing amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the improvement of legislation in the field of intellectual property”), Article 37.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the components of the national fee,⁴ in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office since 1 June 2019. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,940
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 780
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,940
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 11,130

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,940
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office of St. Kitts and Nevis** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with the Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis (in its capacity as receiving Office) by nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis, with effect from 1 August 2019.

⁴ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

NO Norway

Further to its notifications⁵ (under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(j) and 49*ter*.2(h)) of the incompatibility of the national law of Norway with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2, respectively (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, pages 15988 and 15990), the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(a) to (i) and 49*ter*.2(a) to (g), respectively.

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the Office also notified the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

In addition, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is NOK 3,000.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) and the National Chapter, Summary (NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

NO Norway

Further to its notification⁵ (under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g)) of the incompatibility of the national law of Norway with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1 (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d).

⁵ The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

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EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2019, is USD 239.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 February 2014, pages 26 *et. seq.* In particular, from 1 August 2019, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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

EC Ecuador

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 15 August 2019, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (593-2) 394 00 00
- by e-mail at: sguarderas@senadi.gob.ec

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 (www.derechosintelectuales.gob.ec).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Patents Office (Ireland)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 9 September 2019, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (353-56) 772 01 11
- by fax at: (353-56) 772 01 00
- by e-mail at: epct@patentsoffice.ie

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 (<https://www.patentsoffice.ie>).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 September 2019, consist of a change regarding the cost of copies in the English version of the Agreement, as well as changes to the footnotes concerning the conditions for reduction or refund of the search and preliminary examination fees. These changes will appear in the amended Annex D as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change] ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ~~ter~~ and 94.2), per request	[No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

² This fee is reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications to which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(2) The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)³ or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [No change]"

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

General information on **Antigua and Barbuda** as a Contracting State is provided in Annex B1(AG), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes, with effect since 1 July 2019, in the name of the Office as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)
(in Icelandic)	Hugverkastofan
E-mail:	isipo@isipo.is
(in Icelandic)	hugverk@hugverk.is
Internet:	www.isipo.is
(in Icelandic)	www.hugverk.is

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ The amount of any refund of search fees will be reduced where the fee reductions stated in footnote 1 [Editor's Note: footnote 2 of this document] are applicable.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the Office as International Searching Authority – as from 1 September 2019, this fee will be reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications for which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions.⁴

Furthermore, the amount of any refund of the search fee will also be reduced where a reduction of the said fee is applicable.

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

In addition, the Office notified a change in the conditions for the reduction of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) payable to the Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also with effect from 1 September 2019. As from this date, the preliminary examination fee will be reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications for which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions.⁴

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

⁴ For further details on the eligibility, see
http://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html.

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI (Panama))** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 4 July 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee: (PCT Rule 14)	USD	240
Fee for priority document: (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	USD	60
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))	USD	480

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

Information on the requirements of the **Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)** as designated (or elected) Office is provided in the Summary of the National Chapter (AG), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

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General information

Name of Office:	Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)
Location and mailing address:	Hewlett House, St. John's Street, Saint John's, Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda
Telephone:	(1-268) 562 54 40
Facsimile machine:	(1-268) 562 54 38
E-mail:	abipco@antigua.gov.ag
Internet:	https://abipco.gov.ag
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 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
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 Federal Express, Parcel Plus or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected):	Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)
May Antigua and Barbuda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility model certificates
Provisions of the law of Antigua and Barbuda concerning international-type search:	None

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Information of interest if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected)

Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Antigua and Barbuda 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

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Designated (or elected) Office

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AG ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ANDf COMMERCE OFFICE (ABIPCO) AG

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), ² any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report) ²
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: East Caribbean dollar (XCD) For patent: Filing fee: XCD 800 For utility certificate: Filing fee: XCD 400
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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PROPERTY AND COMMERCE OFFICE
(ABIPCO)

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Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ^{3,4} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date ⁵ Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{3,5} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{3,5} Translation to be furnished in two copies ⁵ Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Antigua and Barbuda Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney at law resident in Antigua or Barbuda or any patent agent registered before the Office
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter.2</i>)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ 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 indicated in the invitation.

⁵ 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 of six months from the date of the invitation.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 9 July 2019, the fee for request for examination, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 70% where the international search report (PCT Rule 43) and/or international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 70) has been established by KIPO in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA) or International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), respectively.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** 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 October 2019, are EUR 121 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 567 for searches carried out in English.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property**, has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in **Ukrainian hryvnias (UAH)** or the equivalent in **euros (EUR)** or **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 19 July 2019, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	UAH 2,600	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	UAH 800	plus UAH 10 for each sheet in excess of 30
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	UAH 200	

Furthermore, the Office notified changes in the conditions for reduction of these fees, as follows:

The transmittal fee, fee for priority document and fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority are reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors, and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profit institutions and/or organizations.

When these fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicants, and all applicants are also either inventors, or non-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 80%.

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

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Ukrainian hryvnias (UAH)** or the equivalent in **euros (EUR)** or **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) office. These amounts, also applicable since 19 July 2019, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:¹

- online: UAH 1,280
- on paper: UAH 1,600

Additional fee for every 50 sheets
in excess of 150:

- online: UAH 640
- on paper: UAH 800

Additional fee for each claim,
dependent or independent,
in excess of three:

UAH 160

Examination fee:²

UAH 6,000

Additional fee for each
independent claim
in excess of one:

UAH 6,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:¹

- online: UAH 1,920
- on paper: UAH 2,400

Additional fee for every 50 sheets
in excess of 150:

- online: UAH 960
- on paper: UAH 1,200

Additional fee for each claim,
dependent or independent,
in excess of three:

UAH 240

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The applicant may still furnish the translation and pay the fee within two months after the expiration of the applicable time limit, provided that a written request for extension of the applicable time limit has been made and the fee for filing such request has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² A written request for examination must be made, and the examination fee must be paid, within three years from the international filing date.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes in the conditions for reductions of the national fee, as follows:

- For patents: All fees are reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors, and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profit institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicants, and all applicants are also either inventors, or non-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 80%.
- For utility models: All fees are reduced by 80% where all applicants are also inventors, and by 60% where all applicants are also non-profit institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicants, and all applicants are also either inventors, or non-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 60%.

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

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the location and mailing address of its New Delhi office, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Indian Patent Office Delhi Intellectual Property Office Building Plot No. 32, Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 India

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), payable to it as receiving Office. Since 1 April 2019, this fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro-enterprises and academic institutions.

For further details on eligibility, see:
https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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

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

GB United Kingdom

On 21 May 2019, the **Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** notified the International Bureau, pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), of a change in the address of the **National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The address is now as follows:

National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)
Quadram Institute Bioscience
Norwich Research Park
Norwich, NR4 7UQ
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

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

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 9 October 2019, consist of a change in the amount of the search fee, as well as changes to the conditions for reduction of the search fee. These changes will appear in the amended Annex D as follows:

“Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language)	1,200,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[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]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per page	[No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has an address or place of business in, a State which is classified as a low-income, lower-middle-income or upper-middle-income economy by the World Bank, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the search fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 9 October 2019, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language):	KRW	1,200,000
Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language):		[No change]

Furthermore, the Office notified a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) payable to it as International Searching Authority — as from 9 October 2019, this fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has an address or place of business in, a State which is classified as a low-income, lower-middle-income or upper-middle-income economy by the World Bank.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is EUR 217.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is EUR 909.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	12,160
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	140
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NOK	1,830
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NOK	2,740

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NI Nicaragua

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 15 October 2019, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (505) 2248 93 00

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 (www.mific.gob.ni).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 15 October 2019, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
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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: (40-21) 306 08 01-29
- by fax at: (40-21) 312 38 19
- by e-mail at: office@osim.ro

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 (<https://www.osim.ro>).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf).

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(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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KR Republic of Korea – Corrigendum

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

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the amendments to Parts I and II of Annex D of the above-mentioned Agreement, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 August 2019, pages 127 *et seq.*, is hereby corrected. These amendments enter into force on 10 October 2019.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** 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 November 2019, are CHF 1,459, SGD 2,070 and USD 1,492, respectively.

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

In addition, new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rules 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 November 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,005
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	23

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD	302

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD	452

Handling fee:	AUD	302

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is JPY 209,000.

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

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **Pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,112

Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	13

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	167

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	251

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Euros (EUR)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts applicable from 1 November 2019, are EUR 594 and USD 660 for searches carried out in Japanese, and EUR 1,325, SGD 2,043 and USD 1,472 for searches carried out in English.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Corrigendum

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the new amount, in **Korean won (KRW)**, of the search fee as well as the change in the conditions for reduction of that fee, payable to the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** as International Searching Authority, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 August 2019, page 128, is hereby corrected. The new amount and the new condition are applicable from 10 October 2019.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Korean by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is CHF 359.

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office in English. These amounts, applicable from 10 October 2019, are AUD 1,473, CHF 981, EUR 902, NZD 1,571, SGD 1,377 and USD 991, respectively.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is KRW 250,000.

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

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rules 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, payable to the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** and applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK 13,150
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK 150
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK 1,980
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK 2,970
Handling fee:	SEK 1,980

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** 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 November 2019, is JPY 171,100.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: `pct_affairs@cnipa.gov.cn`

[Updating of Annex B1(CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now the following:

Location and mailing address: Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Corner Makarios Ave. and Karpenssiou St., 1427 Nicosia, Cyprus

[Updating of Annex B1(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The International Bureau has been notified that the name “North Macedonia” shall be used instead of the name “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, the two-letter code remaining unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B2 and C(EP), as well as Annexes A, B1, C, K, L and National Chapter, Summary (MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

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

Further to the amendments published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 August 2019 (pages 127 and 128) and 19 September 2019 (page 138), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an additional amendment to Annex D thereof.

This amendment, which will also enter into force on 10 October 2019, consists of a change concerning the conditions for reduction of the search fee in Part II of Annex D of the Agreement.

The amended Annex D now reads as follows:

“Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and email address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (359-2) 970 13 21

E-mail: services@bpo.bg

[Updating of Annex B1(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BG Bulgaria

On 24 September 2019, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** notified the International Bureau that the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is no longer required.

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

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are CHF 401 and EUR 375, respectively, when filing online, and CHF 601 and EUR 562, respectively, when filing on paper.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2019, is NOK 17,730.

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

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	400,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	4,500
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):	HUF	60,200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):	HUF	90,300

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

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) payable to it as International Searching Authority — as from 10 October 2019, this fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2019, is NOK 17,730.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) 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 December 2019, are ZAR 31,660 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,830 for a small entity and ZAR 7,920 for a micro entity.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2019, is NOK 17,730.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts of fees in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	20,440
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	230
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,070
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):	ZAR	4,610

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

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

WS Samoa

On 2 October 2019, **Samoa** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 2 January 2020, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 2 January 2020 will automatically include the designation of Samoa (country code: WS).

Samoa will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 2 January 2020.

Furthermore, as from 2 January 2020, nationals and residents of Samoa will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	cmena@rnp.go.cr
	kquesada@rnp.go.cr
	dmarenco@rnp.go.cr

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location, mailing address and telephone numbers, as well as the deletion of its facsimile number, as follows:

Location:	KIPI Centre 17 Kabarsiran Avenue, Off Waiyaki Way Lavington, Nairobi Kenya
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 51648-00200 Nairobi Kenya
Telephone:	(254-20) 600 22 10, 600 22 11, 600 63 26, 600 63 29, 600 63 36, 238 62 20 (254-70) 200 20 20 (mobile phone) (254-73) 600 20 20 (mobile phone)

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine; however, all kinds of documents may now be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must still be furnished within one month from the date of transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application.

[Updating of Annex B1(KE) 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 the components of the national fee,^{1,2} in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ³	BYN	89.25
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	38.25
Examination fee:	BYN	433.50
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	255
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	38.25
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	89.25

For utility model:

Filing fee ³ :	BYN	178.50
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	89.25
Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	38.25

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

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rubles. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian rubles in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment.

³ If not already paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to pay within a time limit of two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

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KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <http://patent.kg>

[Updating of Annex B1(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Office Patent** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. Since 17 September 2019, the consolidated list of fees for the priority document, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, is as follows:

		<i>Natural person and/or start-up</i>	<i>Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up</i>	<i>Others, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up and/or small entity</i>
Fee for priority document: ¹				
– online transmission:		None	None	None
– paper transmission:				
Up to 30 pages:	INR	1,100	2,750	5,500
From 31 st page, per page:	INR	30	75	150

Furthermore, the Office also notified that, since 17 September 2019, the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is no longer required, when the international application is filed electronically.

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

¹ The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (see Annex B1(IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

RECEIVING OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a rule applicable to provisional protection after international publication — in addition to Article 9(3) of the Eurasian Patent Convention, applicants may also consult Rule 10 of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention.

[Updating of Annex B2(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

CA Canada

Further to its notification² (under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g)) of the incompatibility of the national law of Canada with PCT Rule 49ter.1 (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12958), the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 30 October 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will be compatible with PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d), and this Rule will apply to the Office in respect of international applications filed on or after 30 October 2019.

² The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iv) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex E thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2020, consists of the introduction of the File Index (FI) system, in addition to the International Patent Classification, to the classification systems specified by the Office under Article 6 of the Agreement. This change will appear in the amended Annex E as follows:

“Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: the FI.”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — as from 1 January 2020, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by fax.

[Updating of Annex B1(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NI Nicaragua

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail	ezuniga@mific.gob.ni
	alarguello@mific.gob.ni

[Updating of Annex B1(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for reduction of national fees. Since 1 January 2019, the unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing), the claim fee for each claim and the examination fee are reduced as follows:

- by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention;
- by 70% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a state science or state educational organization of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention;
- by 50% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the states listed on the Office's website at:
https://www.eapo.org/ru/documents/norm/prilposh_2019.html; and
- by 10% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a legal person with a principal place of business in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is required, instead of three.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MD Republic of Moldova

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 December 2019, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (373-22) 40 05 20
- by fax at: (373-22) 44 01 19
- by e-mail at: pct@agepi.gov.md

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.agepi.gov.md>).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 December 2019, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (84-24) 3558 82 17, 3858 30 69
- by e-mail at: angky_pct@noip.gov.vn

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 (www.noip.gov.vn).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning how to obtain copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) or the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2).

Requests for copies of these documents should now be made using the relevant form available on the Office's website at:

https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tetuzuki/document/tokkyo_jyouyaku-jitumu/22.pdf#page=62

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee and fee for priority document, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These fees, applicable since 27 May 2019, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	AZN	30
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b):	AZN	10

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – two copies are now required, instead of three.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau that it has discontinued the use of facsimile services.

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Hipodrom Caddesi No. 13 06560 Yenimahalle Ankara, Turkey

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(1-868) 226 44 76
Facsimile machine:	(1-868) 226 51 60

[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30 and the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established in various currencies, with effect from 1 January 2020, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2020, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2020, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM), and (ZW),

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

RO Romania

Further to its notification (under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT) concerning the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 September 2019, pages 134 *et seq.*), the **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau on 30 October 2019 that it would continue to accept international applications filed using EPO Online Filing software until 30 December 2019.

As from 31 December 2019, the Office will no longer accept international applications filed using EPO Online Filing software. Applicants wishing to file an international application in electronic form with the Office on or after 31 December 2019 may file using ePCT-Filing.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 07.10.2019	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.6703732	2,005 1,984	23 22	n.a n.a	302 298	452 448	302 298	Current amount * New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.7474476	1,730 1,779	20 20	n.a n.a	260 268	390 401	260 268	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.1462633	8,710 9,090	100 100	n.a n.a	1,310 1,370	1,970 2,050	1,310 1,370	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.0925160	1,169 1,217	13 14	88 92	176 183	264 275	176 183	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.2253796	1,112 1,085	13 12	n.a n.a	167 163	251 245	n.a n.a	Current amount * New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.0032745	400,500 406,200	4,500 4,600	n.a n.a	60,200 61,100	90,300 91,600	n.a n.a	Current amount ** New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.2833729	***	***	n.a	***	***	739	Current amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.0080022	163,600 166,200	1,800 1,900	n.a n.a	24,600 25,000	36,900 37,500	n.a n.a	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.0092893	145,000 143,200	1,600 1,600	n.a n.a	n.a n.a	32,700 32,300	21,800 21,500	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0008309	***	***	n.a	n.a	***	250,000 241,000	Current amount * New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.1089379	12,160 12,210	140 140	n.a n.a	1,830 1,840	2,740 2,750	n.a n.a	Current amount * New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.6256969	2,044 2,126	23 24	n.a n.a	307 320	461 479	n.a n.a	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.1004617	13,150 13,240	150 150	n.a n.a	1,980 1,990	2,970 2,990	1,980 1,990	Current amount * New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.7201197	1,854 1,847	21 21	n.a n.a	279 278	418 417	279 278	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.9944478	1,352 1,337	15 15	102 101	203 201	305 302	203 201	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0656674	20,440 20,250	230 230	n.a n.a	3,070 3,050	4,610 4,570	n.a n.a	Current amount ** New amount

* Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

** Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

**** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	CAD	1,600
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019								
CHF - Swiss franc	1.0925160	2,020 1,939	0.6703732	1,459 ¹ 1,475	0.2434665	601 ^{2,3} 615²	0.7474476	1,230 ² 1,196²
USD - US dollar	0.9102364	2,053 1,950	1.4834242	1,492 ¹ 1,483	4.0845365	634 618	1.3304582	1,250 1,203
EUR - Euro			1.6297131	1,374 ² 1,350²	4.4873360	562 ^{2,3} 563²	1.4616623	1,081 ² 1,095²
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone								Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona								Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0007605	2,279,000 2,334,000	0.0012395	1,768,000 1,775,000				Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone								Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.9333561	2,403 2,357				Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona								Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.6591388	2,820 2,693	1.0742072	2,070 ¹ 2,048				Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0601066	29,160 29,530	0.0979565	22,570 22,460				Current amount New amount

1. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.
2. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
3. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL				ISA/CN		ISA/EG		ISA/EP	
	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019</i>										
CHF - Swiss franc	0.9944478	1,968 ⁴ 1,989⁴	394 ⁴ 398⁴	295 ⁴ 298⁴	0.1391124	301 292	0.0610120	238 ⁴ 244⁴	1.0925160	2,020 1,939
USD - US dollar					7.1485202	306 294	16.2992165	239 245	0.9102364	2,053 1,950
EUR - Euro	1.0986157	1,729 ⁴ 1,820⁴	346 ⁴ 364⁴	259 ⁴ 273⁴	7.8534768	264 ⁴ 267⁴	17.9065758	217 ^{4,5} 223⁴		Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									0.1338775	13,230 13,260
HUF - Hungarian forint									1.1216125	1,576 1,583
ISK - Icelandic krona									0.0029972	573,200 592,200
JPY - Japanese yen									0.0073246	249,900 242,300
KRW - Korean won									0.0085027	209,000 ⁵ 208,800
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									0.0997129	17,730 ⁶ 17,800
SEK - Swedish krona									0.5727119	2,921 3,099
SGD - Singapore dollar									0.0919544	18,380 19,300
ZAR - South African rand									0.6591388	2,820 2,693
									0.0601066	29,160 29,530

4. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

5. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

6. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISAES		ISAFI		ISAIL		ISAIN			
	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,567	INR	10,000	2,500	
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate			
Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019										
CHF - Swiss franc	1.0925160	2,020 ⁷ 1,939 ⁷	1.0925160	2,020 ⁷ 1,939 ⁷	0.2833729	1,007 ⁷ 1,011 ⁷	0.0140080	144 140	36 35	
USD - US dollar	0.9102364	2,053 1,950	0.9102364	2,053 ⁷ 1,950 ⁷	3.5093257	963 1,016	70.9914192	144 141	36 35	
EUR - Euro						909 ^{7,8} 925 ⁷	77.9922901	129 ⁷ 128 ⁷	32 ⁷ 32 ⁷	
AUD - Australian dollar										
DKK - Danish krone										
GBP - Pound sterling										
HUF - Hungarian forint										
ISK - Icelandic krona										
JPY - Japanese yen										
KRW - Korean won										
NOK - Norwegian krone										
NZD - New Zealand dollar										
SEK - Swedish krona										
SGD - Singapore dollar										
ZAR - South African rand										

7. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

8. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISAJJP			ISAKR			ISAPH			ISAIRU		
	JPY	156,000	70,000	KRW	1,200,000	450,000	USD	1,000	400	RUB	40,000	8,500
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		
Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019												
CHF - Swiss franc	0.0092893	1,431	642		981	359 ⁹		1,004 ¹⁰	402 ¹⁰		602	128
		1,449	650		997	374		994¹⁰	398¹⁰		613	130
USD - US dollar	107.053039	1,472 ⁹	660 ⁹		991	381					612	130
		1,457	654		1,003	376					616	131
EUR - Euro	117.610153	1,325 ^{9,10}	594 ^{9,10}		902 ¹⁰	350 ¹⁰		884 ¹⁰	354 ¹⁰		567	121
		1,326¹⁰	595¹⁰		913¹⁰	342¹⁰		910¹⁰	364¹⁰		561	119
AUD - Australian dollar						560						
						1,473						
DKK - Danish krone						1,487						
						558						
GBP - Pound sterling												
HUF - Hungarian forint												
ISK - Icelandic krona												
JPY - Japanese yen												
KRW - Korean won	0.0894470		759,000									
			783,000									
NOK - Norwegian krone												
NZD - New Zealand dollar						577						
						598						
SEK - Swedish krona												
SGD - Singapore dollar	77.5214171	2,043 ⁹			1,377	520						
		2,012			1,385	519						
ZAR - South African rand												

9. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

10. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ¹¹		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ¹²		ISA/UA		
	Reference currency	SEK 18,380	SGD 2,240	TRY 12,210	EUR	300	100		
& amount	SEK	SEK	Taux de change	TRY	Taux de change				
Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019									
CHF - Swiss franc		2,020	1,607 ¹³	2,020	1.0925160	341 ¹³	114 ¹³	Current amount	
		1,939	1,613¹³	1,939		328¹³	109¹³	New amount	
USD - US dollar		2,053	1,633	2,053 ¹³		347 ¹³	116 ¹³	Current amount	
		1,950	1,622	1,950¹³	0.9102364	330¹³	110¹³	New amount	
EUR - Euro		1,775	1,412 ¹³	1,775 ¹³				Current amount	
		1,775	1,476¹³	1,775 ¹³				New amount	
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount	
								New amount	
DKK - Danish krone		13,230						Current amount	
		13,260						New amount	
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount	
								New amount	
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount	
								New amount	
ISK - Icelandic krona		249,900						Current amount	
		242,300						New amount	
JPY - Japanese yen			171,100 ¹⁴					Current amount	
			173,600					New amount	
KRW - Korean won			0.0128997					Current amount	
								New amount	
NOK - Norwegian krone		17,730 ¹⁵						Current amount	
		17,800						New amount	
NZD - New Zealand dollar								Current amount	
								New amount	
SEK - Swedish krona								Current amount	
								New amount	
SGD - Singapore dollar								Current amount	
								New amount	
ZAR - South African rand								Current amount	
								New amount	

11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2020, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
12. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2020, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
13. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
14. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.
15. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISAIUS				ISAIXN ¹⁶		ISAIXV		
	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,230	EUR	1,775	
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate				DKK	13,260	Exch. Rate		
Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019									
CHF - Swiss franc	0.9944478	2,046	1,023	512		2,020 ¹⁷ 1,939 ¹⁷	1.0925160	2,020 ¹⁷ 1,939 ¹⁷	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar						2,053 ¹⁷ 1,950 ¹⁷	0.9102364	2,053 ¹⁷ 1,950 ¹⁷	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.0986157	1,798 ¹⁷ 1,893 ¹⁷	899 ¹⁷ 947 ¹⁷	450 ¹⁷ 473 ¹⁷		1,775 ¹⁷ 1,775 ¹⁷			Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint							0.0029972	573,200 592,200	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona						249,900 242,300			Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won									Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.6291903	3,145	1,573	786		17,730 ¹⁸ 17,800			Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona		3,306	1,653	826					Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0660340	31,660 ¹⁸ 31,500	15,830 ¹⁸ 15,750	7,920 ¹⁸ 7,870					Current amount New amount

16. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2020, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

17. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

18. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT			ISA/EP		ISA/IF		ISA/RU			
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	11,800 18,880 ⁵		
Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.2019 CHF - Swiss franc		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate			
		1.0925160	929	1,300	1,857	1.0925160	1,939	1.0925160	1,939	0.0153247	181

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE	ISA/SG	ISA/TR	ISA/UA
Reference currency & Amount	SEK 18,380 SEK 19,300 ¹¹	SGD 2,240	TRY 500 ⁶ 12,210 TRY 11,300 ¹²	EUR 60 ⁷ 70 ⁸ 90 ⁹ 90 ¹⁰
Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.2019 CHF - Swiss franc	1,939 ¹³	Exch. Rate 0.7201197	86 ¹⁴ 1,939 ¹⁴	Exch. Rate 1.0925160
		1,613		66 76 98 98

6. For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.

7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.

9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.

10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.

11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2020.

12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2020.

13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2020.

14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2020.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/XN	ISA/XV
Reference currency & Amount		
DKK	4,000 ¹⁵	EUR 550 ¹⁶
DKK	13,230	1,775
	13,260¹⁷	
Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.2019		Exch. Rate
CHF - Swiss franc	585¹⁸	1.0925160
	1,939¹⁸	601
		1,939

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2020.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2020.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the location and mailing address of its Sarajevo branch office, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Bulevar Meše Selimovića 95 571000 Sarajevo Bosnia and Herzegovina

[Updating of Annex B1(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet:	https://inpi.justica.gov.pt/

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office since 1 July 2019, as follows:

Transmittal fee: (PCT Rule 14)	EUR 10.77 (online) EUR 21.53 (on paper)
Fee for priority document: (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	EUR 43.05
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))	EUR 161.43 (request filed online) EUR 322.87 (request filed on paper)

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

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of the national fee,¹ in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2019. These amounts are as follows:

For patent:	EUR 107.62	(online)
	EUR 215.24	(on paper)
For utility model:	EUR 188.35	(online)
	EUR 376.67	(on paper)

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

NI Nicaragua

Pursuant to Section 332(e) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)) is Spanish.

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

RO Romania

Pursuant to Section 332(e) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the languages in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)) are English, French or German.

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

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant may still pay the fee within one month from the expiration of the applicable time limit, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TN Tunisia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI (Tunisia))**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 January 2020, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (216-71) 80 67 58
- by fax at: (216-71) 80 70 71
- by e-mail at: innorpi@planet.tn

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.innorpi.tn/>).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has specified special provisions of its national law related to the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. These provisions, which concern the time by which the applicant must furnish certain indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii), as well as further indications that must be provided in addition to those prescribed in that Rule, are as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Dominican Republic National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

[Updating of Annexes B1(DO) and L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020, the **International Bureau will not be open** to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2020,
10 and 13 April 2020,
1 June 2020,
25 and 31 December 2020.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations.

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the provisions of its national law related to provisional protection after international publication. In addition to subsection 55(2) of the Patent Act of Canada, applicants may now also consult section 157 of Canada's Patent Rules (instead of section 66).

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, as well as to its e-mail and Internet addresses. These changes, applicable from 2 December 2019, are as follows:

Name of Office: Intellectual Property Office of Ireland

E-mail: ipinfo@ipoi.gov.ie

Internet: www.ipoi.gov.ie

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of its facsimile number, as well as changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (261-20) 22 335 02
(261-34) 43 152 36

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – it no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile; however, all kinds of documents may now be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must still be furnished within one month from the date of transmission.

[Updating of Annex B1(MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that the list of registered patent agents having the right to practice before the Office is available on the Office's website at: <http://www.omapi.mg/listes-des-mandataires.html>.

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

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT or paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents are published by the International Bureau at: www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html.

CA Canada

Pursuant to Section 715(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access of Priority Documents, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing Office, with effect since 30 October 2019.

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FI Finland

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

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part I of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2020, consists of the deletion of the fee for the cost of copies of documents cited in the international search report, the supplementary international search report and the international preliminary examination report, under PCT Rules 44.3(b), 45*bis*.7(c) and 71.2(b)), respectively.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ME Montenegro

The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, its telephone number, and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)
Telephone:	(382) 20 234 592
E-mail:	intelektualna.svojina@mek.gov.me
Internet:	www.ziscg.me www.mek.gov.me

In addition, the Office notified that facsimile services are not available.

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

SM San Marino
EP European Patent Organisation

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 January 2020, San Marino will close the national route for obtaining patent protection via the PCT. Any designation of San Marino in an international application filed on, or after, 1 January 2020 will have the effect of an indication of the wish to obtain a European Patent for San Marino.

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) and of the National Chapter (SM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation, as from 1 January 2020, of the fees for the cost of an additional set of copies of the documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)), the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45*bis*.7(c)) and the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)).

Applicants will continue to receive, together with the international search report, the supplementary international search report, the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SM San Marino
EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2020, it will cease to act as a receiving Office and, with effect from this date, delegates its functions as receiving Office to the European Patent Office (EPO).

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NO Norway

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification as published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 3 December 2015, pages 198 *et seq.* In particular, as from 6 February 2020, the Office will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software (under Sections 703(b)(iv) and 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions).

Consequently, as from 6 February 2020, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in its aforementioned notification will be replaced by the following:

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

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – 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 entered into force on 2 December 2019, consists of the addition of Uganda to the list of States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A now reads 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, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, 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, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, 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]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Canada is designated (or elected) – they may be furnished either in the request or at a later date. If the information is not furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or, where the applicant requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), if this information is not furnished by the national phase entry date, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within three months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (632) 7238 63 00

Facsimile machine: (632) 8856 92 93

[Updating of Annex B1(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 30 March 2019, is EUR 15.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the URSB by nationals and residents of Uganda, with effect since 2 December 2019.

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KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes A and D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Articles 11(2) and 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 January 2020, consist of the addition of Cambodia to the States indicated in item (i) of Annex A and item (4) of Annex D, Part II. As from 1 January 2020, the amended Annexes 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:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and 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]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of fees and charges

[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, and of the filing fee payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2020, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:
(PCT Rule 14): ILS 559

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

National fee:
Filing fee: ILS 2,047

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

KH Cambodia

The **Ministry of Industry and Handicraft (MIH) (Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC))** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the DIPC by nationals and residents of Cambodia, with effect from 1 January 2020.

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

UG Uganda

Information on the requirements of the **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** as receiving Office is provided in Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER PCT RULES 20.8(A-BIS) AND (B-BIS)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5bis² of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as Rules 20.8(a-bis) and 20.8(b-bis), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii)³ and 20.5bis(d)⁴ with the national laws applied by receiving Offices. These new Rules, among others, will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

² The complete text of Rule 20.5bis is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf.

³ New Rule 20.5bis(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

⁴ New Rule 20.5bis(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with new PCT Rules 20.8(a-*bis*) and (b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).

C	Receiving Offices	C
UG	UGANDA REGISTRATION SERVICES BUREAU (URSB)	UG

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Uganda
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Uganda shilling (UGX)
Transmittal fee:	Please refer to the Office
International filing fee: ¹	Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 1,352 (1,337) ²
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 15
Search fee:	Equivalent amount in UGX of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority: See Annex D(SG)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Please refer to the Office
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Uganda Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any advocate of the High Court of Uganda
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2020.

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified a new amount in **Indian rupee (INR)** of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), or in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2). This amount, applicable since 1 January 2018, is INR 10.

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

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable with effect since 1 January 2018, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	100

Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	50

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

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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION –
ASSEMBLY (FORTY-NINTH (21ST ORDINARY) SESSION)**

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

The Assembly of the PCT Union approved at its forty-ninth (21st ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017, in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), the texts of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and 22 national Offices or intergovernmental organizations, whose appointments were extended as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT, i.e., the Offices of the following States and the following intergovernmental organizations:

AT	Austria
AU	Australia
BR	Brazil
CA	Canada
CL	Chile
CN	People's Republic of China
EG	Egypt
EP	European Patent Organisation
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
IL	Israel
IN	India
JP	Japan
KR	Republic of Korea
RU	Russian Federation
SE	Sweden
SG	Singapore
TR	Turkey
UA	Ukraine
US	United States of America
XN	Nordic Patent Institute
XV	Visegrad Patent Institute

The Agreements entered into force on 1 January 2018 except those relating to the Offices of Australia and Canada.

The Governments of Australia and Canada were not able to complete the necessary domestic legal and constitutional procedures to ratify the new Agreements in relation to the functioning of their respective Offices as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2018.

Consequently, the Assembly of the PCT Union also approved an Amendment to the Agreement relating to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, in force since 1 January 2009 and most recently amended with effect from 1 July 2012 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 29 January 2009, pages 14 to 19, 24 June 2010, page 112, July 22, 2010, page 128, and 7 June 2012, page 86), to extend the Agreement until 31 December 2018, or until the new Agreement relating to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office enters into force, whichever is sooner.

The Assembly of the PCT Union also approved an Amendment to the Agreement relating to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, in force since 1 January 2008 and most recently amended with effect from 1 July 2010 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 13 December 2007, pages 201 to 206, and 22 July 2010, page 129), to extend the Agreement until 31 December 2018, or until the new Agreement relating to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents enters into force, whichever is sooner.

The texts of the Agreements, including any amendments to the Annexes made since they were approved by the Assembly of the PCT Union, along with the Amendments to the Agreements in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office and the Canadian Commissioner for Patents, are reproduced on the following pages in the alphabetical order of the two-letter codes relating to the States of the Offices or the intergovernmental organizations concerned.

AGREEMENT

between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology
of the Republic of Austria
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Austrian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Austrian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Austrian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and German languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria by:	For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in accordance with the obligations of the Republic of Austria undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in accordance with its obligations of the Republic of Austria undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.
- 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) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

- (1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French or German.
- (2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:
 - (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
 - (ii) European and North American documentation;
 - (iii) German-language documentation.
- (3) The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Austrian patent law.

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))	1,875 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ¹
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,700
– of only European and North American documentation	1,190
– of only German-language documentation	850
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,749 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,749 ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	229
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	0.95

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the search fee has not been reduced and where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, the search fee shall be refunded as follows, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search:

- where the earlier search was carried out by the Authority: refund of 75%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another International Searching Authority: refund of 50%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another Patent Office: refund of 25%.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

¹ 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.

Annex E
Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French and German, noting that the language of correspondence shall be the language in which the international application is filed or translated, as the case may be.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

between the Government of Australia
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO),

Considering that the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of December 16, 2008 (the Agreement), made under PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), was concluded for a period of nine years from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2017,

Considering that the said Agreement has been amended several times in 2010 and 2012, these amendments having been published in the PCT Gazette on June 24, 2010, July 22, 2010 and June 7, 2012,

Considering that the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of WIPO have already started negotiations for a new Agreement as provided under Article 10 therein,

Recognising that the Government of Australia will not be able to complete the necessary domestic procedures to ratify a new Agreement in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, prior to the expiration of the Agreement on December 31, 2017;

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Extension of the Agreement

(1) The Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of WIPO signed on December 16, 2008, including its amendments and Annexes, is hereby extended until December 31, 2018 or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and with the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Australia, whichever is sooner.

(2) Consequently, references made to “December 31, 2017” under Articles 10 and 12 of the Agreement are amended to “December 31, 2018”, accordingly.

Article 2
Approval and entry into force

(1) In accordance with Article 11(1) of the Agreement, this amendment shall be subject to the approval of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union.

(2) Subject to paragraph 1 of this Article, this amendment shall take effect on December 31, 2017.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of Australia by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

AGREEMENT

between the Government of Australia
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Australian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on *[date]*.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Government of Australia gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Australia written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of Australia by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
Australia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and
by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
Australia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and
by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that the Authority has not received more than 250 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the relevant fiscal quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met. For further information, see
http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/notices/ipau-isa-ipea_20141205.pdf.

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) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Australian patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	590
– in other cases	820
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	590
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1ter and 94.2), per document	50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority determines that there is sufficient benefit from the results of an earlier search, up to 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on the claims of a provisional application or a search statement of a provisional application provided by the applicant.

AGREEMENT

between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Brazilian National Institute
of Industrial Property
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Portuguese languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property by:	For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
any Contracting State;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office: English, Portuguese and Spanish;
 - (b) for international applications filed with receiving Offices established in the Latin America and Caribbean region: Portuguese and Spanish;

- (c) for international applications filed with any other receiving Office: English and Portuguese.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Brazilian patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge¹	Amount (Brazilian reais)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,685 (online); 2,525 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,360 (online); 2,040 (on paper)
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	630 (online); 945 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	365 (online); 545 (on paper)
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,220 (online); 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	180 (online); 270 (on paper)
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	1.5 (online); 2 (on paper)

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

¹ These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (see Official Resolution of INPI-BR of March 10, 2014 No.129/14).

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, Portuguese or Spanish, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of December 13, 2007 (the Agreement), made under PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), was concluded for a period of 10 years from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2017,

Considering that the said Agreement has been amended in 2010, these amendments having been published in the PCT Gazette on July 22, 2010,

Considering that the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO have already started negotiations for a new Agreement as provided under Article 10 therein,

Recognizing that the Canadian Commissioner of Patents will not be able to complete the necessary domestic procedures to ratify a new Agreement in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, prior to the expiration of the Agreement on December 31, 2017;

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Extension of the Agreement

(1) The Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO signed on December 13, 2007, including its amendments and Annexes, is hereby extended until December 31, 2018 or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and with the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada, whichever is sooner.

(2) Consequently, references made to “December 31, 2017” under Articles 10 and 12 of the Agreement are amended to “December 31, 2018”, accordingly.

Article 2
Approval and entry into force

(1) In accordance with Article 11(1) of the Agreement, this amendment shall be subject to the approval of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union.

(2) Subject to paragraph 1 of this Article, this amendment shall take effect on December 31, 2017.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

AGREEMENT

between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Canadian Commissioner of Patents;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on *[date]*.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Canadian Commissioner of Patents gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Canadian Commissioner of Patents written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents:	For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations.
 - 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) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Canadian patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	800
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	800
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	10 ¹
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	10 ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per page (paper)	1 ¹

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

¹ With respect to Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, the Authority provides applicants with a first copy of all non-patent literature documents cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each non-patent literature document cited is made available to designated or elected Offices upon request, free of charge. In its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Authority makes a first copy of all additional non-patent literature documents cited in the international preliminary examination report but not cited in the international search report available to applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English, French.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the National Institute of
Industrial Property of Chile
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the National Institute of Industrial
Property of Chile by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region.
- 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) the following languages which it will accept:
English, Spanish.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Chilean patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	
– general fee	2,000
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion)	400
– reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee)	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)):	
– general fee	2,000
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (see search fee, above)	400
– reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above)	300

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– general fee	1,500
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (see search fee, above)	400
– reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above)	300
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– general fee	1,500
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (see search fee, above)	400
– reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above)	300
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	350
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	10
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	10

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

Annex F
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English, Spanish.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the State Intellectual Property Office of
the People's Republic of China
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the State Intellectual Property Office of
the People's Republic of China
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) "Treaty" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) "Regulations" means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) "Administrative Instructions" means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) "Article" (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) "Rule" means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) "Contracting State" means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) "the Authority" means the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China;
 - (h) "the International Bureau" means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- (2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Chinese languages each text being equally authentic.

For the State Intellectual Property Office of
the People's Republic of China by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
China, Angola, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia,
Thailand, Zimbabwe
and any State that the Authority will specify;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report,
China, Angola, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia,
Thailand, Zimbabwe
and any State that the Authority will specify.
- 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) the following languages which it will accept:
Chinese, English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Chinese patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Yuan renminbi)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,100
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,100
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,500
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,500
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	200
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per page	2

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Chinese and English, noting that the language of correspondence shall be the language in which the international application is filed or translated, as the case may be.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Egyptian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Egyptian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Arabic languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Egyptian Academy of Scientific
Research and Technology by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
any African, Asian or Arab Contracting State;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any African, Asian and Arab Contracting State.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) Arabic or English for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States;
 - (b) English for international applications filed with any other receiving Office.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Egyptian pounds)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	4,000 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)):	4,000 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	3,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58bis.2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	3,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,600
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)) ²	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1ter and 94.2):	
– for the first 30 pages	200
– for each additional page	3

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search taken into account under Rule 4.12, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded on request of the applicant.

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% 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 Egypt or a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

² The applicant receives, together with the international search report, the opinion of the international Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Arabic or English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the European Patent Organisation
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the European Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the European Patent Organisation gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the European Patent Organisation written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English, French and German languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the European Patent Organisation by:	For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
any Contracting State;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State, under the condition that the Authority or another International Searching Authority located in and operating for any State party to the European Patent Convention has prepared the international search report.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, and, where the receiving Office is the industrial property Office of Belgium or the Netherlands, Dutch.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French or German.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover the documents held in the search collection of the Authority, including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34.

(3) Where applicable, the Authority shall start the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a) only if a copy of a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is furnished under Rule 45*bis*.1(c)(ii) and thereafter transmitted to it under Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(iii).

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination.

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the European Patent Convention.

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))	1,875 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ¹
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930 ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	230

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)). See Part II, paragraph (4), for further details.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search, the search fee paid shall be refunded to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national and resident of a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which on the date of filing of the application or the demand is classified as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy by the World Bank, the amount of the search fee, the preliminary examination fee and any additional fee to be paid shall be reduced by 75%. Where the Authority is informed of a change under Rule 92*bis* before the start of the international search or, if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed, before the start of international preliminary examination, and the change would modify the applicability of the fee reduction, the Authority may request the applicant to pay the full amount of the search fee or preliminary examination fee before the Authority starts the search or preliminary examination, respectively, and the Authority will request the full amount of any additional fees that the applicant may be invited to pay.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(8) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E

Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

Annex F

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French or German, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G

International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

An international-type search report (without a written opinion) is drawn up by the Authority on behalf of certain national Offices (e.g. Switzerland, Denmark and Norway) on the basis of the national law of the State for which the Office operates. The amount of the fee to be paid for an international-type search is laid down by the President of the European Patent Office in a decision under Article 3(1) of the Rules relating to Fees published in the Official Journal of the EPO.

An international-type search report accompanied by a written opinion is drawn up by the Authority on behalf of certain national Offices (e.g. Netherlands and Belgium) on the basis of a bilateral working agreement. The amount of the fee to be paid for an international-type search accompanied by a written opinion is set by the national Offices concerned.

AGREEMENT

between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Spain within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Spain within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
Spanish, English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Spanish patent law, No. 24/2015 of 24 July 2015.

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))	1,875 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	583.65 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	583.65 ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document:	4.69
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	0.23

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 100 or 50 % of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded on request of the applicant, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

¹ 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".

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E

Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system(s) in addition to the International Patent Classification: Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

Annex F

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Spanish, English.

Annex G

International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization
in relation to the functioning of the Finnish Patent and Registration Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Finnish Patent and Registration Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Finnish Patent and Registration Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Finnish Patent and Registration Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Finnish Patent and Registration Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Finnish Patent and Registration
Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Finland within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Finland within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
Finnish, Swedish, English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

- (1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, Finnish or Swedish.
- (2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34, at least the documents in Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian or Danish held in the search collection of the Authority.
- (3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Finnish patent law.

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))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	600
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c) and 71.2(b))	20 ¹
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	0.60

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

- (1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

¹ The applicant receives, together with the international search report, the supplementary international search report, the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier national search, international search, supplementary international search or international-type search already carried out by the Authority, a Nordic patent authority or the European Patent Office on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 300 euro of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Finnish, Swedish or English

depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on national applications filed at the Authority.

AGREEMENT

between the Government of Israel
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Israel Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Israel Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Government of Israel gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Israel written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Hebrew languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government of Israel by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:

Israel, United States of America, Georgia;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Israel, United States of America, Georgia.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that the Authority has not received more than 100 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the relevant fiscal quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met. For further information, see <http://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/mod-ilpo-isa-ipea.pdf>.

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) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Israeli patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,518
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,518
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,508
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,508
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	452
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	43

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E

Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language: English.

Annex G

International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches for national applications.

AGREEMENT

between the Indian Patent Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Indian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Indian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Indian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Indian Patent Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Indian Patent Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.
- (2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Indian Patent Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
India, Iran (Islamic Republic of);
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
India, Iran (Islamic Republic of).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) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C

Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Indian patent law.

Annex D

Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Indian rupees)	
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	10,000	(2,500) ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	10,000	(2,500) ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):		
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	10,000	(2,500) ¹
– in other cases	12,000	(3,000) ¹
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58bis.2	
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):		
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	10,000	(2,500) ¹
– in other cases	12,000	(3,000) ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	4,000	(1,000) ¹
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	4,000	(1,000) ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) 94.1ter and 94.2), per page	10	

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 25% to 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

¹ The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by an individual.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded, less a processing fee equivalent to the amount of the transmittal fee, as set by the Indian Patent Office, in its capacity as a receiving Office under the PCT.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Japan Patent Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Japan Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Japan Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Japan Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Japan Patent Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Japan Patent Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Japanese languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Japan Patent Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report,
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; (b) the claims of the international application are directed to the field of green technology as defined by the International Patent Classification classes; and (c) the Authority has not received more than 5,000 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the three year period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018, and not more than 475 applications per quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met. For further information, see

<http://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/jpo-isa-ipea.pdf>.

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

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Japan:
Japanese, English;
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of the Republic of Korea:
Japanese.

Annex B

Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C

Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Japanese Patent Act; and methods for treatment of the human body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	70,000 ¹
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	156,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	60,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	126,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	26,000 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	58,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	15,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	34,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1ter and 94.2), per document	1,400

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)² or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

(3) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

¹ This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by (a) a small-sized sole proprietorship, (b) a sole proprietorship that has commenced business less than ten years, (c) a small-sized enterprise, or (d) a small or medium-sized enterprise that has been established less than ten years. For further details, see http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm

² The amount of the refund of the search fee is reduced by two thirds where the fee reduction was applied.

(4) As long as the refund of the search fee (in the case where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search) and the refund of the preliminary examination fee (in the case where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination) continue not to be compatible with the national law applicable to the Authority, the Authority may abstain from refunding those fees.

Annex E

Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Japanese, English.

Annex G

International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Korean Intellectual Property Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Korean Intellectual Property Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Korean Intellectual Property Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Korean Intellectual Property Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Korean Intellectual Property Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Korean Intellectual Property Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Korean languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Korean Intellectual Property Office by:	For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
Republic of Korea, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
Republic of Korea, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America and 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) the following languages which it will accept:
Korean, English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of patent law of the Republic of Korea.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language)	1,300,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language)	450,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	225,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	450,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	225,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	11,000
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	112,500
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	100

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search, the search fee paid shall be refunded to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E

Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Korean, English.

Annex G

International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Russian Federal Service
for Intellectual Property as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Russian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property by:	For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
Russian, English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English or Russian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least the Russian language documents held by the Authority in its search collection, including the following patent documentation:

- (i) SU – authors certificates and patents of the former USSR (from 1924 to 1991)
- (ii) RU – applications, patents, and utility models of the Russian Federation (from 1992 to present)
- (iii) EA – Eurasian applications and patents (from 1996 to present)
- (iv) AM – patent documents of Armenia (from 1995 to present)¹
- (v) BY – patent documents of Belarus (from 1995 to present)¹
- (vi) KZ – patent documents of Kazakhstan (from 1993 to present)¹
- (vii) KG – patent documents of Kyrgyzstan (from 1995 to present)¹
- (viii) TJ – patent documents of Tajikistan (from 2005 to present)¹
- (ix) TM – patent documents of Turkmenistan (from 1993 to present)¹
- (x) UZ – patent documents of Uzbekistan (from 1994 to present)¹
- (xi) AZ – patent documents of Azerbaijan (from 1996 to present)²
- (xii) UA – patent documents of Ukraine (from 1993 to present)²

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex D is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2).

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of patent law of the Russian Federation.

¹ The year of beginning of publication by the corresponding Office of national patent documents in national language and in Russian as well is indicated in brackets.

² With respect to the documents published by the Office in Russian.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Russian)	8,500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Russian)	8,500
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	11,800
Supplementary search for a search in accordance with paragraph 3(3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	18,880
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	4,130
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	16,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	24,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	19,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	5,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	23,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	3,500
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	4,000
Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	23.60
– non-patent document, per page	59
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	94.40

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25 – 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Russian or English

depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated, or at the applicant's choice.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on national applications filed at the Authority.

AGREEMENT

between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization
in relation to the functioning of the Swedish Patent and Registration Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Swedish Patent and Registration Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- (2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Swedish Patent and Registration Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Swedish Patent and Registration Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Swedish Patent and Registration
Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and
Barbados, Brazil, India, Madagascar, Morocco, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Viet Nam, all Member States of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and all Member States of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI);
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and
Barbados, Brazil, India, Madagascar, Morocco, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Viet Nam, all Member States of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and all Member States of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).
- 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) the following languages which it will accept:
for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden:
Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish;
for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any other State:
Danish, English, Finnish, French, Norwegian, Swedish.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

- (1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian or Swedish.
- (2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34, at least the documents in Swedish, Danish, Norwegian and Finnish held in the search collection of the Authority.
- (3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Swedish patent law.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ¹
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	... ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	5,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	5,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)) ² , per document	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	4

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier international or international-type search carried out by the Authority, 50 or 100% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) Where an applicant submits a corresponding search and examination report, issued on an application originating from the Authority, a Nordic Patent Office, or the European Patent Office, the amount of 2,800 Swedish kronor shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I. The same refund will be applied if priority is claimed from an international application and the applicant submits a PCT international search report from the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute or the European Patent Office, or if the applicant submits a corresponding international-type search report from the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Nordic Patent Institute.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the following amount of the preliminary examination fee shall be refunded:

- (a) refund of the full amount paid where Rule 54.4, 54*bis*.1(b) or 58*bis*.1(b) applies;
- (b) refund of the amount paid less the current amount of the transmittal fee, where Rule 60.1(c) applies.

¹ Swedish kronor equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

² The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge on the website www.prv.se.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

(8) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Danish, English, Finnish, French, Norwegian or Swedish,

depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however English or Swedish may be used in all cases.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on national applications filed at the Authority or any Nordic patent authority. The request and fee for international type search must be submitted within three months of the filing date of the national application.

AGREEMENT

between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization
in relation to the functioning of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- (2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Intellectual Property Office of
Singapore by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report,
Singapore, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, 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) the following languages which it will accept:
English, Chinese.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

- (1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations thereof furnished in, English or Chinese.
- (2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34, at least the documents in English and Chinese held in the search collection of the Authority.
- (3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Singapore patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Singapore dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,240
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,240
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	2,240
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	830
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	830
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	650
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	650
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 document	30

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

- (1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.
- (2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25 to 75% of the amount of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority assesses it has benefited from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English or Chinese,

depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English may be used in all cases.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Turkish Patent and Trademark
Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Authority under the European Patent Convention;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Authority under the European Patent Convention.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
English, Turkish.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, the languages mentioned in Annex F.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority;
- (ii) only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Turkish patent law.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Turkish lira)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	... ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection the Authority	500
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	1,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,000
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	1.50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

¹ Turkish lira equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English, Turkish.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on national applications filed at the Authority.

AGREEMENT

between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the State Enterprise
“Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute”
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute” as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute”;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Ukrainian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Economic Development
and Trade of Ukraine by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French, German, Russian or Ukrainian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
- (ii) European and North American documentation;
- (iii) Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation.

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex D is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2) of this Annex.

(4) The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds resources available to the Authority and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Law of Ukraine On the Protection of Rights to Inventions and Utility Models.

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))	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	300
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	
– of only European and North American documentation	200
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	150
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	100
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	160
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	180
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	40
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.70

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Authority 25 – 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E

Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English or Russian, for applications filed in Ukrainian;

Russian, for applications filed in, or translated into, Russian;

English, for applications filed in, or translated into English, French or German.

Annex G

International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the United States Patent and Trademark Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization
in relation to the functioning of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- (2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the United States Patent and Trademark Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the United States Patent and Trademark Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the United States Patent and Trademark
Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
United States of America, and
where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago.

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

- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of United States patent law.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,080 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,080 ¹
Preparation of an international type search report on a United States national application	40
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	600 ¹
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	700 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600 ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2) ²	
– US patent, per copy	3
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2)	
– US patent, per copy	3
– non-US patent document, per copy	25

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(4) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded, less a processing fee equivalent to the transmittal fee under Rule 14.1(b).

¹ This fee is reduced by 50% in the case of filing by a “small entity” and by 75% in the case of filing by a “micro entity”. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “small entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “micro entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf. These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

² The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO’s website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

The Authority performs international-type searches in regularly filed non-provisional applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) (37 CFR 1.104(a)(3) and 1.413(c)(3)). The Authority will additionally prepare an international-type search report in national applications upon request and payment of a fee (37 CFR 1.104(a)(4)).

AGREEMENT

between the Nordic Patent Institute
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Nordic Patent Institute
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Nordic Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Nordic Patent Institute;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Nordic Patent Institute gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Nordic Patent Institute written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Nordic Patent Institute by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and any other Contracting State, in accordance with the obligations of Denmark, Iceland and Norway within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and any other Contracting State, in accordance with the obligations of Denmark, Iceland and Norway within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish.

Annex B

Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

- (1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, the languages mentioned in Annex F.
- (2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:
 - (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority;
 - (ii) only the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority.
- (3) The Authority will conduct a maximum of 500 supplementary international searches per year.

Annex C

Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Danish, Icelandic or Norwegian patent law.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Danish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ¹
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	... ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection the Authority	4,000
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	8,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	5,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	5,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	8,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	3.25

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier international or international-type search, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(4) Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by another Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the following amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded:

- (a) refund of the full amount paid where Rule 54.4, 54*bis*.1(b) or 58*bis*.1(b) applies;
- (b) refund of the amount paid less the current amount of the transmittal fee, where Rule 60.1(c) applies.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

¹ Danish kronor equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

Annex E

Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish,

depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated, however English may be used in all cases.

Annex G

International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches for national patent applications filed at the Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian or Swedish Patent Offices, by applicants who are nationals or residents of Denmark, Iceland, Norway or Sweden.

AGREEMENT

between the Visegrad Patent Institute
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Visegrad Patent Institute
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Visegrad Patent Institute;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 **Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Visegrad Patent Institute gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Visegrad Patent Institute written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Visegrad Patent Institute by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic,
and
any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the
Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic
undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic,
and

any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.

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) the following languages which it will accept:
Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak.

Annex B

Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into the languages mentioned in Annex F.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority;
- (ii) only the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C

Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent law.

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))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	1,875
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 the Authority	550
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	900
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	900
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	230
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	0.80

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States or from an earlier international search report or international-type search report, 40% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

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 2018. 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 (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,525
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,525
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,511
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,511
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2)	453
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2018, is KRW 1,803,000.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2018, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,525
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,525
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	453

Furthermore, PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2018, are CHF 994, EUR 849 and USD 1,009, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2018, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,511
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,511
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	453

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** and **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2018, are AUD 549 and CHF 410, respectively, for searches carried out in Korean, and AUD 1,587 and CHF 1,184, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2018, is KRW 220,000.

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

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees Corrigendum

In the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 November 2017, new equivalent amounts of fees in various currencies, and applicable from 1 January 2018, were published. In the text, giving information pertaining to which annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* needed to be updated as a result of the publication of the new equivalent amounts, a typographical error occurred. On page 168, in the list (contained in square brackets) indicating a country code for each Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* requiring to be updated, the indication: (CH), should have read: (GH).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is ZAR 21,370.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are USD 422 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,218 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 6 October 2017. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: ¹	RUB 3,300
Examination fee: ²	
– for one independent claim:	RUB 12,500
– for each independent claim in excess of one:	RUB 9,200
Annual fee for the third year:	RUB 1,700

For utility model:

Filing fee: ¹	RUB 1,400
Annual fee for the first and the second year, per year:	RUB 800

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

¹ 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.

² Where the request for substantive examination is filed upon entry into the national phase.

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 April 2018, are ZAR 25,680 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 12,840 for a small entity and ZAR 6,420 for a micro entity.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 17,050
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 190
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR 2,560
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR 3,850

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of national fees. The filing fee, the examination fee and the reinstatement fee shall be reduced by 30% where the application and all required documents are filed online.

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

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-NINTH (21ST ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-ninth (21st ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- adoption of the Understanding (see paragraph 3 of PCT/A/49/4) with effect since October 11, 2017; and
- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=43524

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2018:

- the amendment to the Schedule of Fees is intended as a clarification of the original intent of the fee reduction rather than a substantive change;
- amendments of Rules 4.1(b)(ii) and 41.2(b) and of the Schedule of Fees shall apply to any international application the international filing date of which is on or after 1 July 2018.

Appointment of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The Assembly appointed the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the Agreement until 31 December 2027.

2017 PCT Assembly Understanding

It is the understanding of the PCT Assembly that the fee reduction in item 5 of the Schedule of Fees is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.

The Understanding was adopted with effect from the closing of the Assembly on October 11, 2017.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2018)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 Mandatory and Optional Contents; Signature

(a) *[No change]*

(b) The request shall, where applicable, contain:

(i) a priority claim, or

(ii) indications relating to an earlier search as provided in Rules 4.12(i) and 12bis.1 (b) and (d),

(iii) a reference to a parent application or parent patent,

(iv) an indication of the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority.

(c) and (d) *[No change]*

4.2 to 4.19 *[No change]*

Rule 41
Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification

41.1 *[No change]*

41.2 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification in Other Cases*

(a) *[No change]*

(b) Where the receiving Office has transmitted to the International Searching Authority a copy of the results of any earlier search or of any earlier classification under Rule 23bis.2(a) or (c), or where such a copy is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, the International Searching Authority may take those results into account in carrying out the international search.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees

Amounts

1. to 3. [No change]

[No change]

Reductions

4. [No change]

5. The international filing fee under item 1 (where applicable, as reduced under item 4), the supplementary search handling fee under item 2 and the handling fee under item 3 are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:

(a) [No change]

(b) [No change]

provided that, at the time of filing of the international application, there are no beneficial owners of the international application who would not satisfy the criteria in sub-item (a) or (b) and provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). The lists of States referred to in sub-items (a) and (b)¹ shall be updated by the Director General at least every five years according to directives given by the Assembly. The criteria set out in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be reviewed by the Assembly at least every five years.

¹ *Editor's Note:* The first lists of States were published in the Gazette of February 12, 2015, page 32 (see www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in one of its telephone numbers and to its e-mail address, and has notified an additional facsimile number, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(972-2) 5651 705, (972-2) 5651 685
Facsimile machine:	(972-2) 5651 616, (972-2) 6468 070
E-mail:	pctoffice@justice.gov.il

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	No. 3, Phayazbakhsh Street Khayam Street Imam Khomeini Square 11146-78111 Tehran Islamic Republic of Iran

[Updating of Annex B1(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

KR Republic of Korea

On 12 January 2018, the International Bureau has been notified of changes in the addresses of the **Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM)** and the **Korean Cell Line Research Foundation (KCLRF)**, international depositary authorities under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new addresses are as follows:

Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM)
Yurim B/D
45 Hongjena-e2ga-gil
Seodaemun-gu
Seoul 03641
Republic of Korea

Korean Cell Line Research Foundation (KCLRF)
Cancer Research Institute
Seoul National University College of Medicine
103 Daehak-ro, Jongno-gu
Seoul, 03080
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

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

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(ii) thereof. The amendment will take effect as of 1 April 2018. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [No change]
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:

English, French, German, and, where the receiving Office is the industrial property Office of the Netherlands, Dutch.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

BE Belgium

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified the International Bureau that it will cease to act as a receiving Office and that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, with effect from 1 April 2018.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A)**

BE Belgium

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12956), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2018.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL
BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH
NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26BIS.3(J)**

BE Belgium

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12958), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2018.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office: The Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection – Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)

Telephone: (963-11) 5161185

Facsimile machine: (963-11) 5161144

E-mail: patentoffice@gov.sy

[Updating of Annex B1(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 December 2012, pages 180 *et seq*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing in addition to EPO online filing, and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media and using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 March 2018. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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
- EPO online filing software

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: (385-1) 61 06 547
- by fax at: (385-1) 61 12 017
- by e-mail at: epct_hr@dziv.hr

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 (www.dziv.hr/hr).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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.”

RS Serbia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 12 February 2018, the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 March 2018, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (381-11) 2025 800
- by fax at: (381-11) 311 23 77
- by e-mail at: epct@zis.gov.rs, zis@zis.gov.rs

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 (www.zis.gov.rs).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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.”

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Japanese by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is KRW 666,000.

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

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

MA Morocco

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 20 February 2018, as follows:

Collections Coordonnées Marocaines de Microorganismes, CCMM
Laboratoire de Microbiologie et Biologie Moléculaire, LMBM
Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique et Technique, CNRST
Angle avenue Allal El Fassi, avenue des FAR, Quartier Hay Ryad
B.P. 8027 Nations Unies
10102 Rabat
Morocco

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation

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

The **European 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 2018. 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))	1,775 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775 ²
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,775 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,830 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,830 ²
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]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 21 October 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)). See Part II, paragraph (4), for further details.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Rua Mayrink Veiga, 9, 6 ^o andar, Centro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ – CEP 20.090-910 Brazil

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – since 1 March 2018, European patents may be validated in Cambodia for international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of Annex B1(KH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail and internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)
Location:	384-386 Nguyen Trai Street, Thanh Xuan District, Ha Noi, Viet Nam
Telephone:	(84-24) 3557 20 91, 3558 82 17, 3858 30 69
Facsimile:	(84-24) 3557 20 90, 3858 84 49
E-mail:	congngghethongtin@noip.gov.vn vietnamipo@noip.gov.vn
Internet:	www.noip.gov.vn

[Updating of Annex B1(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are CHF 489 and EUR 419 when filing online, and CHF 732 and EUR 628 when filing on paper.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR 1,775
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR 1,775

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2018, is CHF 2,059.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR 1,830
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR 1,830

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

Finally, the Office has notified the fee for validating a European Patent in Cambodia, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 1 March 2018, is EUR 180.

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

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 April 2018. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Basic fee: ³	EUR	500
Basic fee for an electronically-filed application: ³	EUR	400
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 15: ⁴	EUR	50
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: ⁵	EUR	125
Annual fees for the first three years: ⁶	EUR	200

For a utility model:

Registration fee: ³	EUR	250
for an application filed electronically: ³	EUR	200
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 5: ⁴	EUR	20
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: ⁵	EUR	100

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

³ This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁴ 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.

⁵ Where the basic fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation or copy may be filed within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation or copy has been paid within those two months.

⁶ The renewal fees for an international application in respect of fee years which have begun before the date on which the application was pursued under section 31 of the Patents Act or was taken up for processing under section 38 of the same Act, or which begin within two months of such date become in no event due until the last day of the month that falls two months after the date on which the application was pursued or otherwise prosecuted.

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Iranian rial (IRR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	IRR	50.000	(for natural persons)
	IRR	500.000	(for legal persons)

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Montenegrin, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

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 Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2018. 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))	1,775 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
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 The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/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”.

FI Finland

Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Finnish Patent and Registration 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 2018. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

“Annex D Fees and Charges

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Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,775
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,775
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 (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c) and 71.2(b))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	0.60

Part II. [No change]”

³ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has specified the types of electronic medium it accepts for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form as follows:

Does the Authority require that
a nucleotide and/or amino acid
sequence listing be furnished
in electronic form (PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1)? Yes

Which types of electronic medium
does the Authority require? Diskette, CD-R

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has specified the types of electronic medium it accepts for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form as follows:

Does the Authority require that
a nucleotide and/or amino acid
sequence listing be furnished
in electronic form (PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1)? Yes

Which types of electronic medium
does the Authority require? CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD and DVD-R

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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

The **Visegrad Patent Institute** 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 2018. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

⁴ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xv.pdf.

**“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))	1,775
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	1,775
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 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]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (IB)** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses, which is now as follows:

pct.eservices@wipo.int (PCT eServices Help Desk)

[Updating of Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **State Patent Office of Uzbekistan** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail and internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Location and mailing address:	Mustakillik avenue, 59 100000, Tashkent Uzbekistan
Telephone:	(998-71) 232 50 50
Facsimile machine:	(998-71) 233 50 05
E-mail:	info@ima.uz
Internet:	www.ima.uz

[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **pound sterling (GBP)**, **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollar (NZD)**, **Swedish krona (SEK)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

CHF	2,059
DKK	13,210
GBP	1,552
HUF	550,400
ISK	221,900
JPY	242,100
NOK	16,990
NZD	3,007
SEK	17,390
SGD	2,900
USD	2,207
ZAR	26,320

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are EUR 1,775 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are CHF 2,059 and USD 2,207, respectively.

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

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are EUR 1,775 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are CHF 2,059 and USD 2,207, respectively.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (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 2018, is CHF 2,059.

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

Finally, the Office has notified a fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.1ter), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 April 2018. The amount of the fee is EUR 0.60 per page.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, applicable from 1 April 2018 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 17,390
	CHF 2,059
	DKK 13,210
	EUR 1,775
	ISK 221,900
	NOK 16,990
	USD 2,207

Additional search fee:	SEK 17,390

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is CHF 2,059.

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

TR Turkey

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 to the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are TRY 8,290 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **euro (EUR)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

EUR	1,775
CHF	2,059
USD	2,207

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (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 2018, is CHF 2,059.

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

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee, in **Vietnamese dong (VND)**, applicable since 1 January 2017 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	VND 300,000

Moreover, the office notified the deletion of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Vietnamese dong (VND)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Filing fee:	VND 150,000
Fee for priority claims per priority:	VND 600,000
Fee for requesting formality and substantive examination:	VND 900,000
Additional fee for each sheet in excess of six:	VND 40,000
Search fee:	VND 600,000
Fee for publication:	VND 120,000
Additional fee for each drawing in excess of one:	VND 60,000
Additional fee for each page in excess of six:	VND 10,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VN), 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 to the **Nordic Patent Institute** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are DKK 13,210 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, **Swedish krona (SEK)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

ISK	221,900
NOK	16,990
SEK	17,390
USD	2,207
EUR	1,775
CHF	2,059

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (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 2018, is CHF 2,059.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

The **Visegrad Patent Institute** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are EUR 1,775 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are HUF 550,400, CHF 2,059 and USD 2,207, respectively.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (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 2018, is CHF 2,059.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The consolidated list of the requirements reads as follows:

- under PCT Article 22: description, 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, 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);
- under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): a translation of the request is only required if the national application is filed prior to the publication of the international application. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

The Office also notified changes in its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant is only required to send a copy of the international application if the national application is filed prior to the publication of the international application. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has informed the International Bureau that since 1 July 2016, there has been a new currency unit in Belarus. The three letter currency code for the **Belarusian rouble**, should now read: **BYN** (replacing the previous three letter currency code: BYR).

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Belarusian rouble (BYN)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2017, as follows:

Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BYN 36.50	per copy, up to 35 pages, plus
	BYN 18.50	for each additional copy, provided that the copies are prepared simultaneously, plus
	BYN 0.60	additionally, per page in excess of 35
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BYN 92	

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

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **Pound sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable as from 6 April 2018. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Search fee:²

Where a search has already
been made by an International
Searching Authority:

GBP 150³

In other cases:

GBP 180³

Substantive examination fee:⁴

GBP 130³

Excess claims fee
(for each claim over 25):

GBP 20⁵

Excess pages fee
(for each page of description over 35):

GBP 10⁵

Moreover, the office notified a new amount in the reduction of the search fee or examination fee where a request for search or substantive examination is filed in electronic form using a method of electronic communication accepted by the Office. This new amount is GBP 30.

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

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

² Due within 33 months from the priority date. Where the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase, the fee is due within 12 months from the priority date, or two months from the date on which the conditions for early entry are satisfied, whichever is the later.

³ This fee is reduced by GBP 30 when search/substantive examination is requested electronically.

⁴ Due within 33 months from the priority date.

⁵ Excess claims and excess pages fees may also be payable at grant if your claims and pages increase during the processing of your application. If this is the case, the Office will invite you to pay a grant fee by filing a Form 34.

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 16 January 2018, are as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 2,000
For a small entity:	USD 1,000
For a micro entity:	USD 500

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

The Office has also notified changes to components of the national fee,⁶ in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable from 16 January 2018. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows (the first amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a small entity,⁷ and the second amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a micro entity).⁸

Basic national fee: ⁹	USD	300	(150)	(75)

⁶ The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “small entity” (see paragraphs US. 19-1).

⁸ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “micro entity” (see paragraphs US. 19-21).

⁹ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

Search fee:¹⁰

– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD	0	0	0
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	USD	140	(70)	(35)
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD	520	(260)	(130)
– All other situations:	USD	660	(330)	(165)

Examination fee:¹⁰

– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD	0	0	0
– All other situations:	USD	760	(380)	(190)

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):	USD	400	(200)	(100)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: ¹⁰	USD	460	(230)	(115)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: ¹⁰	USD	100	(50)	(25)

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: ¹⁰	USD	820	(410)	(205)

Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: ¹⁰	USD	140	(70)	(35)

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): ¹⁰	USD	140	(70)	(35)

¹⁰ If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

Mega-Sequence Listing filing fee:

– submission of sequence listing of 300 MB to 8000 MB:	USD 1,000 (500) (250)
– submission of sequence listing of more than 800 MB:	USD 10,000 (5,000) (2,500)

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments entered into force on 16 January 2018. The amended Annex D reads as follows:

“Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preparation of an international type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	[No change]
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	760 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2))	300 ²

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 50% in the case of filing by a “small entity” and by 75% in the case of filing by a “micro entity”. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “small entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “micro entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf. These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2)³

– US patent, per copy [No change]

Cost of copies (Rules 94.1~~ter~~ and 94.2)

– US patent, per copy [No change]

– non-US patent document, per copy [No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change in its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (31-88) 042 66 60

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application – since 1 December 2017, earlier searches give rise to a refund as follows:

³ The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO's website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

– for a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE,⁴ CY, FR, GR, IT, LT, LU, LV,⁵ MC,⁵ MT, NL,⁴ SM, TR):

– full benefit: refund of 100%

– partial benefit: refund of 25%

– for an international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)):

– full benefit: refund of 70%

– partial benefit: refund of 17.5%

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a new fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as international searching and international preliminary examining authorities, with effect since 16 January 2018.

Late furnishing fee for providing
a sequence listing in response to
an invitation under PCT Rule 13*ter* USD 300

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

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount for the preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) where the international search was carried out by another Authority. This new amount, also applicable since 16 January 2018, is USD 760.

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

⁴ Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the Authority and that Office.

⁵ Applies to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 October 2016 for Latvia and as of 1 April 2017 for Monaco.

RECEIVING OFFICES

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Trinidad and Tobago with the Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 22 February 2018.

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

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US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in one of its facsimile numbers, which is now as follows:

Facsimile machine:	(1-571) 273 83 00 (PCT Operations - only available for certain documents) ¹

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Bulgarian lev (BGN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 12 December 2017, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: ²	BGN	40
Publication fee:	BGN	70

For a utility model:

Filing fee: ²	BGN	40

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

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2018, is EUR 1,012.

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

¹ For details of which documents may be sent by facsimile, see “Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?”.

² This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Japanese by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2018, is KRW 712,000.

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2018, are USD 657 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,465 for searches carried out in English.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TR Turkey

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has informed the International Bureau that, since 10 January 2017, it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2018, is EUR 1,376.

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

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified a new fee, in **Yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payable to it as receiving office, since 1 July 2016.

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>bis</i>), per page:	CNY	2

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified that, from 1 May 2018, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has specified the types of electronic medium it accepts for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form as follows:

Does the Authority require that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter)?	Yes
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	Diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD and DVD-R

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)** has notified changes in its location, telephone number and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location:	Boulevard October 11, no. 25 1000 Skopje The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Telephone:	(389-2) 310 36 01
E-mail:	info@ippo.gov.mk

[Updating of Annex B1(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the amount for the fee for the priority document submitted in electronic form, in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is:

Fee for priority document (Rule 17.1(b)):	SGD	28	(electronic copy)

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any registered patent attorney or legal representative can now act as such.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BE Belgium

The Internet address of the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has changed and is now as follows:

<https://economie.fgov.be/fr/themes/propriete-intellectuelle/institutions-et-acteurs/office-belge-de-la-propriete>

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address:	Postboks 4863 Nydalen, 0422 Oslo Norway

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2018, are USD 484 when filing online and USD 725 when filing on paper.

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

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2018, is USD 335.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	137,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,500
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
– Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	20,600
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	31,000

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, applicable since 14 February 2018, as follows:

Annual fee for the first three years: ¹	SEK	1,400

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

¹ This fee is due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies, it is payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase, unless the 24-month time limit has not yet expired.

RECEIVING OFFICES

TT Trinidad and Tobago – Corrigendum

The date from which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) started to act as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Trinidad and Tobago with the **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)**, or with the International Bureau, as indicated in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 March 2018, page 228, was erroneous. The correct date is 19 March 2018.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday 2 March 2018 and Wednesday 21 March 2018.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on Monday 5 March 2018 and Thursday 22 March 2018, respectively.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the Office, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*.

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RECEIVING OFFICES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified a change concerning whether an agent is required by it – an agent is required if the applicant has neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Poland, or in another Member State of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1. An appointment of an agent is required if the applicant has neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Poland, or in another Member State of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SE Sweden

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 20 February 2014, pages 28 to 30, and in particular, that it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 August 2018. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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
- epoline® software

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

- facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- 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 available on the website www.prv.se.

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 will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 4.40 p.m. (15 September – 14 May) and between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (15 May – 14 September) CET (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding Swedish public holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at: +46 (0) 8 782 26 00
- by e-mail at: biblioteket@prv.se

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, including the demand, as 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. Documents should preferably not be password protected.

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 to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives. Find more information on www.prv.se/en/.

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)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2018, is SGD 2,210.

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

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2018, are EUR 385 when filing online, and EUR 576 when filing on paper.

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

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2018, is CHF 331.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2018, is SEK 18,670.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2018, are EUR 359 for searches carried out in Korean and EUR 1,038 for searches carried out in English.

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **Mexican peso (MXN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 27 April 2018, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	MXN	3,147 ¹
	MXN	1,500 ²
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	MXN	61

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	MXN	2,000 ¹
	MXN	1,350 ²
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	MXN	61

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

¹ This fee is payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22.

² This fee is payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1).

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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 August 2018, are EUR 114 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 535 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2018, are USD 136 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 638 for searches carried out in English.

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

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AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)** has notified changes in its name, as well as in its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	International Center for Patent Registration, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)

E-mail:	icpr@economy.ae

[Updating of Annex B1(AE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified an additional telephone number for local calls, which is as follows:

1300 65 10 10 (local)

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, which are now as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

After a patent has been granted, the applicant is entitled to reasonable compensation for the period following the international publication of the international application. For that purpose, and if the international publication has not been effected in Spanish, the applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Spanish. The provisional protection applies as from the date of publication of the international application in Spanish by the Office.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

After the international publication (if in Spanish) or, where that publication was in a language other than Spanish, after the publication by the Office of a translation into Spanish of the claims of the European patent application submitted by the applicant in view of provisional protection and accompanied by a special fee, compensation reasonable in the circumstances may be requested. The translation of the claims into Spanish cannot be filed before the international application has entered the European regional phase and the mention of the international publication has been published in the *European Patent Bulletin*. If the applicant does not reside in Spain or in a country of the European Union, the translation must be either prepared by a patent attorney entitled to practice before the Office, or certified by a sworn translator appointed by the Ministry of External Affairs of Spain. In addition, persons who declare to have linguistic and technical knowledge in accordance with the Ministerial Order ETU/320/2018, of March 26, 2018 may also prepare the translation.

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED OFFICES)

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The consolidated list of the requirements reads as follows:

- Under PCT Article 22: description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings;
- Under PCT Article 39(1): description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report).

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

UA Ukraine

Agreement between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine**, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, has notified the International Bureau of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 September 2018. 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)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	
– of only European and North American documentation	90
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	70

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ua.pdf.

Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	60
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	160
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	50
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	180
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	70
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	60
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	20
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.40
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	0.90

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, facsimile number and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Hipodrom Caddesi No. 115 06560 Yenimahalle Ankara Turkey

Facsimile machine:	(90-312) 303 11 73

E-mail:	contact@turkpatent.gov.tr

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2018, are CHF 450 and USD 446 when filing online, and CHF 675 and USD 668 when filing on paper.

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

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified new amounts of components of the national fee², in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2018, are as follows:

For a patent:	online	on paper
Filing fee:	COP 73,000	COP 91,000
Annual fee:		
– for the 1 st to the 4 th year, per year:	COP 256,000 (380,000) ³	COP 307,000 (456,000) ³
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 63,500	COP 79,500

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2018, are USD 2,095 and JPY 227,600.

[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 **Swiss franc (CHF)** 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 September 2018, are CHF 133 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 625 for searches carried out in English.

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

² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 September 2018, are CHF 184 and CHF 295 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary search, applicable from 1 September 2018, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian):	EUR	100
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian):	EUR	100
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))		
– of only European and North American documentation	EUR	90
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	EUR	70
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	EUR	60

In addition, the Office has notified a fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.1*ter*), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary search, applicable from 1 September 2018. The amount of the fee is EUR 0.90 per page.

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

Moreover, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 September 2018, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))

- the international search report has been prepared by the Authority
(for an application in Ukrainian or Russian) EUR 50
- the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority
(for an application in Ukrainian or Russian) EUR 70

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))
(for an application in Ukrainian or Russian) EUR 60

Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)) EUR 20

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)),
per page EUR 0.40

Finally, the Office has notified a fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 September 2018. The amount of the fee is EUR 0.90 per page.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – 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(i) thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 21 April 2018, consists of the addition of Brunei Darussalam to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, 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]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Ground Floor BAOBAB Tower Warrens St. Michael Barbados
Telephone:	(1-246) 535-2401 (1-246) 535-2402
Facsimile:	(1-246) 535-2444

[Updating of Annex B1(BB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property** as International Search Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2018, are CHF 116 and USD 117, respectively, for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 September 2018, are CHF 104 (of only European and North American documentation), CHF 81 (of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation), and CHF 69 (where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv)).

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with the Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam, with effect from 21 April 2018.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee², in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2018, is EUR 60.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees — the existing 50% reduction in the filing fee (where the applicant is also the inventor) also applies where the application is filed in fully electronic form.

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

² Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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

BE Belgium

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of one of the collections of the Belgian Co-ordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCMTM), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. As of January 1, 2018, the BCCM/LMBP Plasmid and DNA Library collection has changed its name to BCCM/GeneCorner.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. The amendment, which entered into force on 1 July 2018, consists of changes to the conditions under which the Office will act as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), pursuant to Article 3(1) of the Agreement. The amended Annex A reads 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:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023, and not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth, and fifth years. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

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

(ii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. The amendment, which entered into force on 1 July 2018, consists of changes to the conditions under which the Office will act as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, pursuant to Article 3(1) of the Agreement.

As of 1 July 2018, the Japan Patent Office will act as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the USPTO insofar as the following conditions are met:

- the international application is submitted in English; and
- the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the USPTO during the five-year period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2023, and not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth, and fifth years.

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

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (43-1) 53424-0
(43-1) 53424-450 (PCT services)

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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)** in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2018, are ZAR 28,900 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 14,450 for a small entity and ZAR 7,230 for a micro entity.

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

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MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Baga toiruu-49 Ulaanbaatar-46 Mongolia
Telephone:	(976-11) 316 454
Facsimile machine:	(976-11) 327 638
E-mail:	ipinfo@ipom.mn

[Updating of Annex B1(MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NA Namibia

The **Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, e-mail address, and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of office:	Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) (Namibia)
Location:	188 Sam Nujoma Drive Windhoek Namibia
Mailing address:	P.O.Box 185 Windhoek Namibia
E-mail:	info@bipa.na
Internet:	www.bipa.na

[Updating of Annex B1(NA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 August 2018, the transmittal fee payable to it as receiving Office is no longer required.

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

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2018, is USD 309.

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

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name and mailing address of the Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new name and mailing address are as follows:

All-Russian Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM)
Research Centre "Kurchatov Institute"
State Research Institute "Genetika"
1-st Dorozhniy pr., 1
117545 Moscow
Russian Federation

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SZ Swaziland

The International Bureau has been notified that Swaziland has changed its name to “**Eswatini**”. The corresponding two-letter code (SZ) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes A and B1(SZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2018, is USD 1,631.

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

MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of one of the components of the national fee in **Mongolian tugrik (MNT)**, as follows:

Annual fee for the period from the 1 st to the 3 rd year: ¹	MNT	10,000

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

¹ Due to the new time limit applicable under PCT Article 22, the Office should be consulted for the time limit applicable for the payment of this fee.

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2018, as follows:

	<i>Online</i>	<i>On paper</i>
For a patent: ²	EUR 53.30	EUR 106.61
For a utility model: ³	EUR 53.30	EUR 106.61

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2018, are NZD 3,066 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,533 for a small entity and NZD 766 for a micro entity.

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

² Includes publication and examination.

³ Includes publication only.

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ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

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

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

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

TR Turkey

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which enters into force on 1 September 2018, consists of the addition of Cambodia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

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]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of new equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) carried out by the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable since 1 August 2018, are SEK 18,670 for each fee.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute in its capacity as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2018, is SEK 18,670.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cambodia with the DIPC, with effect from 1 September 2018.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee, applicable to applications that have entered the substantive examination stage on or after 1 August 2018 – a refund of 50% of the examination fee may be requested where the application has entered the substantive examination stage and the application is voluntarily withdrawn prior to the expiration of the time limit for responding to the first examination opinion (except when a response has already been submitted).

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

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its requirements concerning the languages of the translation of the international application – the Office accepts a translation into English,² French or German.

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

² However, a translation of the claims into German or French is required when the application is submitted in English.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 September 2018, consists of the addition of Lao People's Democratic Republic to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Thailand, Zimbabwe and any State that the Authority will specify.

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Thailand, Zimbabwe and any State that the Authority will specify.

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]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	contactenos@sic.gov.co (general enquiries)
	dirnuecreaciones@sic.gov.co (enquiries concerning ePCT)

[Updating of Annex B1(CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d). These amounts, payable to the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** and applicable from 1 November 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK 11,910
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK 130
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK 1,790
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK 2,690
Handling fee:	SEK 1,790

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

IB International Bureau

The International Bureau acting for the **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Lao People's Democratic Republic with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 1 September 2018.

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

EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.1(g)

TR Turkey

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 26/2006 of 29 June 2006, page 18994), the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) therefore applies to international applications filed with the Office on or after 10 January 2017.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

TR Turkey

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies to international applications in respect of which the requirements for entry into the national phase have been fulfilled on or after 10 January 2017. The Office applies the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, and the fee for a request, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) office, is TRY 1,890.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2018, is CHF 303.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **United States dollars (USD)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2018, is USD 141 (and USD 35 in the case of filing by an individual).

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

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2018, are CHF 121 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 569 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2018, are CHF 168 and CHF 269 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, pages 8 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 October 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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

PL Poland

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 05/2006, of 2 February 2006, pages 3180 *et seq.*, and changed in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 November 2015, pages 178 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 October 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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

PT Portugal

Under with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, pages 10 *et seq.*, and changed in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 January 2016, pages 30 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 October 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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

RO Romania

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 17/2006, of 27 April 2006, pages 12218 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 October 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

UA Ukraine

Agreement between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine**, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, has notified the International Bureau of an amendment to Part I of Annex D thereof, which entered into force on 1 September 2018. The amended Annex D now reads 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)) (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	
– of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34	90
– of only European and North American documentation	[no change]
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	[no change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ua.pdf.

Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 ~~ter~~ and Rule 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **euros (EUR)**, of the transmittal fee, the fee for priority document, and the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, applicable since 1 July 2018 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:		
(PCT Rule 14):	EUR 10.67 (online)	EUR 21.33 (on paper)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 42.64	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority		
(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 159.91 (request filed online)	
	EUR 319.83 (request filed on paper)	

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

UA Ukraine

Further to its notification of amendments to the Agreement between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 July 2018, pages 256 *et seq.*, the **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of a new fee, in **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 September 2018. This amount, payable to the Office for a supplementary search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority (Ukrpatent), including PCT minimum documentation under PCT Rule 34, is EUR 90.

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Organisation (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document is no longer required for the withdrawal of the international application.

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OM Oman

The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Way 3505, Ruwi 112 P.O. Box 550 Muscat Oman

[Updating of Annex B1(OM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

The **Patents Registry, Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Uganda)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its location, mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)
Location and mailing address:	Plot 5 George Street Georgian House P.O. Box 6848 Kampala Uganda
Telephone:	(256-417) 338 000 (256-417) 338 100
E-mail:	ursb@ursb.go.ug
Internet:	www.ursb.go.ug

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail; the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of additional details concerning:

– provisions of the law of Uganda concerning the international-type search (under PCT Article 15(5)): see Section 30 of the Industrial Property Act, 2014;

– provisions of the law of Uganda concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material: see Section 16(1) of the Industrial Property Act, 2014.

[Updating of Annex B1(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2018, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ¹ :	RSD 7,700	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,850	for the first document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 470	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages, plus
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 3,090	

¹ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 October 2018, it will no longer accept payment, in Swiss francs (CHF), of the international filing fee and fee per sheet in excess of 30. As from this date, these fees are payable to the Office as receiving Office, in **euros (EUR)** only, as follows:

International filing fee ² :	EUR 1,163
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 ² :	EUR 13
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	EUR 175
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	EUR 262

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

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATION BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS

UG Uganda

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 April 2015. The time limit applicable for entry into the national phase is now as follows:

Under PCT Article 22(1):	30 months from the priority date

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

² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

**FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES**

NL Netherlands

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 11/2005, of 17 March 2005, pages 7068 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 December 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2018, is ZAR 32,360.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are CHF 1,521 and ZAR 23,570, respectively.

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

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and handling fee have also been established, in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,924
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 22
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD 289
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD 434
Handling fee:	AUD 289

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

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are CHF 399, EUR 346 and USD 404, when filing online, and CHF 598, EUR 518 and USD 605, when filing on paper.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2018, is ZAR 30,630.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are CHF 133 and EUR 118 (and CHF 33 and EUR 30 in the case of filing by an individual).

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

IS Iceland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 150,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,700
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK 22,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK 34,000

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

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts, in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD 2,077
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 23
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD 312
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD 469

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **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 December 2018, are USD 125 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 587 for searches carried out in English.

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

ZA South Africa

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 20,380
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 230
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR 3,070
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR 4,600

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

MC Monaco

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)** has notified the International Bureau that it will cease to act as a receiving Office and that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, with effect from 1 December 2018.

[Updating of Annex B1(MC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY: NOTIFICATION OF PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

KR Republic of Korea

On 2 December 2003, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, acting in its capacity as a Receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, according to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1, that with effect from 1 January 2014, it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form; in accordance with Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office also notified requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, of 18 December 2003, pages 29020 *et seq.*). Further notifications were published in PCT Gazette No. 24/2004, of 10 June 2004, page 13496; No. 06/2005, of 10 February 2005, pages 3766 *et seq.*; and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 December 2014, page 201; and lastly, and still in force, of 28 September 2017, pages 139 *et seq.*

On 4 October 2018, the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, notified the International Bureau, according to PCT Rule 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Section 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT that, since 13 August 2018, it has been prepared to receive and process documents relating to international applications for which international search had been carried out by the Office as International Searching Authority, filed online, using ePCT, in addition to the existing electronic methods already supported by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

Consequently, since 13 August 2018, the following notification has been effective for the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority:

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

- PDF

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

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

- ePCT

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

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported document filed in electronic form with the Office, where such acknowledgement is applicable, will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

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

Online payment is available on KIPO's website (<http://www.patent.go.kr>) and Internet giro (<http://www.giro.or.kr>). Applicants can check the total of fees that are due and pay them by websites.

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

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of international applications, the Office has put in place a help desk: the Patent Customer Consulting Center. The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of international applications and subsequent documents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 6 pm(KST). The Patent Customer Consulting Center may be contacted:

- by phone at (national) 1544-8080

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

- Subsequently filed documents for the International Searching Authority through ePCT Document upload.

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 the ePCT private services."

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CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the English name, and the Internet address, of the Office. The English name, and Internet address, of the Office, are now as follows:

Name of Office: National Intellectual Property
Administration, PRC (CNIPA)

Internet: www.cnipa.gov.cn

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address: Švermova 43
974 04 Banská Bystrica 4
Slovakia

Furthermore, the Office will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine with effect from 14 January 2019.

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) 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 a new amount, in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), applicable since 1 January 2018. This amount, payable to it as receiving Office, is BYN 98.

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

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes to amounts of components of the national fee,^{1, 2} in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 January 2018, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ³	BYN	122.50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	49
Examination fee:	BYN	588
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	343
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	49
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	122.50

For utility model:

Filing fee: ³	BYN	245
Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	49

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

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rouble. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollar, euro, Swiss franc or Russian rouble in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment.

³ 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 of two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the translation of the international application must be furnished in two copies, instead of three.

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

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

KR Republic of Korea

The International Bureau has been notified of changes in the postal address of the **Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The address is as now follows:

Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC)
Agricultural Microbiology Division
National Institute of Agricultural Science
Rural Development Administration
166, Nongsaengmyeong-ro, Iseo-myeon
Wanju-gun, Jeollabuk-do 55365
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	cmena@rnp.go.cr
	kquesada@rnp.go.cr
	ljimenezs@rnp.go.cr

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified the International Bureau that no fee is payable for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

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

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GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: www.sakpatenti.gov.ge

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: 15 Stout Street
Wellington 6011
New Zealand

Telephone: (64-3) 962 26 07 (international calls)
0508 447 669 (national free calls)
1800 796 338 (free calls from Australia)

E-mail: info@iponz.govt.nz (general enquiries)
epct@iponz.govt.nz
(enquiries concerning ePCT)

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of additional changes, as follows:

- The Office accepts the filing of documents via its online case management system; the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4);
- The Office sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications;
- The Office no longer accepts 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);

- Provisional protection after international publication – Section 81 of the New Zealand Patents Act 2013 provides that after the complete specification has become open to public inspection and before the patent is granted the nominated person (as defined in section 5) is taken to have generally the same privileges and rights as if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification became open to public inspection except the nominated person cannot bring a proceeding until after the patent has been granted.

[Updating of Annex B1(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name of the Office, as well as its telephone numbers, facsimile number, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)
Telephone:	(84-24) 3558 82 17 (84-24) 3858 30 69
Facsimile:	(84-24) 3858 84 49
E-mail:	vietnamipo@noip.gov.vn

[Updating of Annex B1(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Office

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, in **Russian rubles (RUB)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is RUB 1,500.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 24 February 2017, information about patent attorneys registered to practice before the Office is available from the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board at: <https://www.ttipattorney.gov.au/>.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

On 18 September 2018, the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(a)(i) and (ii) -- the Office no longer requires a declaration concerning the inventor and the right of the applicant to apply for a patent.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau that, since 24 February 2017, information about patent attorneys registered to practice before the Office is available from the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board at: <https://www.ttipattorney.gov.au/>.

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

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau of its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
New Zealand Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	None	At the time of filing (as part of the specification)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (37322) 40 05 00
(37322) 40 05 06

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

On 3 October 2018, the **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** notified the International Bureau that it is possible to reuse the national fee already paid for an application that was subsequently abandoned for the payment of the national fee in respect of a new application with the same subject matter.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of a clarification concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* — the translation of the international application or any document relating to it should be furnished in two copies (one paper copy and an additional copy in electronic format (CD-ROM)).

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

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has notified the International Bureau of its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Uganda Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	At the time of filing (furnishing of the date of deposit of the biological material is not necessary)	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Where a deposited micro-organism ceases to be available from the institution with which it was deposited because the micro-organism is no longer viable, or for any other reason the depository institution is unable to supply samples, and if the micro-organism has not been transferred to another depository institution from which it continues to be available, an interruption in availability shall not be taken to have occurred if a new deposit of the micro-organism originally deposited is made within three months from the date on which the person who deposited it is notified of the interruption by the depository institution and a copy of the receipt of the deposit issued by the institution is forwarded to the registry within four months from the date of the new deposit stating the number of the application or of the patent. A new deposit shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the person making the deposit indicating that the newly deposited micro-organism is the same as that originally deposited.

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are published by the International Bureau at: http://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html.

The following Offices and Authorities have notified the International Bureau of their participation in DAS under Sections 715(a)(i) or (b):

Office Code and Name	Participating Office since	Accessing Office since
AU Australian Patent Office	12 December 2009	12 December 2009
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	16 February 2018	1 May 2018
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	1 October 2018	1 October 2018
CN National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA)	1 March 2012	1 March 2012
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	1 November 2011	1 June 2018
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	1 November 2017	1 November 2017
EE Estonian Patent Office	1 January 2017	1 January 2017
EP European Patent Office (EPO)	1 November 2018	1 November 2018
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	1 October 2009	1 October 2009
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	15 April 2011	15 April 2011
GB Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)	4 October 2009	4 October 2009

IB	International Bureau of WIPO	1 April 2009	1 January 2010
IN	Indian Patent Office	31 January 2018	31 January 2018
JP	Japan Patent Office	1 April 2009	1 April 2009
KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office	1 July 2009	1 July 2009
MA	Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	1 December 2016	1 December 2016
NL	Netherlands Patent Office	1 June 2018	1 June 2018
NZ	Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	30 May 2016	30 May 2016
SE	Swedish Patent and Registration Office	1 November 2011	1 July 2014
US	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	20 April 2009	20 April 2009

[Updating of Annexes B1(AU, BR, CL, CN, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, IB, IN, JP, KR, MA, NL, NZ, SE, US) and B2(EA, EP, IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
 1 January 2019,
 19 and 22 April 2019,
 30 May 2019,
 10 June 2019,
 5 September 2019,
 25 and 31 December 2019.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

Note Concerning PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

Having erroneously omitted paragraph 116E from the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (see documents PCT/GL/RO/16 promulgated by the International Bureau on 1 July 2017, and PCT/GL/RO/17 promulgated on 1 July 2018 and in force as from that date, respectively), the International Bureau has published document **PCT/GL/RO/17 CORR.** to rectify the error.

Consequential to the reintroduction of paragraph 116E, that paragraph is numbered 116F, and current paragraphs 116F and 116G are renumbered 116G and 116H, respectively.

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CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Extension of Interim Agreement

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 January 2018 (pages 30 and 31) of the text of an Amendment to the Agreement concluded between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau extending the appointment of the **Canadian Commissioner of Patents** as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT until 31 December 2018, the parties have concluded a subsequent amendment. This amendment further extends the existing Agreement of 13 December 2007 (including its amendments and Annexes) until 31 December 2019, or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and with the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada, whichever is sooner.

This amendment, which will enter into force on **31 December 2018**, is set out below on pages 331 and 332.

RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

On 2 November 2018, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** notified the International Bureau of a correction concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – four copies must be provided, instead of three.

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

UG Uganda

On 24 October 2018, the **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** notified the International Bureau that it will act as receiving Office for nationals and residents of Uganda.

[Updating of Annex B1(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

On 2 November 2018, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, payable in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, are DOP 10,000 for a patent and DOP 7,000 for a utility model.

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

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the fiftieth (29th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 24 September to 2 October 2018, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2019, in various currencies, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2019, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2019, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM), and (ZW),

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Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (US) (XN) and (XV)].

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of December 13, 2007 (the Agreement), made under PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), was concluded for a period of 10 years from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2017,

Considering that the said Agreement has been amended in 2010, these amendments having been published in the PCT Gazette on July 22, 2010,

Considering that the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO have already started negotiations for a new Agreement as provided under Article 10 therein,

Considering that an Amendment to the said Agreement was signed on October 30, 2017 and December 13, 2017 to extend the said Agreement until December 31, 2018 or until the day before the entry into force of the said new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), said Amendment having been published in the PCT Gazette on January 18, 2018,

Recognizing that the Government of Canada will not be able to complete the necessary domestic procedures to ratify a new Agreement in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, prior to the expiration of the extended Agreement on December 31, 2018;

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Extension of the Agreement

(1) The Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO signed on December 13, 2007, including its amendments and Annexes, is hereby further extended until December 31, 2019, or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and with the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada, whichever is sooner.

(2) Consequently, references made to “December 31, 2018” under Articles 10 and 12 of the Agreement are amended to “December 31, 2019”, accordingly.

Article 2
Approval and entry into force

(1) In accordance with Article 11(1) of the Agreement, this amendment shall be subject to the approval of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union.

(2) Subject to paragraph 1 of this Article, this amendment shall take effect on December 31, 2018.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-eighth day of September two thousand and eighteen, in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Johanne BÉLISLE
Canadian Commissioner of Patents

Francis GURRY
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2019)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 01.10.2018	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.7106979	1,924	22	n.a	289	434	289 Current amount *
		1,871	21	n.a	281	422	281 New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.7686620	1,708	19	n.a	257	385	257 Current amount
		1,730	20	n.a	260	390	260 New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.1526435	8,650	100	n.a	1,300	1,950	1,300 Current amount
		8,710	100	n.a	1,310	1,970	1,310 New amount
EUR - Euro	1.1381555	1,163	13	87	175	262	175 Current amount
		1,169	13	88	176	264	176 New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.2820665	1,037	12	n.a	155	232	n.a Current amount
		1,037	12	n.a	156	234	n.a New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.0035242	363,000	4,100	n.a	54,600	81,900	n.a Current amount
		377,400	4,300	n.a	56,800	85,100	n.a New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.2704773	**	**	n.a	**	**	726 Current amount
		**	**	n.a	**	**	739 New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.0087893	150,700	1,700	n.a	22,700	34,000	n.a Current amount *
		151,300	1,700	n.a	22,800	34,100	n.a New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.0086344	153,800	1,700	n.a	n.a	34,700	23,100 Current amount
		154,000	1,700	n.a	n.a	34,700	23,200 New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0008845	***	***	n.a	n.a	***	220,000 Current amount
		***	***	n.a	n.a	***	226,000 New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.1205664	10,930	120	n.a	1,640	2,460	n.a Current amount
		11,030	120	n.a	1,660	2,490	n.a New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.6506281	2,077	23	n.a	312	469	n.a Current amount *
		2,044	23	n.a	307	461	n.a New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.1099318	11,910	130	n.a	1,790	2,690	1,790 Current amount ***
		12,100	140	n.a	1,820	2,730	1,820 New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.7172936	1,859	21	n.a	280	419	280 Current amount
		1,854	21	n.a	279	418	279 New amount
USD - US dollar	0.9838544	1,366	15	103	205	308	205 Current amount
		1,352	15	102	203	305	203 New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0692709	20,380	230	n.a	3,070	4,600	n.a Current amount *
		19,200	220	n.a	2,890	4,330	n.a New amount

* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2018.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

**** Amounts applicable since November 1, 2018.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	Exch. Rate	AUD	Exch. Rate	BRL	Exch. Rate	CAD	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount							1,600	
Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018								
CHF - Swiss franc	2,145		1,521 ¹		598 ^{1,2}	399 ^{1,2}	1,246 ²	Current amount
	1.1381555		0.7106979		0.2455945	0.2455945	0.768662	New amount
USD - US dollar	2,202		1,631		605 ¹	404 ¹	1,279	Current amount
	0.8644288		1.3843497		4.0060113	4.0060113	1.2799572	New amount
EUR - Euro			1,376 ²		518 ^{1,2}	346 ^{1,2}	1,012 ²	Current amount
			1.6014618		4.6342873	4.6342873	1.4806971	New amount
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount
								New amount
DKK - Danish krone								Current amount
								New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount
								New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount
								New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona								Current amount
								New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								Current amount
								New amount
KRW - Korean won	2,423,000		1,803,000					Current amount
	0.0007771		0.0012445					New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone								Current amount
								New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar								Current amount
								New amount
SEK - Swedish krona								Current amount
								New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	3,000		2,210					Current amount
	0.6302246		1.0092807					New amount
ZAR - South African rand	32,360 ¹		23,570 ¹					Current amount
	0.0608624		0.0974688					New amount

1. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2018.

2. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL				ISA/CN		ISA/EG		ISA/EP	
	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018</i>										
CHF - Swiss franc	0.9838544	1,948 ³ 1,968³	390 ³ 394³	292 ³ 295³	0.1432143 301	303 ⁴ 306	0.054870 17.930644	221 ³ 219³	1.1381555 2,020	2,059 2,053
USD - US dollar										
EUR - Euro	1.1568333	1,703 ³ 1,729³	341 ³ 346³	255 ³ 259³	6.8698073 7.9472219	269 ³ 264³			0.8644288 2,053	2,095 2,053
AUD - Australian dollar										
DKK - Danish krone										
GBP - Pound sterling									0.1341148 13,230	13,210 13,230
HUF - Hungarian forint									1.1264422 1,576	1,552 1,576
ISK - Icelandic krona									0.0030964 573,200	550,400 573,200
JPY - Japanese yen									0.0077224 229,900	221,900 229,900
KRW - Korean won									0.0075863 234,000	227,600 234,000
NOK - Norwegian krone										
NZD - New Zealand dollar									0.1059314 16,760	16,990 16,760
SEK - Swedish krona									0.5716513 3,105	3,007 3,105
SGD - Singapore dollar									0.0965877 18,380	18,670 18,380
ZAR - South African rand									0.6302246 2,820	2,900 2,820
									0.0608624 29,160	30,630 ⁵ 29,160

3. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

4. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2018.

5. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2018.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISA/ES		ISA/IF		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		
	EUR	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate	ILS	Exch. Rate	INR	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,525	INR	10,000	2,500
Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018									
CHF - Swiss franc	2,059 ⁶ 1.1381555	2,020 ⁶	2,059 ⁶ 1.1381555	2,020 ⁶	0.2704773	994 ⁶ 953 ⁶	0.0134394	133 ⁷ 134	33 ⁷ 34
USD - US dollar	2,095 0.8644288	2,053	2,095 0.8644288	2,053	3.6374752	1,009 969	73.206973	141 ⁸ 137	35 ⁸ 34
EUR - Euro					4.2079525	849 ⁶ 838 ⁶	84.688265	118 ^{7,6} 118 ⁶	30 ^{7,6} 30 ⁶
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won									Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount New amount

6. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

7. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2018.

8. Amounts entered into force since November 1, 2018.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP			ISA/KR			ISA/RU		
	JPY	156,000	70,000	KRW	1,300,000	450,000	RUB	40,000	8,500
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018</i>									
CHF - Swiss franc	0.0086344	1,349	605	0.0008845	1,184	410	0.0150499	569 ⁹	121 ⁹
		1,347	604		1,150	398		602	128
USD - US dollar	1.465	657	422	1.218	1,218	422	587 ¹⁰	587 ¹⁰	125 ¹⁰
	113.94649	1,369	614	1112.3575	1,169	405	65.372900	612	130
EUR - Euro	1.179 ¹¹	529 ¹¹	359 ¹¹	1.038 ¹¹	1,038 ¹¹	359 ¹¹	535	535	114
	131.81710	1,183 ¹¹	531 ¹¹	1286.8122	1,010 ¹¹	350 ¹¹	75.625549	529	112
AUD - Australian dollar				803.52351	1,587	549			
					1,618	560			
DKK - Danish krone									
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona									
JPY - Japanese yen									
KRW - Korean won	0.1024369	n.a	712,000						
		683,000							
NOK - Norwegian krone									
NZD - New Zealand dollar				735.60785	1,740	602			
					1,767	612			
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar	83.074381	1,885	n.a	810.98073	1,544	534			
		1,878	n.a		1,603	555			
ZAR - South African rand									

9. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2018.

10. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2018.

11. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ²		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ³		ISA/JA		
	SEK	18,670	SGD	2,240	TRY	8,290	EUR	300	
Reference currency & amount	SEK	18,380			TRY	12,210		100	
Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018			Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		
CHF - Swiss franc		2,059		1,603 ¹⁴		2,059		343 ¹⁴	116 ¹⁴
		2,020		1,607¹⁴		2,020	1.1381555	341¹⁴	114¹⁴
USD - US dollar		2,095		1,646		2,095 ¹⁴		352 ¹⁴	117 ¹⁴
		2,053		1,633		2,053¹⁴	0.8644288	347¹⁴	116¹⁴
EUR - Euro		1,775		1,401 ¹⁴		1,775 ¹⁴			
		1,775		1,412¹⁴		1,775¹⁴			
AUD - Australian dollar									
DKK - Danish krone		13,210							
		13,230							
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona		221,900							
		229,900							
JPY - Japanese yen				185,300					
			0.0120374	186,100					
KRW - Korean won									
NOK - Norwegian krone		16,990							
		16,760							
NZD - New Zealand dollar									
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar									
ZAR - South African rand									

12. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2019, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
13. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2019, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
14. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISAUS				ISA/XN ¹⁵		ISA/XV		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018	Exch. Rate				DKK	13,230	Exch. Rate		
CHF - Swiss franc	0.9838544	2,026	1,013	506		2,059 ¹⁶	1.1381555	2,059 ¹⁶	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar						2,020 ¹⁶		2,020 ¹⁶	
EUR - Euro	1.1568333	1,771 ¹⁶	886 ¹⁶	443 ¹⁶		2,095 ¹⁶	0.8644288	2,095 ¹⁶	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar		1,798 ¹⁶	899 ¹⁶	450 ¹⁶		2,053 ¹⁶		2,053 ¹⁶	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone						1,775 ¹⁶			Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling						1,775 ¹⁶			Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona						221,900	0.0030964	550,400	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen						229,900		573,200	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won									Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone						16,990			Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.6613052	3,066	1,533	766		16,760			Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona		3,145	1,573	786		18,670			Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar						18,380			Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0704076	28,900	14,450	7,230					Current amount New amount

15. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2019, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

16. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/IF		ISA/RU	
	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	11,800 18,880 ⁵
Reference currency & Amount								
Exchange rate applicable on 01.10.18								
CHF - Swiss franc	Exch. Rate 1.1381555	967 1,354 1,935	Exch. Rate 1.1381555	2,020	Exch. Rate 1.1381555	2,020	Exch. Rate 0.0150499	178 284

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE	ISA/SG	ISA/TR	ISA/UA
Reference currency & Amount	SEK 18,670	SGD 2,240	TRY 500 ⁶ 8,290	EUR 60 ⁷ 70 ⁸ 90 ⁹ 90 ¹⁰
Exchange rate applicable on 01.10.2018	SEK 18,380 ¹¹	TRY 12,210 ¹²	TRY 83 ¹⁴ 2,020 ¹⁴	Exch. Rate 1.1381555
CHF - Swiss franc	2,020 ¹³	Exch. Rate 0.7172936 1,607	83 ¹⁴ 2,020 ¹⁴	68 80 102 102

6. For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2019.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2019.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2019.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2019.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISAXN	ISAXV
Reference currency & Amount		
DKK 4,000 ¹⁵	13,210	EUR 550 ¹⁶
DKK 13,230 ¹⁷	2,020 ¹⁸	1,775
Exchange rate applicable on 01.10.2018 CHF - Swiss franc	611 ¹⁸	Exch. Rate 1.1381555
	2,020	626 2,020

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2019.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2019.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 January 2018 (pages 14 and 15) of the text of an Amendment to the Agreement concluded between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau, extending the appointment of the **Australian Patent Office** as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, the parties have concluded a new Agreement, which will enter into force on 1 January 2019.

The new Agreement will be effective until 31 December 2027, and is set out at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one of its telephone numbers and to its email address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (973-17) 57 49 46
(973-17) 57 48 96

E-mail: ip@moic.gov.bh

[Updating of Annex B1(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location, mailing address, and telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Lascaris Bastions Dahlet Grien is-Sultan Valletta VLT 1933 Malta

Telephone:	(356) 2569 0100 (356) 2122 6688

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2019, are CHF 456, EUR 398, and USD 454 when filing online, and CHF 683, EUR 596 and USD 680 when filing on paper.

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

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,^{2,3} in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 12 June 2018, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ⁴	[no change]
Fee for determination of object of protection:	USD 90
Fee for determination of state of the art:	
For one independent claim:	USD 180
For each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 120

For utility model:

Filing fee: ⁴	[no change]
Fee for determination of object of protection and novelty:	USD 90

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee – since 12 June 2018, the fee for determination of the state of the art is reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established and a Georgian translation thereof is submitted.

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² Fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or retiree.

³ Fees are reduced by 20% for applications filed electronically (applicable since 19 June 2018).

⁴ Must be paid within one month from the date of request for entry into the national phase.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

On 17 October 2018, the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** notified the International Bureau of a change in its requirements concerning the translation of the international application – the translation must be furnished within two months from the date of request for entry into the national phase.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 31 October 2018, the **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 December 2018, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (506) 2234 1537, (506) 2202 0895
- by fax: (506) 2234 1537
- by e-mail at: ljimenezs@rnp.go.cr; cmena@rnp.go.cr; or kquesada@rnp.go.cr

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.rnpdigital.com/propiedad_industrial/index.htm).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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.”

**Agreement between the Government of Australia
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Australian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2019.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12

Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

- (i) if the Government of Australia gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Australia written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this 29th day of October 2018 in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of Australia
by:

Frances LISSON
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Australia to the
World Trade Organization

For the International Bureau of the
World Intellectual Property
Organization by:

Francis GURRY
Director General
World Intellectual Property
Organization

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:

Australia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore,
United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and

by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity
with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Australia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore,
United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and

by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity
with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1)
provided that the Authority has not received more than 250 international
applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the
relevant fiscal quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international
search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions
are met. For further information, see

<https://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/2014/week52/TOC.htm#ref20>.

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) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Australian patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	590
– in other cases	820
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	590
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority determines that there is sufficient benefit from the results of an earlier search, up to 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:

English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International type searches on the claims of a provisional application or a search statement of a provisional application provided by the applicant.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2019, consists of the addition of Jordan to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. 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:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America, and

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago.

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

- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

On 12 November 2018, the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of copies of the international application required by it – two copies must be provided, instead of three.

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

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Jordan with the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan), with effect from 1 January 2019.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand – Corrigendum

The change concerning the special requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(a)(i) of the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)**, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 November 2018, page 318, was erroneous.

The name and address of each inventor must be provided, if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application; however, this requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17(i).

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,² in **Indonesian rupiahs (IDR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 10 November 2016, are as follows:

Filing fee:

- Electronic filing	IDR 1,250,000
- Paper filing	IDR 1,500,000

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	IDR 50,000

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² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2019, is ISK 249,900.

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

IS Iceland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 163,600
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,800
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
– Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	
	ISK 24,600
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	
	ISK 36,900

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

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 - Amendment 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 January 2019. 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))	1,775 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775 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/pct/en/texts/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.

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ - Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 6 January 2019, consists of the addition of the United Arab Emirates to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. 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:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and 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]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BZ Belize

On 5 December 2018, the **Belize Intellectual Property Office** notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its email addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: belipo@btl.net
info@belip.bz

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of additional changes, as follows:

- The Office accepts the filing of documents via email (PCT Rule 92.4);
- The Office only accepts evidence of mailing a document by DHL or Federal Express, in the case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; it no longer accepts evidence of mailing a document by *Taca Rapido* or UPS (PCT Rule 82.1).

[Updating of Annex B1(BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AE United Arab Emirates IB International Bureau

The **International Center for Patent Registration, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the Austrian Patent Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United Arab Emirates with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 6 January 2019.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2019, are EUR 1,775 for each of the fees.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2019, is KRW 2,279,000.

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

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SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – 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 entered into force on 1 January 2017, consists of the addition of Chinese to the languages indicated in Annex A, item (ii). The amended Annex will read as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [no change];
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, Chinese.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KH Cambodia

General information on **Cambodia** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(KH), which is published on page 3.

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SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it would accept Chinese, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed, and that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(c), it would accept Chinese as a language in which a request may be filed, with effect since 1 January 2017.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

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CAMBODIA

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General information

Name of Office:	Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)
Location and mailing address:	45 Preah Norodom Boulevard, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Telephone:	(855) 12 841 882, 12 982 382
Facsimile machine:	(855) 23 428 263
E-mail:	adm_dip@yahoo.com
Internet:	www.mih.gov.kh
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile or e-mail
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 or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of 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 a recognized delivery service
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cambodia:	Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cambodia is designated (or elected):	Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)
May Cambodia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Cambodia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Cambodia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Cambodia is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. 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 of one month from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 1,980.

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

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are USD 492 when filing online and USD 738 when filing on paper.

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

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are:

- EUR 1,883 (general fee);
- EUR 377 (reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion));
- EUR 282 (reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))).

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are ISK 221,900 and USD 1,992, respectively.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are USD 616 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,372 for searches carried out in English.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are USD 386 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,114 for searches carried out in English.

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

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 319.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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 March 2017, are EUR 1,958 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 979 for a small entity and EUR 489 for a micro entity.

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

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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 C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2017. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,518
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,518
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,508
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,508
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2)	452
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)** has notified the amount of the filing fee for a patent or a utility certificate, in **United Arab Emirates dirham (AED)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount is AED 2,000 (1,000)².

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2017, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,518
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,518
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	452

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2017, are CHF 932, EUR 872 and USD 911, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2017, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,508
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,508
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	452

[Updating of Annex E(IL) 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), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	151,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	34,200

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2017, are CHF 613 and EUR 574, respectively, for searches carried out in Japanese, and CHF 1,367 and EUR 1,279, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 March 2017, is JPY 22,800.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

KH Cambodia

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(KH), which is published at the end of this issue.

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Receiving Offices

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OF CAMBODIA (DIPC)

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Cambodia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or Khmer ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Japan Patent Office ²
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ³ or Japan Patent Office ³
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100
International filing fee: ⁴	USD 1,367
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	USD 15
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (JP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Please refer to the Office
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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 The Office is competent only for international applications filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).

³ The Office is competent only if the international search has been carried out by that Office.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 8 December 2016, consists of the addition of Cambodia to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified changes in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location:	Bahrain Financial Harbour Manama Kingdom of Bahrain
Telephone:	(973-17) 57 49 20, 57 48 96
E-mail:	lp@moic.gov.bh

[Updating of Annex B1(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Government Complex-Daejeon
189 Cheongsu-ro
Seo-gu
Daejeon 35208
Republic of Korea

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes related to the special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and the effects of these provisions, which are now as follows:

Article 56 of the Korean Patent Law provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of the Republic of Korea and claims the priority of an earlier national application for the grant of a patent or a utility model having effect in the Republic of Korea shall have the result that the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn 15 months after the filing date of the earlier national patent application, provided that this shall not apply where that earlier application falls under any of the following subparagraphs: (i) where the earlier application has been abandoned, invalidated or withdrawn; (ii) where a decision or a trial decision to grant or refuse a patent or a utility model registration has become final and conclusive; or (iii) where priority claims based on the earlier application concerned have been withdrawn. If the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid this effect, pursuant to PCT Rule 4.9(b), the applicant may exclude the Republic of Korea from the automatic designation or, with respect to the earlier national patent application, may consider to withdraw the designation of the Republic of Korea subsequently to the filing of the international application but before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee², in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2017, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing):	RUB 28,000

Claim fee for each claim:

– in excess of five:	RUB 3,700
– in excess of 20:	RUB 4,000
– in excess of 50:	RUB 5,000

Examination fee:

– for one invention:	RUB 30,000
– for a group of inventions including one independent claim:	RUB 30,000
– additional fee for the second independent claim:	RUB 20,000
– additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims:	RUB 10,000

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

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 1,992.

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

² These amounts are reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of and a resident in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, and by 50% where each applicant is a natural person and a national of and resident in a PCT Contracting State whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997), or where an applicant, whether a natural person or not, is a national of and resident in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country.

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 1,992.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in English by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is SGD 1,928.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** 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 March 2017, are CHF 115 and EUR 106 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 479 and EUR 438 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2017, are CHF 202 and CHF 323 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** 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 2017, is JPY 181,200.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are ISK 221,900 and USD 1,992, respectively.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 1,992.

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

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

CH Switzerland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 16 January 2017, as follows:

Culture Collection of Switzerland AG (CCOS)
Einsiedlerstrasse 34
8820 Waedenswil
Switzerland

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

ciposvg@vincysurf.com

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – it no longer requires that the original of the document be furnished in all cases.

[Updating of Annex B1(VC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2017, is JPY 229,600.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 147,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,700
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK 22,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK 33,200

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Japanese by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2017, is KRW 718,000.

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

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Philippine peso (PHP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2017, are PHP 4,200 and PHP 2,700, respectively.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee for a patent and of the filing fee for a utility model, in **Philippine peso (PHP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 January 2017, are PHP 4,320 (2,000)¹ and PHP 3,600 (1,720)¹, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(PH) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are ISK 221,900 and USD 1,992, respectively.

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** 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 April 2017, is USD 1,552.

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

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a "small entity".

RECEIVING OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

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

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RECEIVING OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

The **Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (Antigua and Barbuda)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the European Patent Office (EPO), in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda.

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the European Patent Office, and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cambodia with the Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 18 January 2017.

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

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

CY Cyprus

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has waived the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney.

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

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KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** 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 entered into force on 1 July 2016, consists of the addition of Mexico to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A now reads 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:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

- (ii) [no change]”

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 218, 315 and 413 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect since 15 December 2016.

The main purpose of these modifications is to propose further guidance on how to deal with incoming requests to:

- (i) omit certain information from publication and/or public file access (Rules 48.2 and 94); and

- (ii) not to transmit copies of certain documents received by a receiving office in the context of a request for restoration of the right of priority (Rule 26*bis*.3).

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 15 December 2016 (PCT/AI/17 CORR) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 15 December 2016)

Section 218
Processing of a Request for Omission of Information Referred to in
Rules 48.2(I) and 94.1(e)

(a) Where the International Bureau decides to omit information from international publication under Rule 48.2(I) or not to provide access to information contained in its file under Rule 94.1(e), it shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet, the words "SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 48.2(I))" (where the replacement sheet contains an omission under Rule 48.2(I)) or "SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 94.1(e))" (where the replacement sheet contains an omission under Rule 94.1(e)) or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) indelibly mark on the letter containing the omission or accompanying any replacement sheet the date on which that letter was received;

(iv) keep in its files the letter containing the proposed omission or, where the proposed omission is contained in a replacement sheet, the replaced sheet, the letter accompanying the replacement sheet, and the replacement sheet;

(v) promptly transmit a copy of any replacement sheet to the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (where the replaced sheet is also contained in the file of the international application held by that Office or Authority).

(b) Where the International Bureau decides not to omit information from international publication under Rule 48.2(I) or to provide access to information contained in its file under Rule 94.1(e), it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i), (iii) and (iv).

(c) Section 311, paragraphs (a) to (c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any deletion, substitution or addition of a sheet of the international application received by the International Bureau.

Section 315

Processing of Documents by the Receiving Office under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis)

(a) Where the receiving Office receives a request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) and decides not to transmit a document or part thereof to the International Bureau, it shall

(i) indelibly mark on the request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) the date on which that request was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet received, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(iii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet received, the words “SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 26bis.3(h-bis))” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis), and, where applicable, the replaced sheet, and a copy of the replacement sheet;

(v) promptly transmit any replacement sheet to the International Bureau.

(b) Where the receiving Office receives a request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) and finds that information in a part of a document meets the requirements in this Rule, but the receiving Office has not received a replacement sheet from the applicant in which that part has been removed, it may decide not to transmit the entire document or part thereof to the International Bureau and proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i) and (iv) as applicable, or invite the applicant to submit such a replacement sheet. Where the applicant submits a replacement sheet within the time limit set by the receiving Office, the receiving Office proceeds as indicated under paragraph (a). Where the applicant does not submit a replacement sheet within the time limit set by the receiving Office, the receiving Office may either transmit the document containing that part and the request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) to the International Bureau, or decide not to transmit the entire document or part thereof to the International Bureau under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis).

(c) Where the receiving Office finds on its own decision that information in a part of a document meets the requirements in Rule 26bis.3(h-bis), it may either invite the applicant to submit a replacement sheet in which that part has been removed and proceed as indicated under paragraph (b), or decide not to transmit the entire document or part thereof to the International Bureau.

(d) Where the receiving Office receives a request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis), but nevertheless decides to transmit that document or part thereof to the International Bureau, it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i), (ii) and (iv), and promptly transmit the request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) and any proposed replacement sheet to the International Bureau.

Section 413

Incorporations by Reference under Rule 20, Corrections of Defects under Rule 26.4 and Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91

(a) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office a letter containing a correction of any defects under Rule 26.4, or a replacement sheet and the letter accompanying it, the International Bureau shall transfer the correction to the record copy, together with the indication of the date on which the receiving Office received the letter, or shall insert the replacement sheet in the record copy. Any letter and any replaced sheet shall be kept in the file of the international application.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to rectifications of obvious mistakes under Rule 91 authorized by the receiving Office, by the International Searching Authority or, where a demand has been made, by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

(b-bis) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office, under Sections 309(c)(iv), 310(b)(iv), or 310bis(b)(v), corrected sheets of the request or later submitted sheets, the International Bureau shall transfer any correction to the record copy and insert any later submitted sheets in the record copy.

(c) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43.6bis(b) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international search, the International Bureau shall notify the designated Offices and, where a demand has been made, the International Preliminary Examining Authority accordingly.

(d) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 70.2(e) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the International Bureau shall notify the elected Offices accordingly.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2016, is EUR 19.16.

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

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-EIGHTH (28TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-eighth (28th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 3 to 11 October 2016 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations; and
- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=39951

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2017:

- amendments of Rules 4.10, 23*bis*.2 and 51*bis*.1 which shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 1 July 2017;
- amendment of Rule 45*bis*.1(a) shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit for filing a request for supplementary international search under Rule 45*bis*.1(a) as in force until 30 June 2017, has not yet expired on 1 July 2017.

Appointment of the Turkish Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The Assembly appointed the Turkish Patent Institute as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the Agreement until 31 December 2017.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2017)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 to 4.9 *[No change]*

4.10 *Priority Claim*

(a) to (c) *[No change]*

(d) *[Deleted]*

4.11 to 4.19 *[No change]*

Rule 23bis
Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification

23bis.1 *[No change]*

23bis.2 *Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification for the Purposes of Rule 41.2*

(a) For the purposes of Rule 41.2, where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications filed with the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office and that Office has carried out an earlier search in respect of such an earlier application or has classified such earlier application, the receiving Office shall, subject to Article 30(2)(a) as applicable by virtue of Article 30(3) and paragraphs (b), (d) and (e), transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, a copy of the results of any such earlier search, in whatever form (for example, in the form of a search report, a listing of cited prior art or an examination report) they are available to the Office, and a copy of the results of any such earlier classification effected by the Office, if already available. The receiving Office may, subject to Article 30(2)(a) as applicable by virtue of Article 30(3), also transmit to the International Searching Authority any further documents relating to such an earlier search which it considers useful to that Authority for the purposes of carrying out the international search.

(b) to (e) *[No change]*

Rule 45bis
Supplementary International Searches

45bis.1 *Supplementary Search Request*

(a) The applicant may, at any time prior to the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, request that a supplementary international search be carried out in respect of the international application by an International Searching Authority that is competent to do so under Rule 45bis.9. Such requests may be made in respect of more than one such Authority.

(b) to (e) *[No change]*

45bis.2 to 9 *[No change]*

Rule 51bis
Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27

51bis.1 *Certain National Requirements Allowed*

(a) to (e) *[No change]*

(f) *[Deleted]*

51bis.2 and 51bis.3 *[No change]*

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

TR Turkey

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-eighth (28th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 3 to 11 October 2016, to appoint the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 8 March 2017.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following:

Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

TR Turkey

Agreement between the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the notification by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 February 2017, page 32), that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority on 8 March 2017, the Agreement between the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), will enter into force on 8 March 2017.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NI Nicaragua

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: rpi@rpi.gob.ni

[Updating of Annex B1(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: post@patentstyret.no

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

¹ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_tr.pdf.

Moreover, the Office has notified changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, which are now as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Norwegian or English and, if the translation or application was filed in English a translation of the claims into Norwegian, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that, upon grant of the patent, he may be entitled to compensation. The protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. As to further conditions for and limitations in the liability, see Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

Provided that any national requirements relating to the translation into Norwegian of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent, provisional protection is given. With provisional protection, the applicant may be entitled to compensation. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (Norwegian Patents Act Section 66g).

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:

– on line: USD 232

– on paper: USD 290

Designation fee, per country: USD 85

Annual fee for the first year: USD 50

Annual fee for the second year: USD 70

Annual fee for the third year: USD 90

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

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2017, are EUR 500 and USD 536 when filing online, and EUR 749 and USD 804 when filing on paper.

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

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in the conditions for the payment of the national fee. The basic fee, including examination fee, is NOK 4,650 and must be paid within 30 days from the date of the invitation to pay that fee. The fee amount is NOK 850 where the applicant is a natural person or a legal entity with 20 permanent employees or less.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified changes, with effect from 1 April 2017, concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

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

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the Office no longer requires the appointment of an agent in any situation.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified changes concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

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

**Agreement between the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office
and the International Bureau
of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1

Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than one month after the date on which the Agreement enters into force, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in one original in the English language.

For the Turkish Patent and
Trademark Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Prof. Dr. Habip ASAN
President
Turkish Patent and Trademark
Office

Francis Gurry
Director General
World Intellectual Property
Organization

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - (a) Turkey;
 - (b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Authority within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English and Turkish.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Turkish patent law.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Turkish Lira)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ²
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	... ²
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	500
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	1,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,000
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	1.50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, the Authority shall refund 50% of the search fee paid. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

² Turkish Lira equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex D

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English and Turkish.

Annex E

Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search in the languages mentioned in Annex D.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority;
- (ii) only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection in the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2017, is ZAR 27,020.

[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 **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2017, is ZAR 27,180.

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

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

JO Jordan

On 9 March 2017, **Jordan** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 9 June 2017, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 9 June 2017 will automatically include the designation of Jordan (country code: JO).

Jordan will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 9 June 2017. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Jordan will be entitled, as from 9 June 2017, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **European Patent Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to amendments of Part II of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2017. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [no change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded, to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

(4) [no change]

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) to (8) [no change]”

TR Turkey

Further to the notification by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 8 March 2017 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 February 2017, page 32), information on the requirements of the Office in this regard is given in Annexes D(TR), SISA(TR) and E(TR), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its facsimile number, e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Facsimile machine:	(65) 63 39 02 52 (general)
E-mail:	pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries on specific PCT applications)
Internet:	www.ipos.gov.sg (home page) https://crm.ipos.gov.sg/IPOSCRMS_Online/UI/Enquiry/IPOSCRMS_Enquiry.aspx (for general enquiries)

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.turkpatent.gov.tr

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office** has notified a change to one of the conditions for refund of the search fee payable to the Office as International Searching Authority, applicable from 1 April 2017, as follows:

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded, to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.²

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

Moreover, the Office notified a change to one of the conditions of refund of the preliminary examination fee payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from April 1, 2017, as follows:

Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

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

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 16 May 2016, as follows:

	<i>Natural person and/or startup</i>	<i>Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or startup</i>	<i>Others, alone or with natural person(s) and/or startup and/or small entity</i>
– Up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:			
– Electronic filing:		[no change]	
– Paper filing:	INR 1,750	[no change]	[no change]

² See Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of March 26, 2009, page 62.

- For each additional priority, multiple of:
 - Electronic filing: [no change]
 - Paper filing: [no change] [no change]
- For each additional sheet in addition to 30:
 - Electronic filing: [no change]
 - Paper filing: [no change] [no change]
- For each claim in addition to 10:
 - Electronic filing: [no change]
 - Paper filing: [no change] INR 1,750

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (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 May 2017, are USD 116 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 482 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required by it as designated (or elected) Office – the applicant should now only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20; this may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the removal of one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – it no longer requires the furnishing of the translation of the priority document into English.

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

D	International Searching Authorities	D
TR	TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (TURKPATENT)	TR

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Turkish lira (TRY) 7,290 Euro (EUR) 1,875 Swiss franc (CHF) 2,046 US dollar (USD) 1,992
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	TRY 7,290
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	TRY 1.50
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search: refund of 50%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	TRY 1,000
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	TRY 200
Languages accepted for international search:	English and Turkish
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Turkish patent law

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
TR	TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (TURKPATENT)	TR

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

³ 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).

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)	SISA
TR	TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (TURKPATENT)	TR

Fees payable to the International Bureau:¹ Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2): Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF) – for a full search: CHF 2,046 – for a search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 140 CHF 200 CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority: Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	Currency: Turkish lira (TRY) TRY 1.50
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The Authority shall refund this fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under PCT Rule 45bis.5(g): refund of 100%
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English and Turkish
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Turkish patent law
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in Turkish held in its search collection
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13ter.1 and 45bis.5(c))? Types of electronic carrier required:	Yes The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)	SISA
TR	TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (TURKPATENT)	TR

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

Yes²

Particular instances in which a separate
power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent
representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any
paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was
not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted?

Yes²

Particular instances in which a copy of a
general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent
representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any
paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was
not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

² 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).

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
TR	TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (TURKPATENT)	TR

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Turkish lira (TRY)	1,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	TRY	1,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	CHF	200
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	TRY	1.50
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	TRY	1.50
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ²	TRY	1,000
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English and Turkish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Turkish patent law	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
TR	TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (TURKPATENT)	TR

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

⁴ 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).

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PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified national legislation restricting the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO), or the International Bureau of WIPO. The national legislation indicates that: “an invention for which a Polish legal person or a Polish national, having his domicile on the territory of the Republic of Poland, wishes to seek patent protection in another country, may only be applied for protection in that country, when first has been applied for protection with the Patent Office”.

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the PCT Applicant's Guide]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 May 2017.

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

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified an additional facsimile number, which is as follows:

(7-495) 531 63 18

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2017, are CHF 546 when filing online, and CHF 818 when filing on paper.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 17,350
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 200
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR 2,610
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR 3,910

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MA Morocco

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 28 March 2017, the **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2017, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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 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 e-mail at: epct-ma@ompic.ma

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 (www.ompic.ma).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER SECTION 703(F) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

On 7 April 2002, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, of the incompatibility of its national law and the technical systems of the Office with items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) of the Administrative Instructions (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002, of 2 May 2002, page 8974).

On 24 March 2017, the Office withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility.

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SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following:

National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)

Moreover, the office has notified the deletion of its facsimile number and changes in its telephone numbers as well as in its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (503) 25 93 51 51
(503) 25 93 54 44

E-mail: patentes@cnr.gob.sv

[Updating of Annex B1(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the deletion of the facsimile number and changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (27-12) 394 50 01
(27-12) 394 12 98
(27-12) 394 50 84

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed only by e-mail.

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1. In the event of the appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in South Africa: should this requirement not already have been 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 of 6 months.

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

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: uibm.pct@mise.gov.it

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and Internet address and has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (212) 5 22 58 64 00/10

Facsimile machine: (212) 5 22 33 54 80

Internet: www.ompic.ma

E-mail: pct@ompic.ma
(for enquiries concerning
PCT applications)

Moreover, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Morocco is designated (or elected) – the data may be in the request or must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[Updating of Annex B1(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified new amounts of the fee for the priority document, in **Dominican peso (DOP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are as follows:

Fee for the priority document:

- fee for the first 10 pages: DOP 1,500
- fee for each page in excess of 10: DOP 10

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

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Moroccan dirham (MAD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is MAD 180.

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

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Morocco Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

Deposits of microorganisms for the purposes of patent procedure before the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) must be made before the filing date of the international application with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (Art. 34 of Law No. 17-97 on the Protection of Industrial Property as amended by Law Nos. 23-13 and 31-05).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2017, is USD 963.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2017, are EUR 37 when filing online and EUR 147 when filing on paper.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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ES Spain

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

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 April 2017. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euros)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	583.63
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	583.63
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India – Corrigendum

The information concerning the circumstances in which the new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee will be payable to the **Indian Patent Office**, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 May 2017, page 72, was erroneous. The new equivalent amount, applicable from 1 June 2017, of the search fee is EUR 147, and is EUR 37 in case of filing by an individual.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. The new equivalent amount, applicable from 1 July 2017, of the search fee is CHF 154, and is CHF 39 in case of filing by an individual.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that the fee for copies of documents cited¹ in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), or in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2), is, since 10 October 2016, capped at AUD 200.

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

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollar (CAD)**, for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), or in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2) payable to it as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively, as follows:

The Authority provides applicants and designated Offices (upon request)², with one copy of each non-patent literature (NPL) document cited free of charge.

Additional copies of NPL documents, and published patent documents, are available upon request and subject to payment of fees:

- Each electronic copy
(in addition to the first, and up to 10 megabytes): CAD 10
- Each additional 10 megabytes
(providing that the minimum number
of megabytes exceeds 7): CAD 10
- Paper copies
(per page): CAD 1

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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 July 2017, are EUR 111 for an application in Russian, and EUR 462 for an application in English.

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

¹ Documents can be requested through eServices at :
<https://services.ipaustralia.gov.au/ICMWebUI/views/private/icm-home.xhtml>

² Requests for copies of documents should be sent to the following e-mail address:
ic.cipobpctpractice-opicpratiquepctdb.ic@canada.ca

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** has notified provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication. The applicant enjoys the rights defined in Law No. 17-97 on the Protection of Industrial Property (as modified and completed by Law No. 31-05 in 2006, and Law No. 23-13 in 2014) (see Articles 16, 44, and 51) as from the date of publication of the international application under PCT Article 21.

[Updating of Annex B1(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Turkey with the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 8 March 2017, the date on which the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) started functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the deletion of its e-mail address. Consequently, the office will no longer send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the office also notified an Internet contact address, as follows:

<http://faleconosco.inpi.gov.br>

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT – patents of addition are no longer included in these types of protection.

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OM Oman

The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

oman-ip-dep@moci.gov.om

[Updating of Annex B1(OM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Lithuania with the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 June 2017.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.

If the applicant is not the applicant originally indicated in the international application, evidence that the applicant is the legal representative of the originally identified applicant may be made by submitting a form PCT/IB/306, a deed of assignment or a change of name document. This requirement is applicable since 1 May 2017.

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

KH Cambodia

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (KH), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 May 2017, the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 June 2017, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: +995 32 225 25 33
- by fax at: +995 32 298 84 26
- by e-mail at: epct@sakpatenti.org.ge

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 (www.sakpatenti.org.ge).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

SUMMARY

Designated (or elected) Office

SUMMARY

KH DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY KH OF CAMBODIA (DIPC)

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Khmer
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, 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?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Cambodian riel (KHR) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ KHR 320,000 Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: KHR 20,000 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ KHR 160,000 Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: KHR 20,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

KH DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OF CAMBODIA (DIPC) KH

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{2, 3}

Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the patent^{2, 3}

Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application^{2, 3}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date³

Appointment of an agent⁴

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)⁴

Verification of translation of international application

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

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

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ 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 of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁴ 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 fixed in the invitation.

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AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified changes in its name, as well as in its telephone numbers and an additional e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Patent and Trademark Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(99-412) 594 37 70 (99-412) 594 37 71
E-mail:	office@patent.gov.az azpatent@azstand.gov.az

[Updating of Annex B1(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified an additional telephone number, as follows:

Telephone:	(506) 2202 0885

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CH Switzerland

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 26 May 2017, the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 June 19, 2017, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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 e-mail at: epct-notifications@ipi.ch (for all PCT matters)

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 (www.ige.ch).

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 Certification Authority
(www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
(www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Jordan Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	At the time of filing either in the description or separately	None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics and an indication of the usefulness of the microorganism and/or other biological material

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) with any depositary institution.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

JO Jordan

General information on **Jordan** as a Contracting State is given in Annexes B1(JO) which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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Information on Contracting States

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JORDAN

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General information

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)
Location:	Queen Noor Street, Amman 11181, Jordan
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 2019, Amman 11181, Jordan
Telephone:	(962) 65 629 030 ext. 325 or 326
Facsimile machine:	(962) 65 682 331
E-mail:	Zuhair.b@mit.gov.jo Maysa.Al-Saby@mit.gov.jo
Internet:	www.mit.gov.jo
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Jordan:	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Jordan is designated (or elected):	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) (see National Phase)
May Jordan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Jordan concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Jordan is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Jordan is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. 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 of two months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

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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 C

Further to the publication on 11 May 2017 of the amendments to Annex C of the Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified that, instead of EUR 583.63, the correct amount of the preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1.b)) and the additional fee (Rule 68.3.a)), applicable since 1 April 2017, is EUR 583.65.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 May 2017. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Basic fee:	EUR	500
Basic fee for an electronically-filed application:	EUR	400
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 15:	EUR	50
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	EUR	125
Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR	200

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees. The search fee is reduced by EUR 1,110 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 Centralization by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or the Visegrad Patent Institute.

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

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), the deletion of Section 337 and modifications to Section 407 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2017.

The deletion of Section 337 is consequential to the amendment of Rule 12*bis*, and the adoption of new Rule 23*bis*. As a result of the amendments of the given Rules, the content of Section 337 is now included in modified Rule 12*bis*.2 and new Rule 23*bis*.1.

The modifications to Section 407 are consequential to the amendments to Rules 86 and 95.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2017 (PCT/AI/18) is available on the WIPO website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html>

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2017)*

Section 337 *[Deleted]*

Section 407 **The Gazette**

(a) The Gazette referred to in Rule 86.1 shall be published in electronic form on the Internet. It may be made available by any other electronic means as determined by the Director General after consultation with the Offices and Authorities which have a direct interest in the means by which the Gazette is published.

(b) In respect of each published international application, the Gazette shall contain the contents specified in Rule 86.1(i), the contents specified in Rule 86.1(iv), and the data indicated in Annex D.

(c) The information referred to in Rule 86.1(v) shall be that which is indicated in Annex E.

(d) Details concerning the form and further particular content of the Gazette shall be decided by the Director General after consultation with Offices and Authorities which have a direct interest in those details.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is ZAR 21,060.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	134,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,500
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	20,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	30,400

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are CHF 495 and EUR 456 when filing online, and CHF 742 and EUR 684 when filing on paper.

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

CH Switzerland

Following the notification by the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 19 June 2017 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 June 2017, pages 88 *et seq.*), the amounts for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, are as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CHF	200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CHF	300

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

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are:

- EUR 1,785 (general fee);
- EUR 357 (reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion));

- EUR 268 (reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))).

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are CHF 214 and EUR 197, respectively.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is ISK 207,400.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are EUR 139 for a person other than an individual and EUR 35 for an individual.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is ISK 207,400.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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 September 2017, are EUR 1,856 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 928 for a small entity and EUR 464 for a micro entity.

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office and also applicable from 1 September 2017, are ZAR 26,940 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 13,470 for a small entity and ZAR 6,740 for a micro entity.

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

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AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (Albania)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and in its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)
Location:	Bulevardi “Zhan D’Ark” Prona Nr. 33 Shtëpia e Ushtarakëve Tirana Albania
Internet:	www.dppm.gov.al

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified national legislation restricting the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO), or the International Bureau of WIPO. Filing restrictions apply to inventions made in Spain (Law No. 24/2015 of July 24, 2015, on Patents, Art. 163) in addition to applications by residents – unless priority of an earlier application filed at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office is claimed.

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is USD 2,087.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are NOK 17,780 and USD 2,099, respectively.

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

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office**¹ has notified that the fee for transmitting copies of earlier search and other documents under PCT Rule 12bis.1(c), in **Pound sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as receiving Office, is no longer required since 1 July 2017.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK 11,610
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK 130
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK 1,750
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK 2,620

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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 September 2017, are EUR 102 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 424 for searches carried out in English.

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

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JO Jordan

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 4 July 2017, the **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 25 July 2017, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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 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: (962) 6 562 9030 Ext. 325 & 326
- by fax at: (962) 6 568 2331
- by e-mail at: patents.section@mit.gov.jo

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 (www.mit.gov.jo).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

**INFORMATION ON RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

JO Jordan

Information on the requirements of the **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office are given in Annex C(JO) and in the Summary of the National Chapter (JO), which are published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

C	Receiving Offices	C
JO	INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION DIRECTORATE, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND SUPPLY (JORDAN)	JO

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Jordan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic ¹ or English
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office

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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 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”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must 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 (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ As from 25 July 2017. For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 13 July 2017, pages 106 *et seq.*

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19) ² , any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report) ²
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Jordanian dinar (JOD) Filing fee: ¹ JOD 200 ³ 100 ⁴
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

³ This amount is applicable in case of filing by a company or an organization.

⁴ This amount is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{5, 6, 7}
Evidence of entitlement to apply for or be granted a patent^{5, 6, 7}
Evidence of entitlement to claim priority of earlier application^{5, 6, 7}
Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date^{6, 7}
Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Jordan⁶
Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)⁶
Verification of the translation of the international application
Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

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

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

⁵ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁶ 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 of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁷ The Office will charge a fee for compliance with that requirement in response to the invitation (see Annex JO.I).

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee ¹ :	EUR	100
Fee for claiming priority:	EUR	100
Examination fee, including search:	EUR	400
Annual fee for the 1 st to the 5 th year, per year:	EUR	100

For a short-term patent:

Filing fee ¹ :	EUR	100
Examination fee:	EUR	200

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

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any natural or legal person residing in the European Economic Area (EEA), in a Member State of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) or in the Faroe Islands, can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) and of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee ¹ :	USD	495.33

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	USD	55.07

For a utility model:

Filing fee ² :	USD	136

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are NOK 17,780 and USD 2,099, respectively.

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

TR Turkey

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is USD 2,099.

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

¹ This fee may be reduced by up to 90% for micro, small and medium enterprises, recognized national universities, independent researchers, public institutions, small and medium farmers and enterprises of popular and solidarity economy.

² This fee may be reduced by up to 50% for micro, small and medium enterprises, recognized national universities, independent researchers, public institutions, small and medium farmers and enterprises of popular and solidarity economy.

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is USD 336.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application³

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical³

Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Ecuador

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

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property
Location:	M. Hrushevskoho str., 12/2 Kyiv, 01008 Ukraine

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is ISK 230,200.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	143,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,600
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	21,500
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	32,300

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ¹ :	RSD 7,620	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,830	for the first document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 460	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 30	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 3,060	

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 July 2017. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows²:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,620
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 750
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,620
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,680

¹ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

² The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,620
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed.

In accordance with Article 152(2) of Decree-Law No. 30 of 10 February 2005, an international application filed in English, French or German by a resident of Italy must be accompanied by a summary in Italian which defines in a comprehensive manner the characteristics of the invention and a copy of any drawings (only for the purposes of Article 198(1) of the above-mentioned Decree-Law) if no priority of an earlier national (Italian) application is claimed or, where such priority is claimed, if the international application is filed prior to the expiration of 90 days from the filing date of that earlier national application.

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

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Jordan with the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 27 July 2017.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified a change in its location and an additional facsimile number, as follows:

Location: Ministère de l'économie
19-21, Boulevard Royal
Luxembourg-Ville
Luxembourg

Facsimile machine: (352) 247 94113

[Updating of Annex B1(LU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TN Tunisia

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)** has notified changes in its location, mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: Rue de l'assistance n° 8
par la rue Alain Savary
Cité El Khadra
1003 Tunis
Tunisia

Mailing address: B. P. 57
Cité El Khadra
1003 Tunis
Tunisia

Telephone: (216-71) 80 67 58

Facsimile machine: (216-71) 80 70 71

E-mail: innorpi@planet.tn

Internet: www.innorpi.tn

[Updating of Annex B1(TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is ZAR 23,230.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is JPY 244,500.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2017, are EUR 537 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,196 for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Jordan with the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 11 August 2017.

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and in **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 November 2017, are KRW 2,506,000 and ZAR 28,980, respectively.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2017, is KRW 1,987,000.

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

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is EUR 267.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2017, is ZAR 29,150.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2017, are EUR 336 for searches carried out in Korean and EUR 969 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2017, are AUD 498 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,439 for searches carried out in English.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK 10,920
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK 120
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK 1,640
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK 2,460

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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 November 2017, are EUR 97 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 401 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 **US dollar (USD)** 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 November 2017, is USD 1,645.

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

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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is ISK 230,200.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2017, are ISK 207,400 and USD 2,099, respectively.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable since 1 September 2017, is USD 2,099.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application¹

Deed of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical¹

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident in the European Economic Area (EEA)

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

¹ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EG Egypt

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 12 September 2017, the **Egyptian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 15 September 2017, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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 e-mail at: epct-egpo@egypo.gov.eg

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

- international applications
- any 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 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, concerning the availability of online filing system on its website (www.egypo.gov.eg).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 private services.”

SI Slovenia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 7 September 2017, the **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from October 1, 2017, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (386-1) 620 31 00
- by fax at: (386-1) 620 31 11
- by e-mail at: sipo@uil-sipo.si

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 (www.uil-sipo.si/).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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."

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AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** has notified a change in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication. The Office no longer requires that a translation be published within three months from the date of its submission to the Office.

The consolidated text now reads:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

Any international application designating Albania which has been published under PCT Article 21 shall give rise to the same rights as those which the Albanian law provides for the compulsory national publication of unexamined national applications as such. Provisional protection shall be effective as from the date on which an Albanian translation of the claims of the international application is published by the Office. (Art. 27, Albanian Industrial Property Law).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent and

(1) the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages: the applicant has the right to seek compensation reasonable in the circumstances for any infringement, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met (see Articles 67 and 153(4) EPC)¹; or

(2) the international application is published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages (see Article 153(4) EPC and Article 82(1), Albanian Industrial Property Law).

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Albanian lek (ALL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is ALL 3,000.

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

¹ For further details on the national law relating to the EPC see www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html in particular, "Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication pursuant to Article 93 EPC (Article 67 EPC)" and "Translations for obtaining provisional protection".

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2017, is EUR 821.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable since 1 September 2017, is NOK 17,780.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing in addition to the existing electronic methods already supported by the Office, with effect from 1 October 2017. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the previous notifications published in the PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, of 18 December 2003, pages 29020 *et seq.*; No. 24/2004, of 10 June 2004, page 13496; No. 06/2005, of 10 February 2005, pages 3766 *et seq.* and Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 December 2014, page 201:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing by means of CD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e))

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 or PCT-SAFE software
- NK-Editor software
- NKEAPS, PKEAPS software

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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form.

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

Online payment is available on KIPO's website (<http://www.patent.go.kr>) and Internet giro (<http://www.giro.or.kr>). Applicants can check the total of fees that are due and pay them by websites.

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

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of international applications, the Office has put in place a help desk: the Patent Customer Consulting Center. The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of international applications and subsequent documents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 6 pm. The Patent Customer Consulting Center may be contacted:

- by phone at (national) 1544-8080

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

- international applications

– any subsequent document, such as amendments, corrections or rectifications of the description or claims, that may be prepared with the NKEAPS, PKEAPS 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 electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or fax, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide, on its website (see <http://www.kipo.go.kr> and <http://www.patent.go.kr>), information concerning the availability of online filing systems and backup filing procedures.

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 <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm>)

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 the ePCT private services.”

PE Peru

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 September 2017, the **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 2017, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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: +51 1 224 78 00 (extension 3803)
- by e-mail at: epct@indecopi.gob.pe

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.indecopi.gob.pe>).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT."

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any patent agent registered to practice in Luxembourg or any member of the Luxembourg Bar, as well as any patent agent registered in a member State of the European Economic Area.

[Updating of Annex C(LU) and of the National Chapter, Summary (LU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,225.

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

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 1,296.

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

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2017, are:

- EUR 1,675 (general fee);
- EUR 335 (reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion));
- EUR 251 (reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))).

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2017, are EUR 131 for a person other than an individual and EUR 33 for an individual.

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

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 358.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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 December 2017, are EUR 1,742 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 871 for a small entity and EUR 436 for a micro entity.

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

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NI Nicaragua

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** has notified the deletion of one of its Internet addresses, as well as changes in its telephone number and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(505) 2248 9300
E-mail:	ezuniga@rpi.gob.ni alarguello@rpi.gob.ni
Internet:	www.mific.gob.ni

Furthermore, the office notified that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine. Consequently, the office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine. It accepts the submission of documents by e-mail.

[Updating of Annex B1(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2017, are NZD 3,083 and USD 2,238, respectively.

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

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

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

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Kyrgyz som (KGS)** and **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 3 October 2016, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	None
International filing fee: ¹	[no change]
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 ¹	[no change]
Search fee:	See annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	KGS 3,500 ²

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Kyrgyz som (KGS)** or equivalent in **euro (EUR)** or in **US dollar (USD)**², payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 3 October 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Filing and provisional examination fee: ³	KGS 8,000
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one: ³	KGS 1,500

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

² For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in euro or US dollar in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Kyrgyzstan and applicable on the date of payment.

³ This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The requirement may still be complied with within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that a surcharge is paid.

Examination fee:⁴ KGS 15,000

Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:⁴ KGS 7,500

Renewal fee for the third year: KGS 8,500

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

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Mozambican metical (MZM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 15 July 2017, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: MZM 8,100

Annual fee for the first year:⁵ MZM 1,275

Annual fee for the second year:⁵ MZM 1,725

For a utility model:

Filing fee: MZM 2,775

Annual fee for the first and second year, per year⁵: MZM 1,275

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

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 September 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	10.52	(online)
	EUR	21.04	(on paper)

Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	42.06

⁴ A written request for examination must be made and the examination fee paid simultaneously.

⁵ This fee must be paid when entering the national phase.

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 157.73
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 315.48

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 September 2017, as follows:

For a patent: ⁶	EUR	52.57	(online)
	EUR	105.16	(on paper)
For a utility model: ⁶	EUR	52.57	(online)
	EUR	105.16	(on paper)

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

TR Turkey

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

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

⁶ Includes publication and examination.

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee. The fees are reduced by 90% where the applicant is a natural person or a non-commercial organization. Participants in the Great Patriotic War or persons equated to them, as well as persons with “Group 1” disabilities are exempted from the payment of fees.

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

MZ Mozambique

Furthermore, the office has specified some information relating to the conditions for reduction of the national fee – Applicants may, if the Director of the Office so orders, be entitled to a reduction or exemption of certain fees. Such requests must be made prior to entering the national phase (IPC, Articles 233 and 234).

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** 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 entered into force on 2 October 2017, consists of the addition of Colombia to the States indicated in Annex A, item (i). The amended Annex 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:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:

Korean, English.”

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 6 December 2017. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Russian)	8,500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Russian)	8,500
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	3,500
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	16,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	24,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	19,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	5,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	23,500

– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,000
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	3,500
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c))	4,000
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– patent document, per page	[No change]
– non-patent document, per page	[No change]
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified a change in its mailing address, which is now:

Mailing address: FI-00091 PRH, Finland.

Furthermore, the office notified a change in the location of the Client Service, the deletion of one of its telephone numbers and of one of its facsimile numbers, as from 8 December 2017, as follows:

Address: Sörnäisten rantatie 13C
Helsinki
Finland

Telephone: 358 0 29 509 50 00

Facsimile: 358 0 29 509 53 28

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified national legislation restricting the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO. Filing restrictions apply to inventions made in Kazakhstan (see the Law on Patents of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 427-I of 16 July 1999 (as amended up to Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 378-V of 31 October 2015), Article 37).

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PT Portugal – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 12 October 2017, page 152 concerning the new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 September 2017, contained an error. The fee for a utility model includes only the publication. The components of the national fee should now read as follows:

For a patent: ³	EUR	52.57	(online)
	EUR	105.16	(on paper)
For a utility model: ⁴	EUR	52.57	(online)
	EUR	105.16	(on paper)

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

³ Includes publication and examination.

⁴ Includes only the publication.

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 6 October 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee⁵: RUB 1,700

Fee for the priority document⁶
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): RUB 1,700

Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority⁶ (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): RUB 1,000

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 2 October 2017.

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

⁵ This fee is payable to the receiving Office. For further details, see the Rospatent website at: www.rupto.ru/rupto/portal/72fb382c-bc0d-11e3-b7c0-9c8e9921fb2c?lang=en.

⁶ This fee is payable to the receiving Office. For further details, see the Rospatent website at www.rupto.ru/poshl/sod/pat_p/pat_poshl.html.

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AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Albanian lek (ALL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is ALL 3,000.

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

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 6 December 2017, are RUB 8,500 for an international application in Russian and RUB 40,000 for an international application in English.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 6 December 2017, are CHF 144, EUR 126 and USD 148 for an application filed in Russian, and CHF 680, EUR 591 and USD 698 for an application filed in English, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 6 December 2017. These amounts are RUB 4,500 (for an application filed in Russian), and RUB 16,000 (for an application filed in English) when the international search report was prepared by the Office; when it was prepared by another Office, the amounts are RUB 6,750 (for an application filed in Russian), and RUB 24,000 (for an application filed in English).

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 6 December 2017. These amounts are RUB 5,000 (for an application filed in Russian), and RUB 19,500 (for an application filed in English) when the international search report was prepared by the Office; when it was prepared by another Office, the amounts are RUB 6,000 (for an application filed in Russian), and RUB 23,500 (for an application filed in English).

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

AL Albania

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Albanian lek (ALL)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is ALL 7,000.

[Updating of Annex C(AL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (AL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: bandjir-omar@odpic.net

Internet: www.odpic.net

[Updating of Annex B1(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

General information on **Lao People's Democratic Republic** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(LA), which is published at the end of this issue.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of a component of the national fee for a patent, in **Egyptian pound (EGP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Examination fee:¹ EGP 17,530

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

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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Information on Contracting States

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LA

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

LA

General information

Name of Office:	Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
Location and mailing address:	Sidamduan Road, P.O. Box 2279, Vientiane Capital, Lao People's Democratic Republic
Telephone:	(856-21) 253 111
Facsimile machine:	(856-21) 213 472
E-mail:	dip.laopdr@gmail.com
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
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, EMS, Federal Express or TNT
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C(IB))
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Lao People's Democratic Republic is designated (or elected):	Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
May the Lao People's Democratic Republic be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of the Lao People's Democratic Republic concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if the Lao People's Democratic Republic is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Lao People's Democratic Republic is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. 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 of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)
Mailing address:	Registrar, Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA), P.O. Box 32020, Lusaka Zambia

[Updating of Annex B1(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any attorney or lawyer practicing in Zambia can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(ZM) and of the National Chapter, Summary (ZM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CH Swiss

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office – the filing fee must be paid within three months from the date of filing. The claim fee is due for each claim in excess of 10 and must be paid before the start of substantive examination, on invitation and within a prescribed time limit fixed by the Office.

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

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-ninth (21st ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2018, in various currencies, as indicated in the table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2018, as indicated in the table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2018, as indicated in the table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (CH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM), and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

all Annexes SISA,

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (US) (XN) and (XV)].

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2018)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 02.10.17	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1.330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.7620770059	1,781 1,745	20	n.a	268 262	402 394	268 262	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.7787249416	1,792 1,708	20	n.a	269 257	404 385	269 257	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.1536708294	9,070 8,650	100	n.a	1,360 1,300	2,050 1,950	1,360 1,300	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.1437449621	1,219 1,163	14	92	183	275	183	Current amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.2921302303	1,063 1,029	12	n.a	160 155	240 232	175 175	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.0036636983	374,700 363,000	4,200	n.a	56,300 54,600	84,500 81,900	n.a n.a	Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.2754628427	*	*	*	*	*	773	Current amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.0091590935	143,000 145,200	1,600	n.a	21,500 21,800	32,300 32,800	n.a n.a	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.0086475856	151,800 153,800	1,700	n.a	n.a	34,200 34,700	22,800 23,100	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0008495234	**	**	**	**	**	227,000 235,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.1217059894	10,920 10,930	120	n.a	1,640 1,640	2,460 2,460	n.a n.a	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.7011719072	1,880 1,897	21	n.a	283 285	424 428	n.a n.a	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.1193066019	11,710 11,150	130	n.a	1,760 1,680	2,640 2,510	1,760 1,680	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.7154862945	1,866 1,859	21	n.a	281 280	421 419	281 280	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.9738885421	1,367 1,366	15	103	206 205	308 308	206 205	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0716526037	17,350 18,560	200	n.a	2,610 2,790	3,910 4,190	n.a n.a	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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Table 2
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International Searching Authority	ISA/CN	ISA/EG	ISA/EP	ISA/ES	ISA/FI	ISA/IL	
Reference currency & amount on 02.10.2017	CNY 2,100	EGP 4,000	EUR 1,875	EUR 1,875	EUR 1,875	ILS 3,518	
Exchange rates applicable on 02.10.2017	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	306 0.14643834	214 ³ 0.05524021	2,046 2,145 ³	2,046 ³ 2,145 ³	2,046 ³ 2,145 ³	932 ³ 969 ³	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	315 6.65050249	225 17.63006551	2,238 ⁴ 2,202	2,238 ⁴ 2,202	2,238 ^{3,4} 2,202 ³	963 995	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	267 ³ 7.81042018	197 ³ 20.70493463				821 ³ 847 ³	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar							Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone			13,960 13,960				Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling			1,636 1,660				Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint			576,500 585,300				Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona			230,200 234,100				Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen			244,500 248,000				Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won							Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone			17,780 17,620				Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			3,083 ⁴ 3,058				Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona			18,010 17,970				Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar			2,870 3,000				Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand			29,150 29,930				Current amount New amount

³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁴ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2017.

Table 2
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International Searching Authority	ISA/IN		ISA/JJP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ⁵
	INR	Exchange Rate	JPY	Exchange Rate	KRW	Exchange Rate	RUB	Exchange Rate	
Reference currency & amount	10,000	2,500	156,000	70,000	1,300,000	450,000	40,000	8,500	18,010
Exchange rates applicable on 02.10.2017									SEK 17,970
CHF - Swiss franc	154 149	39 37	1,367 1,349	613 605	1,145 1,104	397 382	680 ⁶ 673	144 ⁶ 143	2,046 2,145
USD - US dollar	150 ⁷ 153 ⁷	38 ⁷ 38 ⁷	1,372 1,385	616 622	1,114 1,134	386 393	698 ⁶ 691	148 ⁶ 147	2,238 ⁸ 2,202
EUR - Euro	131 ^{7,8} 130 ⁷	33 ^{7,8} 32 ⁷	1,196 ⁷ 1,179 ⁷	537 ⁷ 529 ⁷	969 ⁷ 966 ⁷	336 ⁷ 334 ⁷	591 ⁶ 588	126 ⁶ 125	1,875 1,875
AUD - Australian dollar					1,439 1,449	498 502			Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen			n.a	718,000					Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won			n.a	713,000					Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar			1,928 1,885	n.a n.a	1,607 1,544	556 534			Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount New amount

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2018, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ Amounts applicable as from December 6, 2017.

⁷ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁸ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2017.

Table 2
[Continued]

International Searching Authority	ISA/SG		ISA/TR ⁹		ISA/UA		ISA/US			ISA/XN ¹⁰		ISA/XV		
Reference currency & amount	SGD	2,240	TRY	7,290	EUR	300	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,960	EUR	1,875
	Exchange Rate				Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate						Exchange Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc		1,597 ¹¹		2,046		327 ¹¹		2,024	1,012	506		2,046 ¹¹		2,046 ¹¹
	0.71548629	1,603 ¹¹		2,145	1.14374496	343 ¹¹		2,026	1,013	506		2,145 ¹¹	1.14374496	2,145 ¹¹
USD - US dollar		1,645		2,238 ^{11,12}		358 ^{11,12}						2,238 ^{11,12}		2,238 ^{11,12}
	1.36115611	1,646		2,202 ¹¹	0.85149100	352 ¹¹						2,202 ¹¹	0.85149100	2,202 ¹¹
EUR - Euro		1,463 ¹¹		1,875 ¹¹				1,742 ^{11,12}	871 ^{11,12}	436 ^{11,12}		1,875 ¹¹		1,875 ¹¹
	1.59855607	1,401 ¹¹		1,875 ¹¹			1.17441053	1,771 ¹¹	886 ¹¹	443 ¹¹		1,875 ¹¹		1,875 ¹¹
AUD - Australian dollar														
DKK - Danish krone														
GBP - Pound sterling														
HUF - Hungarian forint														
ISK - Icelandic krona														
JPY - Japanese yen														
	181,200										230,200			576,500
0.01208631	185,300										234,100		0.00320325	585,300
KRW - Korean won														
NOK - Norwegian krone														
NZD - New Zealand dollar														
SEK - Swedish krona														
SGD - Singapore dollar														
ZAR - South African rand														

⁹ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2018, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

¹⁰ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2018, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

¹¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

¹² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2017.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2018)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU	
	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	11,800 18,880 ⁵
Reference currency & Amount	EUR		EUR		EUR		Exchange Rate	
Exchange rate applicable on 02.10.17	Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate			
CHF - Swiss franc	1.14374496	972	1.14374496	2,145	1.14374496	2,145	0.01681342	198
		1,944						317

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation.

² For a search of the European or North American documentation.

³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

⁴ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

⁵ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3
[Continued]

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/UA	
	SEK	18,010 17,970 ¹⁰	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 ⁶ 7,860 ¹¹	EUR	100 ⁷ 150 ⁸ 200 ⁹
Reference currency & Amount								
Exchange rate applicable on 02.10.17	Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc		2,145 ¹²	0.71548629	1,603		136 ¹³	1.14374496	114 172 229

⁶ For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.

⁷ For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.

⁸ For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.

⁹ For a search of only the European and North American documentation.

¹⁰ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2018.

¹¹ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2018.

¹² New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2018.

¹³ New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2018.

Table 3
[Continued]

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/XN		ISA/XV	
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 ¹⁴ 13,960 13,960 ¹⁶	EUR	550 ¹⁵ 1,875
Exchange rate applicable on 02.10.17	Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc		615 ¹⁷ 2,145 ¹⁷	1.14374496	629 2,145

¹⁴ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.
¹⁵ For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.
¹⁶ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2018.
¹⁷ New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2018.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)** has notified changes in the telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (260-211) 25 51 35
(260-211) 25 54 25
(260-211) 25 51 51

Facsimile machine: (260-211) 25 54 26

E-mail: pro@pacra.org.zm

Internet: www.pacra.org.zm

[Updating of Annex B1(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT Italy

Following the notification by the **Italian Patent and Trademarks Office** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 4 December 2017 (see below), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, are as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being
in character coded format): EUR 183

Electronic filing (the request,
description, claims and abstract
being in character coded format): EUR 275

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the languages of the translation of the international application¹ – the translation is now required into Arabic or French, and no longer into French only.

Furthermore, the office notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Morocco

Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 3 November 2017, the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 4 December 2017, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

- 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 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: (39-06) 4705-5847 or (39-06) 4705-5800
- by facsimile at: (39-06) 4705-5632
- by e-mail at: uibm.pct@mise.gov.it

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.uibm.gov.it/>).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
(see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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.”

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2018,
30 March and 2 April 2018,
10 and 21 May 2018,
6 September 2018,
25 and 31 December 2018.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its location, telephone number and e-mail address; and notified a new facsimile number, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department
Location:	Elgomhouria Street Elmogran Area Khartoum Sudan
Telephone:	(249-155) 12 68 62 (249-183) 74 23 58
Facsimile machine:	(249-183) 74 23 56
E-mail:	ipsudan.office@gmail.com

[Updating of Annex B1(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee^{1, 2}, in **Moroccan dirham (MAD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 October 2017. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Filing fee: ³	MAD	1,000	(750) ⁴	500 ⁵	(250) ^{4, 5}
Publication fee: ³	MAD	1,000	(750) ⁴	500 ⁵	(250) ^{4, 5}
Additional fee for publication of claims in excess of 10, per claim:	MAD	400		160 ⁵	
Fee for establishment of the search report with opinion on patentability:	MAD	8,000	(6,000) ⁴	4,000	(2,000) ^{4, 5}

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

¹ The complete list of the Office's national fees is available at:
<http://www.ompic.ma/en/content/patent/tariffs>.

² Fees are subject to value added tax (VAT) of 20%.

³ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable to applications filed online. For further information on the online filing of patent applications with the Office, please contact the Office at: pct@ompic.ma.

⁵ This amount is applicable to very small enterprises, small or medium enterprises (in accordance with the criteria of the SME charter), natural persons, self-entrepreneurs, craftsmen and universities and educational establishments, whether national or foreign.

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BZ Belize

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its location, as follows:

Location:	1902 Constitution Drive, 3rd Floor P.O. Box 592 Belmopan, Cayo District Belize

[Updating of Annex B1(BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail:	octrooicentrum@rvo.nl

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Telephone:	(507) 560 07 05, (507) 560 59 36

[Updating of Annex B1(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the search fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable with effect from 1 January 2018, is EUR 1,875.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2018, are KRW 2,423,000, USD 2,202, CHF 2,145, SGD 3,000 and ZAR 29,930, respectively.

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

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified new amounts of the national fee for utility model, in **Bahraini dinar (BHD)**, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BHD	40	(20) ¹

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable with effect from 1 January 2018, is ILS 550.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable with effect from 1 January 2018, is ILS 2,014.

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

¹ The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2018, are NZD 602 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,740 for searches carried out in English.

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

MA Morocco – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 30 November 2017, page 185 concerning the changes in the components of the national fee, in **Moroccan dirham (MAD)**, payable to the **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 October 2017, contained an error. The fee for the establishment of the search report with opinion on patentability of MAD 4000 is applicable to very small enterprises, small or medium enterprises (in accordance with the criteria of the SME charter), natural persons, self-entrepreneurs, craftsmen, universities and educational establishments, whether national or foreign.

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

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

PH Philippines

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 30/2006, of 27 July 2006, pages 19028 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media and using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect since 4 January 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: pct@ipophil.gov.ph

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 (www.ipophil.gov.ph).

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-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

RU Russian Federation

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 19 November 2015, the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 January 2016, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

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 concerning applications filed via the ePCT service and subsequently filed documents. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: ro-ru@rupto.ru

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)):

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.rupto.ru or www1.fips.ru).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Following the notification by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 January 2016 (see above), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	307

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

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any natural or legal person resident in Brazil can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (BR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau was not, or will not be, open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2016,
25 and 28 March 2016,
5 and 16 May 2016,
8 September 2016,
26 and 30 December 2016.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified a change in one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the Office now requires the appointment of a patent agent in all cases.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 December 2015, the **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 January 2016, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 e-mail at: epct@bruipo.com.bn

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 (www.bruipo.com.bn).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

ID Indonesia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 10 December 2015, the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 January 2016, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
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- 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)):

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

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- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
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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 e-mail at: epct@dgip.go.id

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 (www.dgip.go.id).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BN Brunei Darussalam

Following the notification by the **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiPO)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 15 January 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Brunei dollar (BND)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

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

ID Indonesia

Following the notification by the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 15 January 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

UA Ukraine

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 5 February 2016.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 19 to 26, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-fourth (19th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013, to appoint the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU) as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 5 February 2016.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as its e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	15 rue des Minimes CS50001 92677 Courbevoie Cedex France

E-mail:	contact@inpi.fr

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ua.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 February 2014, page 18.

UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location:	SIPSU, 45, V. Lypkivskoho Street Kyiv-35, 03680 Ukraine
Mailing address:	Ukrainsky Instytut Promyslovoi Vlasnosti Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute 1, Hlazunova Street Kyiv 42, 01601 Ukraine

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Because of a major power outage which resulted in the shutdown of certain of its electronic systems, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 22 to 24 December 2015.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on any of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day which was not a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal holiday, that is, 28 December 2015.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2016, are EUR 412 when filing online and EUR 617 when filing on paper.

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

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2016, are EUR 70 and EUR 10.68, respectively.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ³ :	RSD 7,300	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,750	for the first document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 440	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages, plus
	[No change]	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 2,930	

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 June 2015, as follows⁴:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,300
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 720
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,300
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,230

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,300

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

³ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

⁴ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ukraine with the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 5 February 2016, the date on which the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

LV Latvia

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Latvian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, with effect since 1 January 2016.

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

Agreement
between the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the State Enterprise
“Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property”
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Considering that the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property” is responsible for patent processing activities on behalf of the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 **Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property”;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization through diplomatic channels that the Authority is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice, through diplomatic channels, to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine written notice, through diplomatic channels, to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt, through diplomatic channels, of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-seventh day of November two thousand and fifteen, in two originals in the English and Ukrainian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the State Intellectual Property
Service of Ukraine by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signature]

Annex A Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages which it will accept:

English, Russian, German, Ukrainian, French.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the Ukrainian national law.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	300
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)):	200
– of only European and North American documentation	200
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	150
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	100
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	180
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	160
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	180
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	40
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.7

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I of this Annex shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, 25%-75% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

Annex D

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French, German, Russian and Ukrainian, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English or Russian may be used in all cases.

Annex E

Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French, German, Russian or Ukrainian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover one of the following levels of search:

- (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including but not limited to the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
- (ii) European and North American documentation;
- (iii) Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation.

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex C is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2) of this Annex.

(4) The State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds resources available to the Authority and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CU Cuba

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 7 January 2016, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2016, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: epct@ocpi.cu

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 (www.ocpi.cu).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

PT Portugal

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, pages 10 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 February 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software
- ePCT-Filing

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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 will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +351 21 881 81 00
- by fax at: +351 21 886 98 59
- by e-mail at: serviço.publico@inpi.pt

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 (www.inpi.pt).

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)):

- EPO customer CA (see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security/smart-cards.html)
- Portuguese Electronic ID (see www.scee.gov.pt/ecee/en/)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

Following the notification by the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 February 2016 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Cuban convertible peso (CUC)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CUC	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CUC	307

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2016, are ILS 551 and ILS 86, respectively.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2016, is ILS 2,017.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Indonesia with the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 6 October 2015.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation is now required into English, and no longer into English or Hebrew.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the removal of two of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – it no longer requires the furnishing of two copies of the international application (if in English) or of its translation, nor the translation of the international application into English or Hebrew.

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

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

UA Ukraine

Further to the notification by the **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 5 February 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 January 2016, page 16), information on the requirements of the Office in this regard is given in Annexes D(UA), SISA(UA) and E(UA), which are published on the following pages.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
UA	STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)¹	UA

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	Euro (EUR)	300
	Swiss franc (CHF)	325
	US dollar (USD)	328
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	EUR	300
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	0.7 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	40
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	None	
Languages accepted for international search:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Ukrainian national applications	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

¹ As from 5 February 2016.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)	SISA
UA	STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)¹	UA

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ² Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3):³ Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2): Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF) – for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 108 – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 163 – for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 217 CHF 200 CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority: Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	Currency: Euro (EUR) EUR 0.7 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Ukrainian national applications
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	Three scopes of documentation are offered, at the choice of the applicant (see “Fees payable to the International Bureau”)
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources

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¹ As from 5 February 2016.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

SISA

**International Searching Authorities
(Supplementary Search)**

SISA

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**STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)⁴**

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide
and/or amino acid sequence listings be
furnished in electronic form
(PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted?

No

⁴ See footnote 1.

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
UA	STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)¹	UA

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority:	EUR	160
	– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority:	EUR	180
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	EUR	180	
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	EUR	183	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	0.7	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	None		
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 75%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ³	EUR	40	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Ukrainian national applications		
Waiver of power of attorney:			
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No		

¹ As from 5 February 2016.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

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

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2016. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,529
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,529
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,512
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,512
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2)	454
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	43

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2016, are EUR 382 when filing online and EUR 573 when filing on paper.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2016, is USD 1,147.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2016, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,529
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,529
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	ILS	43 per document
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c)):	ILS	454

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2016, are CHF 905, EUR 837 and USD 912, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2016, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,512
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,512
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	ILS	43 per document

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the
international application
(PCT Rule 94.2):

ILS 43 per document

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13~~ter~~.2): ILS 454

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

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified a new component to the fee for the priority document, in **Philippine peso (PHP)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for the priority document: [No change]
plus PHP 1,750 for transmittal of the
priority document

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** 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 March 2016, are CHF 92 and EUR 85 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 383 and EUR 353 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45~~bis~~.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2016, are CHF 162 and CHF 259 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Australia is designated (or elected) – these data may be in the request or must now be furnished within two months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following:

Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)

[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 31,450.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 23,900.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 31,640.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are NZD 559 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,616 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** and **US dollar (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 2016, are HUF 26,800 and USD 93 for searches carried out in Russian, and HUF 111,100 and USD 388 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) 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 April 2016, are ZAR 31,430 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,710 for a small entity and ZAR 7,860 for a micro entity.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 20,680
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 230
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR 3,110
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR 4,670

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

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
An applicant may give notice that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be effected prior to the grant of a patent, or to the lapsing, refusal or withdrawal of an application, to a person who is a skilled addressee without an interest in the invention (Regulation 3.25A(2) of the Australian Patents Regulations). The applicant must give notice directly to the Australian Patent Office before the application is made available to the public (normally the international publication date).		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application¹

Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent¹

Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application¹

Address for service in Australia (but no representation by an agent is required)

Verification of translation

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

¹ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 25 and 26 January 2016.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of those days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day, which was 27 January 2016.

RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Japan with the Japan Patent Office, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 April 2016.

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

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RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The specification by the **Japan Patent Office** of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Japan with the Japan Patent Office, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 April 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 February 2016, page 49), only applies to international applications filed in English.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified that it is prepared to operate as an International Searching Authority for international applications filed in English with the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, with effect from 1 April 2016 (see also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 February 2016, page 49, as well as above).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), an equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. This amount, applicable from the above date, is JPY 186,300.

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

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

LV Latvia

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Microbial Strain Collection of Latvia (MSCL)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

Jelgavas str. 1
Riga, LV-1004
Latvia

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

ic.contact-contact.ic@canada.ca

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (86-10) 62 35 66 55 (customer service)
(86-10) 62 08 84 76 (PCT international phase matters)
(86-10) 62 08 83 00 (PCT national phase matters)

Facsimile machine: (86-10) 62 01 94 51 (PCT international phase matters)

E-mail: pct_affairs@sipo.gov.cn

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location: II. János Pál pápa tér 7.
1081 Budapest
Hungary

Mailing address: P.O. Box 415
1438 Budapest
Hungary

[Updating of Annex B1(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application¹

Declaration of assignment where the applicant is not the inventor¹

Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of the European Union or in a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area²

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

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of the deletion, with effect from 31 March 2016, of the **National Research Center of Antibiotics (NRCA)** from the list of institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made for the purposes of patent procedure.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

² 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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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

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

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2016. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	230

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2016. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	156,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	126,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	58,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	34,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese) or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [no change]

(3) and (4) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 31,450.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 23,900.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is EUR 640.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	1,930
Additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR	1,930
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	EUR	875
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c)):	EUR	230

In addition, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 31,640.

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

Finally, the Office has notified changes to some of the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: [No change]
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: [No change]

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36th and each subsequent page: [No change]

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 585

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro): [No change]

Fee for validation of the European patent in:
Morocco: [No change]
Republic of Moldova: [No change]

Claims fee:

- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: [No change]
- for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 585

Search fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 885
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,300

Fee for further processing:

- in the event of late payment of a fee: [No change]
- other cases: EUR 255

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: [No change]

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,825
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,825
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,635

Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 470

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

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)), the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), the preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) and the additional preliminary examination fee (Rule 68.3(a)), when an application has been filed in English, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are JPY 156,000, JPY 126,000, JPY 58,000 and JPY 34,000, respectively.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 April 2016. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese) or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

In addition, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** when an application has been filed in English. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are CHF 1,264, SGD 1,839 and USD 1,295, respectively.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are NZD 559 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,616 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** 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 2016, are HUF 26,800 for searches carried out in Russian, and HUF 111,100 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) 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 April 2016, are ZAR 31,430 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,710 for a small entity and ZAR 7,860 for a micro entity.

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

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in English by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is EUR 1,158.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are CHF 615 for searches carried out in Japanese and CHF 1,371 for searches carried out in English.

In addition, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Japanese by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2016, is KRW 769,000.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any authorized representative, such as a Hungarian patent attorney or attorney-at-law or registered European patent attorney¹, can now act as such.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the USPTO, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 April 2016.

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

¹ The list of registered patent attorneys is available on the website of the Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys (HCPA) at: www.szabadalmikamara.hu/Index.aspx?MN=Tagok_MindenTag&LN=English

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any authorized representative, such as a Hungarian patent attorney or attorney-at-law or registered European patent attorney², can now act as such.

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

² See footnote 1.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 17 March 2016, page 59, concerning the new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to the **European Patent Office (EPO)** as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 April 2016, was inaccurate. The only new amount applicable from the said date is the protest fee (PCT Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)). The review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)) applicable from the same date is payable to the Office as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search).

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

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a fee for transmitting copies of earlier search and other documents under PCT Rule 12*bis*.1(c), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee, applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2016, is JPY 1,700.

Also, 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), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	151,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	34,100

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are USD 618 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,378 for searches carried out in English.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2016, is JPY 22,800.

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

Finally, the Office has notified a new amount of the national filing fee for a patent, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is JPY 14,000.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are SGD 520 for searches carried out in Korean and SGD 1,490 for searches carried out in English.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ME Montenegro

The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Rimski trg br. 46 81 000 Podgorica Montenegro
Telephone:	(382) 20 234 591
Facsimile machine:	(382) 20 234 592
E-mail:	ziscg@t-com.me
Internet:	www.ziscg.me

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are CHF 1,616, EUR 1,481 and KRW 1,963,000, respectively.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2016, is JPY 233,900.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are AUD 504 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,457 for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** ceased to be the only receiving Office for Montenegro on 8 August 2015. The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified that, since that date, it is acting as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau, for nationals and residents of Montenegro.

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

Information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office is given in Annex C(ME), which is published on the following page.

C	Receiving Offices	C
ME	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (MONTENEGRO)	ME

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Montenegro
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	Information not yet available
International filing fee:	EUR 1,219
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 5
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Montenegro Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any legal or natural person listed in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office ¹ or any attorney listed in the Directory of the Bar Association of Montenegro
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ Please refer to the Office.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	Headquarters in Munich: (49-89) 2399-4500 Branch in The Hague: (31-70) 340-4500 Filing Office in Berlin: (49-30) 25901-4500 Customer Services: 00 800 80 20 20 20

E-mail:	support@epo.org

[Updating of Annex B1(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified new telephone numbers. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

(258-21) 354 900, (258-82) 301 43 74, (258-84) 300 62 15

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(MZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

propiedadintelectual@cnr.gob.sv

[Updating of Annex B1(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. Its telephone number is now as follows:

(66-2) 547 4304

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are CHF 449 and EUR 411 when filing online, and CHF 673 and EUR 617 when filing on paper.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are USD 468 when filing online and USD 701 when filing on paper.

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

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Mozambican metical (MZM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Annual fee for the first year:	MZM 850
Annual fee for the second year:	MZM 1,150

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	MZM 1,850
Annual fee for the first and second year, per year:	MZM 850

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

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified the amounts of two components of the national fee, in **Eastern Caribbean dollar (XCD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National processing fee:	XCD 1,000
Annual fee for the fourth year:	XCD 200

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons can now act as such:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Act on the Qualifying Examination for Admission to Practise as a Patent Attorney and Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); any legal person entitled to practise before the Office (where an applicant wishes to appoint a law firm of representatives, the name of that law firm is to be indicated in Box IV of the Request form); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has clarified that it is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by the Office.

[Updating of Annexes C(ID), C(JP), C(MX), C(SG), C(US) and C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons can now act as such:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Act on the Qualifying Examination for Admission to Practise as a Patent Attorney and Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); any legal person entitled to practise before the Office; otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany

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

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified changes concerning its requirements:

– as to whether a copy of the international application is required – a copy is now required only if the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) at a time when the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20;

– as to who can act as agent before it – any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office and resident in Mozambique can now act as such.

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

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified changes concerning:

– the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), which is now 31 months from the priority date;

– its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – an agent must now be appointed if the applicant is not resident in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

– its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any attorney-at-law registered to practice in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines can now act as such.

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

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 14 April 2016, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2016, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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
- EPO online filing software

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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 will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (359-2) 970 13 14
- by e-mail at: wipo_pct@bpo.bg

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 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 (www.bpo.bg).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 April 2016, the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 26 April 2016, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 e-mail at: irpct@ssaa.ir

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://iripo.ssaa.ir/>).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,811
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	20
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD	272
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD	408

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2016, is AUD 272.

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

BG Bulgaria

Following the notification by the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 May 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Bulgarian lev (BGN)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 26 April 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Iranian rial (IRR)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are EUR 561 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,251 for searches carried out in English.

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

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new leu (RON)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2015, is RON 441.

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

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TR Turkey

The Turkish Patent Institute (Turkey) has notified new amounts of fee components of the national fee, in **Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 January 2016, as follows:

For patent and utility model		Online	On paper
Filing fee :	TRY	660	990
Fee for grant of letters :			
For patent :	TRY	290	435
For utility model certificate :	TRY	290	435
First annual fee :			
For patent :	TRY	200	300
For utility model :	TRY	200	300
Fee for reinstatement of rights :	TRY	1,100	1,650

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

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-SEVENTH (20TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations; and
- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=36343

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force at two different times: the first set of amendments (set out on pages 90 to 95) will enter into force on 1 July 2016 and the second set of amendments (set out on pages 96 and 100) will enter into force on 1 July 2017.

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 July 2016 include:

- amendments of Rules 9, 26*bis*, 48, 82*quater*, 92 and 94 which shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2016;
- the amendments of Rule 82*quater* shall also apply to international applications whose international filing date is before July 1, 2016, where the event referred to in Rule 82*quater*.1(a), as amended, occurs on or after July 1, 2016;
- the amendments of Rule 92.2(d) shall also apply to correspondence received by the International Bureau on or after July 1, 2016, in respect of international applications whose international filing date is before July 1, 2016, to the extent provided at the time of promulgation of any Administrative Instructions made under that Rule;

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 July 2017 include:

- amendments of Rules 12*bis*, 23*bis*, 41, 86 and 95 which shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2017;

- the amendments of Rules 86 and 95 shall also apply to any international application whose international filing date is before July 1, 2017, in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39 are performed on or after July 1, 2017.

Appointment of the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The Assembly appointed the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the Agreement until December 31, 2017.

**AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2016)**

**Rule 9
Expressions, Etc., Not to Be Used**

9.1 *[No change]*

9.2 *Noting of Lack of Compliance*

The receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Bureau may note lack of compliance with the prescriptions of Rule 9.1 and may suggest to the applicant that he voluntarily correct his international application accordingly, in which case the receiving Office, the competent International Searching Authority, the competent Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Bureau, as applicable, shall be informed of the suggestion.

9.3 *[No change]*

**Rule 26bis
Correction or Addition of Priority Claim**

26bis.1 and 26bis.2 *[No change]*

26bis.3 *Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office*

(a) to (e) *[No change]*

(f) The receiving Office may require that a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons referred to in paragraph (b)(ii) be filed with it within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances.

(g) *[No change]*

(h) The receiving Office shall promptly:

(i) *[No change]*

(ii) *[No change]*

(iii) notify the applicant and the International Bureau of its decision and the criterion for restoration upon which the decision was based;

(iv) subject to paragraph (h-bis), transmit to the International Bureau all documents received from the applicant relating to the request under paragraph (a) (including a copy of the request itself, any statement of reasons referred to in paragraph (b)(ii) and any declaration or other evidence referred to in paragraph (f)).

(h-bis) The receiving Office shall, upon a reasoned request by the applicant or on its own decision, not transmit documents or parts thereof received in relation to the request under paragraph (a), if it finds that:

(i) this document or part thereof does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application;

(ii) publication or public access to any such document or part thereof would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person; and

(iii) there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that document or part thereof.

Where the receiving Office decides not to transmit documents or parts thereof to the International Bureau, it shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(i) and (j) *[No change]*.

Rule 48 **International Publication**

48.1 *[No change]*

48.2 *Contents*

(a) *[No change]*

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), the front page shall include:

(i) to (vi) *[No change]*

(vii) where applicable, an indication that the published international application contains information concerning a request under Rule 26bis.3 for restoration of the right of priority and the decision of the receiving Office upon such request.

(viii) *[Deleted]*

(c) to (k) [No change]

(l) The International Bureau shall, upon a reasoned request by the applicant received by the International Bureau prior to the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, omit from publication any information, if it finds that:

(i) this information does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application;

(ii) publication of such information would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person; and

(iii) there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information.

Rule 26.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as to the manner in which the applicant shall present the information which is the subject of a request made under this paragraph.

(m) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Bureau notes any information meeting the criteria set out under paragraph (l), that Office, Authority or Bureau may suggest to the applicant to request the omission from international publication in accordance with paragraph (l).

(n) Where the International Bureau has omitted information from international publication in accordance with paragraph (l) and that information is also contained in the file of the international application held by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly notify that Office and Authority accordingly.

48.3 to 48.6 [No change]

Rule 82^{quater} **Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits**

82^{quater}.1 Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits

(a) Any interested party may offer evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, a general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason in the locality where the interested party resides, has his place of business or is staying, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) [No change]

(c) [No change]

Rule 92
Correspondence

92.1 *[No change]*

92.2 *Languages*

(a) to (c) *[No change]*

(d) Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau shall be in English, French or any other language of publication as may be permitted by the Administrative Instructions.

(e) *[No change]*

92.3 and 92.4 *[No change]*

Rule 94
Access to Files

94.1 *Access to the File Held by the International Bureau*

(a) *[No change]*

(b) The International Bureau shall, at the request of any person but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to Article 38 and paragraphs (d) to (g), furnish copies of any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) *[No change]*

(d) The International Bureau shall not provide access to any information contained in its file which has been omitted from publication under Rule 48.2(I) and to any document contained in its file relating to a request under that Rule.

(e) Upon a reasoned request by the applicant, the International Bureau shall not provide access to any information contained in its file and to any document contained in its file relating to such a request, if it finds that:

- (i) this information does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application;
- (ii) public access to such information would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person; and
- (iii) there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information.

Rule 26.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as to the manner in which the applicant shall present the information which is the subject of a request made under this paragraph.

(f) Where the International Bureau has omitted information from public access in accordance with paragraphs (d) or (e), and that information is also contained in the file of the international application held by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly notify that Office and Authority accordingly.

(g) The International Bureau shall not provide access to any document contained in its file which was prepared solely for internal use by the International Bureau.

94.1bis Access to the File Held by the Receiving Office

(a) At the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, the receiving Office may provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(b) The receiving Office may, at the request of any person, but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to paragraph (c), provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) The receiving Office shall not provide access under paragraph (b) to any information in respect of which it has been notified by the International Bureau that the information has been omitted from publication in accordance with Rule 48.2(l) or from public access in accordance with Rule 94.1(d) or (e).

94.1ter Access to the File Held by the International Searching Authority

(a) At the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, the International Searching Authority may provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(b) The International Searching Authority may, at the request of any person, but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to paragraph (c), provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) The International Searching Authority shall not provide access under paragraph (b) to any information in respect of which it has been notified by the International Bureau that the information has been omitted from publication in accordance with Rule 48.2(l) or from public access in accordance with Rule 94.1(d) or (e).

(d) Paragraphs (a) to (c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Authority specified for supplementary search.

94.2 *Access to the File Held by the International Preliminary Examining Authority*

(a) At the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(b) At the request of any elected Office, but not before the establishment of the international preliminary examination report and subject to paragraph (c), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall not provide access under paragraph (b) to any information in respect of which it has been notified by the International Bureau that the information has been omitted from publication in accordance with Rule 48.2(l) or from public access in accordance with Rule 94.1(d) or (e).

94.2bis *Access to the File Held by the Designated Office*

If the national law applicable by any designated Office allows access by third parties to the file of a national application, that Office may allow access to any documents relating to the international application, contained in its file, to the same extent as provided by the national law for access to the file of a national application, but not before the earliest of the dates specified in Article 30(2)(a). The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

94.3 *Access to the File Held by the Elected Office*

If the national law applicable by any elected Office allows access by third parties to the file of a national application, that Office may allow access to any documents relating to the international application, including any document relating to the international preliminary examination, contained in its file, to the same extent as provided by the national law for access to the file of a national application, but not before the earliest of the dates specified in Article 30(2)(a). The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

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(to enter into force on 1 July 2017)

Rule 12bis

Submission by the Applicant of Documents Relating to Earlier Search

12bis.1 *Furnishing by the Applicant of Documents Related to Earlier Search in Case of Request under Rule 4.12*

(a) Where the applicant has, under Rule 4.12, requested the International Searching Authority to take into account the results of an earlier search carried out by the same or another International Searching Authority or by a national Office, the applicant shall, subject to paragraphs (b) to (d), submit to the receiving Office, together

with the international application, a copy of the results of the earlier search, in whatever form (for example, in the form of a search report, a listing of cited prior art or an examination report) they are presented by the Authority or Office concerned.

(b) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the copy referred to in paragraph (a), indicate the wish that the receiving Office prepare and transmit it to the International Searching Authority. Such request shall be made in the request and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a fee.

(c) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, no copy referred to in paragraph (a) shall be required to be submitted under that paragraph.

(d) Where a copy referred to in paragraph (a) is available to the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, and the applicant so indicates in the request, no copy shall be required to be submitted under that paragraph.

12bis.2 Invitation by the International Searching Authority to Furnish Documents Related to Earlier Search in Case of Request under Rule 4.12

(a) The International Searching Authority may, subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), invite the applicant to furnish to it, within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances:

- (i) a copy of the earlier application concerned;
- (ii) where the earlier application is in a language which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, a translation of the earlier application into a language which is accepted by that Authority;
- (iii) where the results of the earlier search are in a language which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, a translation of those results into a language which is accepted by that Authority;
- (iv) a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search.

(b) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, or where a copy or translation referred to in paragraph (a) is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, or in the form of the priority document, no copy or translation referred to in paragraph (a) shall be required to be submitted under that paragraph.

(c) Where the request contains a statement under Rule 4.12(ii) to the effect that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out, or that the international application is

the same, or substantially the same, as that earlier application except that it is filed in a different language, no copy or translation referred to in paragraphs (a)(i) and (ii) shall be required to be submitted under those paragraphs.

Rule 23bis

Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification

23bis.1 *Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search in Case of Request under Rule 4.12*

(a) The receiving Office shall transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, any copy referred to in Rule 12bis.1(a) related to an earlier search in respect of which the applicant has made a request under Rule 4.12, provided that any such copy:

- (i) has been submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office together with the international application;
- (ii) has been requested by the applicant to be prepared and transmitted by the receiving Office to that Authority; or
- (iii) is available to the receiving Office in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, in accordance with Rule 12bis.1(d).

(b) If it is not included in the copy of the results of the earlier search referred to in Rule 12bis.1(a), the receiving Office shall also transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, a copy of the results of any earlier classification effected by that Office, if already available.

23bis.2 *Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification for the Purposes of Rule 41.2*

(a) For the purposes of Rule 41.2, where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications filed with the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office and that Office has carried out an earlier search in respect of such an earlier application or has classified such earlier application, the receiving Office shall, subject to paragraphs (b), (d) and (e), transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, a copy of the results of any such earlier search, in whatever form (for example, in the form of a search report, a listing of cited prior art or an examination report) they are available to the Office, and a copy of the results of any such earlier classification effected by the Office, if already available. The receiving Office may also transmit to the International Searching Authority any further documents relating to such an earlier search which it considers useful to that Authority for the purposes of carrying out the international search.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a receiving Office may notify the International Bureau by April 14, 2016 that it may, on request of the applicant submitted together with the international application, decide not to transmit the results of an earlier search to the International Searching Authority. The International Bureau shall publish any notification under this provision in the Gazette.

(c) At the option of the receiving Office, paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications filed with an Office different from the one which is acting as the receiving Office and that Office has carried out an earlier search in respect of such an earlier application or has classified such earlier application, and the results of any such earlier search or classification are available to the receiving Office in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library.

(d) Paragraphs (a) and (c) shall not apply where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, or where the receiving Office is aware that a copy of the earlier search or classification results is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library.

(e) To the extent that, on October 14, 2015, the transmission of the copies referred to in paragraph (a), or the transmission of such copies in a particular form, such as those referred to in paragraph (a), without the authorization by the applicant is not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, that paragraph shall not apply to the transmission of such copies, or to the transmission of such copies in the particular form concerned, in respect of any international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as such transmission without the authorization by the applicant continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 14, 2016. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

Rule 41

Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification

41.1 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search in Case of a Request under Rule 4.12*

Where the applicant has, under Rule 4.12, requested the International Searching Authority to take into account the results of an earlier search and has complied with Rule 12*bis*.1 and:

(i) *[No change]*

(ii) *[No change]*

41.2 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification in Other Cases*

(a) Where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications in respect of which an earlier search has been carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, the International Searching Authority shall, to the extent possible, take the results of any such earlier search into account in carrying out the international search.

(b) Where the receiving Office has transmitted to the International Searching Authority a copy of the results of any earlier search or of any earlier classification under Rule 23bis.2(a) or (b), or where such a copy is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, the International Searching Authority may take those results into account in carrying out the international search.

Rule 86

The Gazette

86.1 *Contents*

The Gazette referred to in Article 55(4) shall contain:

(i) to (iii) *[No change]*

(iv) information concerning events at the designated and elected Offices notified to the International Bureau under Rule 95.1 in relation to published international applications;

(v) *[No change]*

86.2 to 86.6 *[No change]*

Rule 95

Information and Translations from Designated and Elected Offices

95.1 *Information Concerning Events at the Designated and Elected Offices*

Any designated or elected Office shall notify the International Bureau of the following information concerning an international application within two months, or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter, of the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) following the performance by the applicant of the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39, the date of performance of those acts and any national application number which has been assigned to the international application;

(ii) where the designated or elected Office explicitly publishes the international application under its national law or practice, the number and date of that national publication;

(iii) where a patent is granted, the date of grant of the patent and, where the designated or elected Office explicitly publishes the international application in the form in which it is granted under its national law, the number and date of that national publication.

95.2 *Furnishing of Copies of Translations*

(a) At the request of the International Bureau, any designated or elected Office shall provide it with a copy of the translation of the international application furnished by the applicant to that Office.

(b) The International Bureau may, upon request and subject to reimbursement of the cost, furnish to any person copies of the translations received under paragraph (a).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its e-mail address. The new e-mail address is as follows:

mcastro@indecopi.gob.pe

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is USD 1,674.

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

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is USD 1,261.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is GBP 1,503.

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

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GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **Pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	980
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	11
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	147
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	221

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (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 July 2016, are USD 101 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 420 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2016, are CHF 99 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 409 for searches carried out in English.

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

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2016, are CHF 172 and CHF 276 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified changes in the mailing address as well as the e-mail address of its chamber of patent attorneys (Österreichische Patentanwaltskammer), which is now as follows:

Mailing address: Linke Wienzeile 4/1/9
A-1060 Wien

Internet: www.patentanwalt.at

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

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

opridie-tech@economie.fgov.be

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a change in the number of its facsimile machine, which is now as follows:

(55-21) 3037 33 98

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Following the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form in XML format in addition to PDF format, from 1 May 2016, an equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the reduction under item 4(c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in BRL of CHF 300

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

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 17 May 2014, is USD 500.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is KRW 725,000.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

OM Oman

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** ceased to be the only receiving Office for Oman on 1 June 2016. The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified that, since that date, it is acting as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau, for nationals and residents of Oman.

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

Information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office is given in Annex C(OM), which is published on page 115.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PA Panama

Information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (PA), which is published on page 117.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette of 23 October 2014, pages 157 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing in XML format, in addition to other formats, with effect since 1 May 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 e-mail at: faleconosco@inpi.gov.br

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 (www.inpi.gov.br).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

OM Oman

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 May 2016, the **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 since 1 June 2016, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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, text string and click wrap up types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 e-mail at: oman-ip-dep@moci.gov.om

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.

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

SK Slovakia

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 46/2005 of 17 November 2005, pages 30684 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it will accept international applications in electronic form filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2016, and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software and the EPO online filing software with effect from 1 October 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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)):

- 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. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by check or by bank transfer.

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 e-mail at: helpdesk@indprop.gov.sk

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

- international applications

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 (www.upv.sk).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

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Receiving Offices
OM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, OM
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(OMAN)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Oman
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic ¹ or English
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁵ or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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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 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”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must 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 (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 2 June 2016, pages 107 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Omani rial (OMR)	
Transmittal fee:	OMR	40
International filing fee: ⁷	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	1,363
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	307
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP) or (US)	
Fee for priority document:	OMR	70
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	OMR	200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Oman Yes, if he is a non-resident	
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered to practice in Oman	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

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**Designated
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY (DIGERPI) (PANAMA)

PA

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, 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, 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?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: US dollar (USD) For patent: Filing fee: USD 128.50 For utility model: Filing fee: USD 78.50
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Where the applicant is also the inventor and his economic situation prevents him from paying the full amount of the fees, he may be entitled to only pay 10% of the filing fee ²

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¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Please refer to the Office for further details.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)**

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3, 4}

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent^{3, 4}

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application^{3, 4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date⁴

Translation to be furnished in three copies⁴

Representation by an attorney or a lawyer registered in Panama

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Panama

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

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ 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 of six months from the date of the invitation.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified changes in the name of the Office in Indonesian, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office (in Indonesian):	Direktorat Jenderal Kekayaan Intelektual
Location and mailing address:	Jl. H.R. Rasuna Said Kav. 8-9 Jakarta Selatan 12940 Indonesia
Telephone:	(62-21) 5790 5606 (DG) (62-21) 5790 5611 (Patents) (62-21) 5790 5619 (Sec)
Facsimile machine:	(62-21) 5790 5606 (DG) (62-21) 5790 5611 (Patents) (62-21) 5790 5619 (Sec)
E-mail:	dirgen@dgip.go.id patent.administration@gmail.com

[Updating of Annex B1(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified a new component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

Fee for claiming priority:	EUR	100

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has specified the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Syrian Arab Republic with the Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 30 May 2016.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified a change concerning the copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) which the applicant receives free of charge together with the international search report – the applicant now receives a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report. The fees charged in other cases remain unchanged.

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. These addresses are now as follows:

azs@azstand.gov.az
azpatent@azstand.gov.az

[Updating of Annex B1(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, which are now as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Finnish or Swedish or, if the international application was filed in Finnish or Swedish, a copy of the international application as filed or, if the application or translation was filed in English, a translation of the claims into Finnish or Swedish, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patent Law.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Finnish (or into Swedish if the applicant's own language is Swedish) of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent.

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

ROSPATENT
Berezhkovskaya nab., 30/1
Moscow 125993
Russian Federation (general)

Federalny Institut Promyshlennoi Sobstvennosti
Berezhkovskaya nab., 30/1
Moscow 125993
Russian Federation (application processing)

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified a new amount of a component of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	20 ¹

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

¹ This fee is subject to a value-added tax (VAT) of 18%.

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified changes in the conditions for entitlement to reductions in several components of the national fee, i.e., the unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing), the claim fee for each claim in excess of five and the examination fee - these fees are now reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of and a resident in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, and by 80% where each applicant is a natural person and a national of and resident in a PCT Contracting State whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997), or where an applicant, whether a natural person or not, is a national of and resident in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least-developed country.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2016, is SGD 1,968.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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 August 2016, are EUR 92 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 381 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of each inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Declaration concerning the inventor and the right of the applicant to apply for a patent

Address for service in New Zealand (no representation by an agent is required). An electronic communication address must be provided by all persons communicating with the Office

Verification of translation of international application

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has informed the International Bureau that it now applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

KW Kuwait

On 9 June 2016, **Kuwait** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 9 September 2016, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 9 September 2016 will automatically include the designation of Kuwait (country code: KW).

Kuwait will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 9 September 2016. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Kuwait will be entitled, as from 9 September 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 July 2016.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 136 to 143, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, to appoint the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority,² that appointment will also have effect from 1 July 2016.

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xv.pdf

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of May 12, 2016, pages 89 and 90.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has notified changes in its name, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)
Location and mailing address:	384-386 Nguyen Trai Street Thanh Xuan District Ha Noi Viet Nam
Telephone:	(84-4) 3557 20 91 (84-4) 3558 82 17 (84-4) 3858 30 69
Facsimile machine:	(84-4) 3557 20 90 (84-4) 3858 84 49
E-mail:	congngghethongtin@noip.gov.vn vietnamipo@noip.gov.vn
Internet	www.noip.gov.vn

[Updating of Annex B1(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2016, is COP 952,000.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of components of the national fee, in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 January 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

		Online	On paper
For a patent:			
Filing fee:	COP	64,000	80,000
Annual fees:			
— for the first to the fourth year, per year:	COP	226,000	271,000
	COP	336,000 ³	403,000 ³
For a utility model:			
Filing fee:	COP	56,000	70,000

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Czech Republic with the Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

Furthermore, the Office has indicated that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

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

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Hungary with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

³ These amounts are applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

Furthermore, the Office has indicated that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

In addition, the Office has notified that it withdraws its specification of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Hungary with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO), or with the International Bureau, also with effect from 1 July 2016.

Finally, the Office has notified that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, it will no longer accept Russian as a language in which international applications or the request may be filed.

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Poland with the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

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

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Slovakia with the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

Furthermore, the Office has indicated that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 April 2007, pages 67 et seq., and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using the CEPCT software, in addition to the PCT-SAFE software, with effect since 1 April 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

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

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

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

- PCT-SAFE software
- CEPCT Software

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

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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 and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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)):

CEPCT supports online payment.

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 will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +(86-10) 62 08 84 76
- by fax at: +(86-10) 62 08 82 89
- by e-mail at: PCT_affairs@sipo.gov.cn

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

- international applications

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 provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.sipo.gov.cn). Applicants may file applications on paper by delivering in person, fax or mail.

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)):

At this stage no digital certificates are accepted by the Office.

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

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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

KR Republic of Korea

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC)**, an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

181, Ipsin-gil, Jeongeup-si
Jeollabuk-do, 56212
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute
and the International Bureau
of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the Visegrad Patent Institute
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Visegrad Patent Institute;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

(i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);

(ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

(i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;

(ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;

(iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;

(iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

(i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

(ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this fourteenth day of December two thousand and fifteen, in five originals in the English language.

For the Visegrad Patent Institute
by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signatures]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

(a) the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic;

(b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland and the Slovak Republic within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	500
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875

Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c))	230
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	0.95

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States or from an earlier international search report or international-type search report, the Authority shall refund 40% of the search fee paid. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45~~bis~~.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45~~bis~~.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45~~bis~~.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45~~bis~~.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

Annex E Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search in the languages mentioned in Annex D.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

(i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish or Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority;

(ii) only the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish or Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

DJ Djibouti

On 23 June 2016, **Djibouti** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 23 September 2016, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 23 September 2016 will automatically include the designation of Djibouti (country code: DJ).

Djibouti will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 23 September 2016. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Djibouti will be entitled, as from 23 September 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministrligi Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8 Kireberis 13 Astana 010000 Kazakhstan (general matters)
	Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8 Kireberis 1 Astana 010000 Kazakhstan (application processing)

Telephone: (7-7172) 74 95 80
(7-7172) 74 91 33
(7-7172) 74 96 60

Facsimile machine: (7-7172) 74 96 21

Internet: www.kazpatent.kz
www.adilet.gov.kz

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change with relation to the national types of protection available via the PCT, which now consist of patents and utility models (innovative patents are no longer available).

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified new amounts of the fee for the priority document, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are as follows:

Fee for priority document:

– for the first five pages (in fee stamps):	USD	12.25
– for each additional page (in fee stamps):	USD	1.10

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

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is IDR 250,000.

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

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is KZT 2,730.56 plus value added tax (VAT) in case of filing by a legal entity, and KZT 818.72 in case of filing by a natural person.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of components of the national fee, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:

– electronic filing:	KZT	17,271.52
– paper filing:	KZT	20,320.16
Examination fee:	KZT	66,959.20
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT	20,320.16

For a utility model:

Filing fee:

– electronic filing:	KZT	13,982.08
– paper filing:	KZT	16,450.56
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT	16,450.56

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

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General information on the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**, as well as information on the requirements of the Institute as International Searching Authority, International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) and International Preliminary Examining Authority,¹ is given in Annexes B2(XV), D(XV), SISA(XV) and E(XV), which are published on pages 149 to 155.

Corrigendum: Annex C, Part I, of the Agreement between the VPI and the International Bureau, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 141 and 142, was inaccurate. The correct text is as follows:

¹ See also the notification by the VPI published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, page 129.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	550
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	230
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b)), per page	0.80
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.95”

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Organizations**

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General information

Name of Office:	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)
Location:	II. János Pál Pápa tér 7, 1081 Budapest, Hungary
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 415, 1438 Budapest, Hungary
Telephone:	(361) 474 55 03
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	secretariat@vpi.int
Internet:	www.vpi.int
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
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)?	No

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Euro (EUR) 1,875 Hungarian forint (HUF) 585,800 Swiss franc (CHF) 2,046 US dollar (USD) 2,097
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	EUR 1,875
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 0.80 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States or from an earlier international search report or international-type search report: refund of 40%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR 875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EUR 230
Languages accepted for international search:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

³ 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).

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
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Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹		Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)	
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²		– for a full search:	CHF 2,046
		– for a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 600
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF	200	
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF	100	
Fees payable to the Authority:		Currency: Euro (EUR)	
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	875	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	0.80	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:		Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:		Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak	
Subject matter that will not be searched:		The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws	
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:		In addition to the PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents held in its search collection in: Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak	
Limitations on supplementary international search:		None	

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

³ 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 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Euro (EUR)	1,930
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	EUR	1,930
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ^{3, 4}	EUR	183
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	0.95 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EUR	0.95 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EUR	230
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ The late payment fee, as set out in PCT Rule 58^{bis}, is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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Examining Authorities**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate
power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a
common representative who was not indicated on the request form
or on the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a
general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a
common representative who was not indicated on the request form
or on the demand form at the time of their filing

⁵ 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).

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, of 1 September 2005, pages 22816 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 90, and of 27 August 2015, pages 153 *et seq.*, namely, that it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect since 1 December 2015. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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
- EPO online filing software

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

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: PVS@dkpto.dk

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 (www.dkpto.dk).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it – an agent is not required if the applicant resides in or has an effective industrial or commercial establishment in a member State of the European Union; an agent is required if the applicant is a non-resident¹.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any person registered to practice as a representative in Belgium (the list of registered representatives is furnished free of charge on request) can now act as such; also, any attorney-at-law registered on the list of Belgian attorneys-at-law or on the list of probationary attorneys, any attorney-at-law and any patent agent who is a national of a member State of the European Union and authorized to practice in Belgium by law or an international convention, may now act in the same way as a registered representative before the Office.

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

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified that, since 1 December 2015, it no longer accepts the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.

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

¹ Any natural or legal person may file an international application, pay the filing fee and receive a receipt of deposit (see article XI.62, paragraph 3, subparagraph 2 of the Code of Economic Law).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(49-89) 2195-0
	(49-89) 2195-1000
	(Customer Care and Services)

[Updating of Annex B1(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2016, are CHF 502 and EUR 464 when filing online, and CHF 752 and EUR 695 when filing on paper.

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

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

For a patent:	EUR	52.28	(online)
	EUR	104.57	(on paper)
For a utility model:	EUR	52.28	(online)
	EUR	104.57	(on paper)

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are USD 518 when filing online and USD 776 when filing on paper.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are CHF 648 and EUR 616, respectively, for searches carried out in Japanese, and CHF 1,444 and EUR 1,373, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are EUR 1,501 and JPY 167,500, respectively.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

Under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 September 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the notification last published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 April 2014, pages 48 *et seq.*, will be replaced by the following notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

- Using ePCT-Filing where international applications are transmitted using the protocol specified in Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) of the Administrative Instructions.
- Where a component file within the application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported using ePCT-Filing.
- When online filing is not available the application shall then be filed on paper.

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, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 confirmation of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, 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. A confirmation of receipt will be created for any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office. 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)), files exceeding 20 MB in size, or missing files, are notified to the applicant in the confirmation of receipt.

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

Online payment is available through the Office's website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au).

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

Within the framework of its services, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants filing international applications in electronic form. The Customer Services Network helpdesk can be contacted for all general enquiries.

The help desk is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard/Summer Time (AEST) and can be contacted by the following means:

- by telephone at: +61 2 6283 2999
- by e-mail at: pct@ipaustralia.gov.au

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

- International applications where individual components do not exceed 20 MB may be submitted via ePCT-Filing.
- Subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software.

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

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

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 the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail, to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures. The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/latest-news-listing/).

The Office also offers a subscription service for notifications of any scheduled system downtimes (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/stay-informed/downtime-subscription/).

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)):

For applications filed using ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 September 2016, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.

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

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

BE Belgium

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has waived the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

servico.publico@inpi.pt

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2016, is SGD 2,780.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are JPY 213,000 and SGD 2,800, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 143,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,600
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY 32,400

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is JPY 21,600.

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

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	10.46	(online)
	EUR	20.92	(on paper)
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	41.83	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):			
- where the request is filed online:	EUR	156.85	
- where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	313.72	

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

For a patent: ¹	EUR	52.28	(online)
	EUR	104.57	(on paper)
For a utility model: ¹	EUR	52.28	(online)
	EUR	104.57	(on paper)

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

¹ Includes publication and examination.

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

HU Hungary

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Faculty of Food Science
Szent István University
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hungary

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BW Botswana

The **Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) (Botswana)
E-mail:	feedback@cipa.co.bw
Internet:	www.cipa.co.bw

[Updating of Annex B1(BW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD 1,837
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 21
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SGD 276
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SGD 414

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is CHF 1,621.

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

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is CHF 1,621.

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

Finally, a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is SGD 276.

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ZAR 28,940.

[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 **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ZAR 29,110.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	19,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	220
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	2,870
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,310

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 June 2012, pages 90 *et seq.*, updated on August 1, 2013, page 93 and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept and process international applications filed using ePCT-Filing (in addition to PCT-SAFE software) with effect since 20 July 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d)) through the ILPO website:
<http://www.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/pct/Pages/default.aspx>
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

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

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

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

- PCT-SAFE software
- 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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

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

Online payment is available through the Office's website:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/pct/Pages/default.aspx>

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users relating, in particular, to the uploading and submission of the international application through the ILPO website. The help desk will be available between 8:00 am and 16:00 pm Sunday to Thursday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at 972-2-5651707
- by fax at 972-2-5651616; 972-2-6468070
- via e-mail at PCT.Customer-serv@justice.gov.il

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format, applicants may also contact the PCT e-Services Help Desk at WIPO directly:

- by telephone at (+41-22) 338 95 23
- through the WIPO website
www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-safe

The Help Desk is available from 09:00 to 18:00 (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays.

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

- international applications
- other documents, if any

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.patents.gov.il>).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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)):

The Office provides online file inspection by applicants"

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes A and D

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 October 2016, consist of the addition of Chinese to the languages indicated in Annex A, item (ii), and Annex D. The amended Annexes 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:

[no change];

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:

(a) for international applications filed with the International Bureau: English, Chinese;

(b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any State referred to in subparagraph (i) above other than the International Bureau: English.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English or Chinese, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English may be used in all cases.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ISK 250,000.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2016, is KRW 810,000.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are USD 686 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,530 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) 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 November 2016, are ZAR 28,280 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 14,140 for a small entity and ZAR 7,070 for a micro entity.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – two copies must now be filed instead of three.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change concerning the languages accepted by it for international search and international preliminary examination – as from 1 October 2016, it will accept Chinese, in addition to English, only for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office (see also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 September 2016, page 180).

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2016, is NZD 2,953.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is GBP 1,617.

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

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,053
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	GBP	158
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	GBP	238

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 161,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,800
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK 24,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK 36,400

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is KRW 756,000.

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD 1,945
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 22
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD 292
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD 439

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ISK 250,000.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** 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 October 2016, are NZD 2,980 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,490 for a small entity and NZD 740 for a micro entity.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ISK 250,000.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required by it as designated (or elected) Office – the applicant should now only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20; this may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

KH Cambodia

On 8 September 2016, **Cambodia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 8 December 2016, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 8 December 2016 will automatically include the designation of Cambodia (country code: KH).

Cambodia will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 8 December 2016. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Cambodia will be entitled, as from 8 December 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Cambodia contains a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KW Kuwait

General information on **Kuwait** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(KW), which is published on pages 190 and 191.

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as well as an additional e-mail address. These addresses are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Commerce Lussail City P.O. Box 1968 Doha Qatar
E-mail:	aalsada@mec.gov.qa kjalhitmi@mec.gov.qa

[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Derzhavne Pidpryemstvo “Ukrainsky Instytut Inteectualnoi Vlasnosti”
The State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute”
1, Hlazunova Street
Kyiv 42, 01601
Ukraine

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 10 October 2016, is AUD 50.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

KW Kuwait

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **International Bureau**, with effect since 9 September 2016.

The International Bureau acting for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) has specified the Egyptian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities¹ for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Kuwait with the International Bureau as receiving Office, also with effect since 9 September 2016.

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

¹ The EPO is competent as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been carried out by it.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KW Kuwait

Information on the requirements of the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (KW), which is published on page 192.

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Information on Contracting States

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KUWAIT

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General information

Name of Office:	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)
Location:	KIPCO Tower, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 2944, Safat 13030, Kuwait
Telephone:	(965) 22 94 33 55
Facsimile machine:	(965) 22 94 33 53
E-mail:	musalamq8@hotmail.com eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com
Internet:	www.moci.gov.kw
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile and e-mail
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 14 days from the date of the invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Kuwait:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Kuwait is designated (or elected):	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) (see National Phase)
May Kuwait be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Kuwait concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Kuwait is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Kuwait is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the indications
concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time
limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the
applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of
90 days from the date of the invitation.

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

No

SUMMARY

Designated (or elected) Office

SUMMARY

KW MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, KW TRADEMARKS AND PATENT DEPARTMENT (KUWAIT)

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Kuwaiti dinar (KWD) Filing fee: ¹ KWD 150
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if not indicated in the “Request” part of the international application ^{2, 3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2, 3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{2, 3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ² Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Kuwait ² Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ²
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office, or any person legally qualified to practice before the Office
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² 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 of 90 days from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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DJ Djibouti

General information on **Djibouti** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, are given in Annexes B1(DJ) and C(DJ) and in the Summary of the National Chapter (DJ), which are published on pages 196 to 199.

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified an additional Internet address. Its Internet addresses are now as follows:

www.indprop.gov.sk
www.upv.sk

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

As from 1 January 2017, the **International Bureau** will no longer accept payment by check for all the fees payable to it, i.e., the fees payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office¹, the fees payable for supplementary international search², and a number of other fees payable in particular circumstances³.

¹ See Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

² See Annexes SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (XN) and (XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

³ See Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
For the purposes of patent procedure before the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC), a deposit is required not later than at the date of filing the international application. A receipt attesting the deposit and its acceptance issued by the depositary institution with which the microorganism was deposited must be submitted to ODPIC within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). Where the biological material has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public.		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Information on Contracting States

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General information

Name of Office:	Office djiboutien de la propriété industrielle et commerciale (ODPIC) Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)
Location:	Plateau du Serpent, Avenue Mohamed Dileita, Immeuble Lyautey, Ville de Djibouti, Djibouti
Mailing address:	BP 2017, Ville de Djibouti, Djibouti
Telephone:	(253) 21 35 60 11
Facsimile machine:	(253) 21 35 60 92
E-mail:	odpic@intnet.dj
Internet:	www.odpic.dj
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Djibouti:	Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Djibouti is designated (or elected):	Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) (see National Phase)
May Djibouti be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of Djibouti concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Djibouti is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Djibouti is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. 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?

Yes (see Annex L)

C	Receiving Offices	C
DJ	OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND COMMERCE OF DJIBOUTI (ODPIC)	DJ

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Djibouti
Language in which international applications may be filed: ¹	Arabic, English or French
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic, English or French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office ²
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Djibouti franc (DJF) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100 or equivalent in DJF
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,363
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 15
Search fee:	See Annex D(EG) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 180 or equivalent in DJF
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 500 or equivalent in DJF
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Djibouti Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Djibouti
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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 The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

SUMMARY

Designated (or elected) Office

SUMMARY

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OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND COMMERCE OF DJIBOUTI (ODPIC)

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic, English or French
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: Djibouti franc (DJF) or equivalent in US dollar (USD) For patent: Filing fee: DJF 217,500 For certificate of addition: Filing fee: DJF 217,500
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): ²	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Djibouti Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ³ Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ³ Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ³ Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Djibouti
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² 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 of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2016, is KRW 1,858,000.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2016, are AUD 533 and SGD 550, respectively, for searches carried out in Korean, and AUD 1,539 and SGD 1,580, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons may now act as such:

1. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (hereinafter: the EEA), having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in technical or natural sciences and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,¹
2. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the EEA, having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in an area other than technical or natural sciences, having at least five years of working experience in jobs relating to the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights, obtained after completing the studies and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,¹
3. an attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association who passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office, or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship,

¹ A list of patent representatives is available on the website of the Office at: www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/

4. any legal person with a registered office in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, employing at least one person meeting the conditions referred to in point 1 or 2 of this paragraph or cooperating with such person pursuant to some other contractual relationship and performing the activities of representation before the Office as its registered activity.²

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the 50% reduction of the filing fee applicable when the application is furnished in paper form as well as in electronic form is now also applicable when the application is filed by electronic means.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons may now act as such:

1. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (hereinafter: the EEA), having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in technical or natural sciences and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,²
2. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the EEA, having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in an area other than technical or natural sciences, having at least five years of working experience in jobs relating to the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights, obtained after completing the studies and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,²
3. an attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association who passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office, or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship,
4. any legal person with a registered office in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, employing at least one person meeting the conditions referred to in point 1 or 2 of this paragraph or cooperating with such person pursuant to some other contractual relationship and performing the activities of representation before the Office as its registered activity.²

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

² See footnote 1.

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

GB United Kingdom

The International Bureau has been notified of changes in the address of the **Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)
SAMS Ltd.
Scottish Marine Institute
Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA
Scotland
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 4 October 2016, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2016, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 e-mail at: epct@onapi.gob.do

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.

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

PA Panama

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TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER PCT RULE 23bis.2(b)

During its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 23bis of the PCT Regulations concerning the transmittal of documents relating to earlier search or classification. New Rule 23bis will enter into force on 1 July 2017.

New Rule 23bis.2(b) states: “Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a receiving Office may notify the International Bureau by April 14, 2016 that it may, on request of the applicant submitted together with the international application, decide not to transmit the results of an earlier search to the International Searching Authority. The International Bureau shall publish any notification under this provision in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

DE	Germany
FI	Finland
SE	Sweden

**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR
CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY
UNDER PCT RULE 23bis.2(e)**

During its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 23bis of the PCT Regulations concerning the transmittal of documents relating to earlier search or classification. New Rule 23bis will enter into force on 1 July 2017.

New Rule 23bis.2(e) states: “To the extent that, on October 14, 2015, the transmission of the copies referred to in paragraph (a), or the transmission of such copies in a particular form, such as those referred to in paragraph (a), without the authorization by the applicant is not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, that paragraph shall not apply to the transmission of such copies, or to the transmission of such copies in the particular form concerned, in respect of any international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as such transmission without the authorization by the applicant continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 14, 2016. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility and of the extent to which it applies:

AU Australia

To the extent that the patent application, document or information is not open for public inspection (as defined in Section 55 of the Australian Patents Act 1990). The Commissioner must not disclose the patent application, document or information without the consent of the applicant.

CH Switzerland

To the extent that before publication of the patent application or before the grant of the patent, if the latter occurs first, the following persons are entitled to consult the file, the applicant and his agent, persons who are able to prove that the applicant is accusing them of violating the rights arising from his patent application, or is warning them against such violation, third parties who are able to prove that the applicant or his agent agrees to such consultation.

CZ Czechia

To the extent that the patent application has not yet been published.

FI Finland

To the extent that the national law of Finland does not permit the transmission of information relating to unpublished applications.

HU Hungary

To the extent that prior to publication of the patent application, only the applicant, his representative, the expert, or the body called upon to give an expert opinion, furthermore – if it is necessary for performing their tasks prescribed in Act XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions by Patents – the court, the prosecutor or the investigation authority may inspect the files. The inventor may inspect the files even if he is not the applicant. After publication – and subject to the following text – anyone may inspect the files of the patent application. Apart from the cases laid down in the Public Administration Procedures Act, the following shall be excluded from inspection even after publication. Documents used for the preparation of decisions and expert opinions that were not communicated to the parties. Documents indicating the identity of the inventor if the inventor has requested that publication of his name be disregarded. Personal data not indicated in the Patent Register and not communicated in giving official information, unless the persons concerned explicitly approved the inspection thereof or a third person is allowed access to documents containing personal data pursuant to the provisions of the Public Administration Procedures Act.

IL Israel

To the extent that under the national law of Israel all documents relating to a patent application are confidential until it is published.

JP Japan

To the extent that under the national law of Japan, the Japan Patent Office is not allowed to provide to third parties the documents pertaining to examination, among others, of any patent application without authorization by the applicant, until the application is either registered or published (Article 186(1)(i) of Japanese Patent Act).

NO Norway

To the extent that, unless requested by the applicant, the Office may not publish (or transmit) documents (e.g.: the patent application as filed) before the date on which the patent was granted, or 18 months have passed from the national filing date or, if priority is claimed, the priority date. With regard to any documents other than the patent application as filed (e.g.: search copy, search report, prior art listing, examination report, etc.), such documents are considered as internal case documents, and, subject to Section 14 of the Norwegian Publicity Act (Law 19.05.2006 No.16) are exempted from public access. These documents are therefore, in accordance with Section 22 of the Norwegian Patents Act, not made available to the public.

SE Sweden

To the extent that such copies are not yet open to the public, or, the sending of such copies is not expressly allowed through an agreement concerning exchange of search results with a patent Office abroad and in which the patent Office abroad binds itself not to make the search results open to the public.

SG Singapore

To the extent that under Section 108(2) of the Singapore Patents Act, documents or information relating to an unpublished application cannot be published or communicated to any person by the Registrar of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore without authorization from the applicant.

US United States of America

To the extent that the national law of the United States of America (35 USC 122 and 37 CFR 1.14), require that patent applications that have not been published must be kept in confidence unless specifically authorized by the applicant. As such, absent such specific authorization, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (acting in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT), is unable to transmit the documents and information provided for in PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(a).

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
2 January 2017,
14 and 17 April 2017,
25 May 2017,
5 June 2017,
7 September 2017,
25 and 29 December 2017.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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DO Dominican Republic

Following the notification by the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 November 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, pages 205 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	307

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

PA Panama

Following the notification by the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 November 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, pages 207 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	307

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

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

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has clarified some of the conditions for reduction of the national fee² – the filing fee is reduced by 50% if the application is filed by electronic means; the same reduction applies where the text of the application filed on paper has been furnished additionally on an electronic carrier (e.g. CD-ROM, DVD).

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, on 24 October 2016, of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2010, pages 67 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 January 2017. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
 - (a) JISX 0208
 - (b) Shift-JIS
 - (c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (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)

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

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

² As published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 October 2016, page 202.

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

- JPO PAS (Internet version)

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

Enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4) is needed as a signature under PCT Article 14(1)(a)(i).

Text string signature can be used for other purposes, such as the signature for a declaration of inventorship under Section 214.

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 the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. 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)):

The following means of online payment are accepted: (i) payment by JPO's deposit account, or (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by online banking.

In addition, the following means of payment are accepted: (i) payment by patent revenue stamps, or (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by bank transfer.

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

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

The task of this support center is to answer questions from users of the service for the online filing of patents, and to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at: +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- by fax, at: +81 (0)3 3582 0510

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 software³

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

The Office will accept no filing of documents in 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 electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information on its website (www.jpo.go.jp) concerning the availability of online filing systems.

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)):

- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau
(www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- Nippon Denshi Ninsho Co., Ltd. (www.ninsho.co.jp/aosign/index.html)
- Teikoku Databank, Ltd. (www.tdb.co.jp/typeA/index.html)
- e-Probatio CA (www.e-probatio.com)
- Japannet Corporation (www.japannet.jp/ca/index.html)
- Tohoku Information Systems Co., Inc. (<https://www.toinx.net/ebs/info.html>)
- JPKI (www.jpki.go.jp)
- J-LIS (www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/kojinbango/)
- GPKI (www.gpki.go.jp)
- LGPKI (www.lgpki.jp)

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

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

³ Applicable since 1 April 2016.

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DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified additional details concerning:

– the filing of documents by e-mail (PCT Rule 92.4) – all kinds of documents may be so transmitted, and the original of the document must be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission if the document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application;

– its requirements as to 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) – it accepts such evidence provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express.

[Updating of Annex B1(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	Kolkata:	(91-33)	23 67 19 87, 23 67 50 91
	New Delhi:	(91-11)	25 30 02 00, 28 03 43 10, 25 30 03 35 (PCT Section)
	Chennai:	(91-44)	22 50 20 80, 22 50 20 60
	Mumbai:	(91-22)	24 15 36 51, 24 14 81 61
E-mail:	Kolkata:		kolkata-patent@nic.in
	New Delhi:		delhi-patent@nic.in patentin-pct@nic.in (PCT Section)
	Chennai:		chennai-patent@nic.in
	Mumbai:		mumbai-patent@nic.in

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 January 2017, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.¹

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect since 25 October 2016.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

On 28 October 2014, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect from 1 November 2014.

Also on that date, the Office notified an updated version of its set of notifications made under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Sections 710 and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. This updated version was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 November 2014, pages 164 *et seq.* It follows that notices published in PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12954, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 May 2014, page 70, are still in force.

¹ See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 October 2016, pages 216 *et seq.*

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office, 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, in addition to receiving and processing international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, it is prepared to receive and process subsequently filed documents for international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 1 November 2016. Hence, the current means for filing international applications and/or subsequently filed documents with the Office are EPO Online Filing, PCT-SAFE, the EPO web-form filing service, the EPO case management system and ePCT-Filing.

Consequently, since 1 November 2016, the following notification replaces the updated version referred to in the second paragraph, above.

"FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING AND PCT-SAFE:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
- DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

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

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

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

- EPO Online Filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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 European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not 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 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 European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

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)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Västerekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

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

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

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

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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)).

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

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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 (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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 European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not 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 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 European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents through ePCT Document upload (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in 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)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Västöräkisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

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

- European Patent Register”

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, on 2 November 2016, of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 May 2014, pages 58 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 January 2017. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 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
- EPO online filing software

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

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed with the Office as receiving Office contains, 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), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgement of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means 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)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by debit card or by bank transfer.

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

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 4.15 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (358-0) 29509 5858
- by web form (in Finnish) at the following address:
https://www.prh.fi/fi/patentit/palvelut_ja_tietokannat/sahkoinenpatenttihakemus-eolf/helpdesk.html
- further information:
<https://www.prh.fi/en/patentit/servicesanddatabases/patentadvisoryservice.html>

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 as 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. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

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 the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its website (www.prh.fi) information concerning possible interruptions in electronic filing services.

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)):

EPO online filing software:

- citizen certificates on identity cards issued by the Finnish Police (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- organization certificates on organization cards issued by the Finnish Population Register Center (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

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

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified that, as from 1 January 2017, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (see above).

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

OM Oman

The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has specified the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Oman with the Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 31 October 2016.

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

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BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.energy.gov.bn/bruipo/Home.aspx

[Updating of Annex B1(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Arenal 550 Col. Pueblo Santa Maria Tepepan C.P. 16020 Ciudad de México Mexico
Telephone:	(52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10606, 10024, 10010)
E-mail:	dp@impi.gob.mx

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **Mexican peso (MXN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2016, as follows:

For a patent:	MXN 6,147.40 ¹	or
	MXN 3,803.12 ²	
For a utility model:	MXN 2,162.13 ¹	or
	MXN 1,380.70 ²	

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

¹ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1).

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HN Honduras

Information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (HN), which is published on pages 237 and 238.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (HONDURAS)

HN

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Honduran lempira (HNL) For patent or utility model: Filing fee: ¹ HNL 1,500 Annual fees, per year: HNL 200
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ^{2, 3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2, 3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2, 3} Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Honduras Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ 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 of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (HONDURAS)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Honduras

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

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

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XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified a change in its telephone number, as well as its facsimile number, as follows:

Telephone: (361) 613 51 30

Facsimile machine: (361) 799 01 88

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine; all kinds of documents may be so transmitted, and the original of the document must be furnished in all cases, within 14 days from the date of the transmission.

In addition, the Office has notified that it now accepts 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).

[Updating of Annex B1(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-eighth (28th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 3 to 11 October 2016, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2017, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 242.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2017, as indicated in the table published on pages 243 to 246.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2017, as indicated in the table published on pages 247 and 248.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AU), (AZ), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EG), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IL), (IN), (IS), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (MD), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (QA), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

Annexes SISA(RU), (SG) and (UA),

Annexes E(AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (SG), (US) and (XN).]

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are AZN 35.40 and AZN 23.60, respectively.

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

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, has been established. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2017, is USD 103.

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

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)

(applicable from January 1, 2017)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.16	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	Schedule of fees Item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.74662262	1,811 1,781	20 20	n.a. n.a.	272 268	408 402	272 268	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.74211854	1,782 1,792	20 20	n.a. n.a.	268 269	402 404	268 269	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14661862	9,090 9,070	100 100	n.a. n.a.	1,370 1,360	2,050 2,050	1,370 1,360	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.09141470	1,219 1,219	14 14	92 92	183 183	275 275	183 183	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.25105285	1,053 1,063	12 12	n.a. n.a.	158 160	238 240	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00354968	380,800 374,700	4,300 4,200	n.a. n.a.	57,300 56,300	85,900 84,500	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.25861050	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	794 773	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00854808	161,500 155,600	1,800 1,800	n.a. n.a.	24,300 23,400	36,400 35,100	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00958147	143,700 138,800	1,600 1,600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	32,400 31,300	21,600 20,900	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00088113	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	238,000 227,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.12191993	11,460 10,910	130 120	n.a. n.a.	1,720 1,640	2,590 2,460	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.70749031	1,945 1,880	22 21	n.a. n.a.	292 283	439 424	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11360065	11,380 11,710	130 130	n.a. n.a.	1,710 1,760	2,570 2,640	1,710 1,760	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.71293580	1,837 1,866	21 21	n.a. n.a.	276 281	414 421	276 281	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.97302773	1,363 1,367	15 15	102 103	205 206	307 308	205 206	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07146247	19,100 18,610	220 210	n.a. n.a.	2,870 2,800	4,310 4,200	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2017)

International Searching Authority	ISAI/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL			
	EUR	Exch. rate	AUD	Exch. rate	BRL	Exch. rate	CAD	Exch. rate	USD	2,000	400	300
Reference currency & Amount												
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016												
CHF - Swiss franc	2,034 1.09141470		1,616 1,643		752 ¹ 766 ¹		1,194 ¹ 1,187 ¹		1,952 ¹ 1,946 ¹	390 ¹ 389 ¹	293 ¹ 292 ¹	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	2,084 2,091		1,674 1,688		776 787		1,261 1,220					Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro			1,481 ¹ 1,505 ¹		695 ¹ 702 ¹		1,094 ¹ 1,088 ¹		1,789 ¹ 1,783 ¹	358 ¹ 357 ¹	268 ¹ 267 ¹	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar												Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone												Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling												Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint												Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic króna												Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen												Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	2,419,000 2,309,000		1,858,000 ² 1,864,000									Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone												Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar												Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona												Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	2,780 2,854		2,210 2,304									Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	28,940 28,470		23,900 22,990									Current amount New amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2016.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/CN	ISA/EG	ISA/EP	ISA/ES	ISA/FI	ISA/IL	
Reference currency & Amount	CNY	EGP	EUR	EUR	EUR	ILS	
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	323 0.14586672	430 ³ 0.10984982	2,046 1.09141470	2,046 ³ 1.09141470	2,046 ³ 1.09141470	905 ³ 0.25861050	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	330 6.67066315	451 8.85779995	2,097 0.89152888	2,097 0.89152888	2,097 ³ 0.89152888	912 3.76252206	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	296 ³ 7.48227376	395 ³ 9.93551656	2,103 0.89152888	2,103 0.89152888	2,103 ³ 0.89152888	837 ³ 4.22030305	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar							Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone			13,990 0.13433814				Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling			1,617 1.14626718				Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint			585,800 0.00325236				Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona			250,000 0.00783211				Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen			213,000 0.00877895				Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won			213,600				Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone			17,640 0.11170816				Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			2,953 0.64823234				Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona			17,500 0.10408569				Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar			2,800 0.65322173				Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand			29,110 0.06547691				Current amount New amount

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³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/IN			ISA/JP			ISA/KR			ISA/RU			ISA/SE ⁴	
	INR	10,000	2,500	JPY	156,000	70,000	KRW	1,300,000	450,000	RUB	28,000	6,750	SEK	17,500
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate			Exch. rate			Exch. rate			Exch. rate			SEK	18,010
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016														
CHF - Swiss franc	0.01464250	150	37	0.00958147	1,444	648	0.00088113	1,093	379	0.01559429	409	99	2,046	Current amount
		146	37		1,495	671		1,145	397		437	105	2,046	New amount
USD - US dollar	66.45227932	154 ⁵	38 ⁵	101.55303203	1,536	686	1104.29267745	1,120	388	62.39639726	420	101	2,097	Current amount
		150 ⁵	38 ⁵		1,536	689		1,177	408		449	108	2,103	New amount
EUR - Euro	74.53743876	137 ⁵	34 ⁵	113.90885283	1,373 ⁵	616 ⁵	1238.65048203	1,002 ⁵	347 ⁵	69.98806297	381	92	1,875	Current amount
		134 ⁵	34 ⁵		1,370 ⁵	615 ⁵		1,050 ⁵	363 ⁵		400	96	1,875	New amount
AUD - Australian dollar							847.34470847	1,539 ⁶	533 ⁶					Current amount
								1,534	531					New amount
DKK - Danish krone													13,990	Current amount
													13,960	New amount
GBP - Pound sterling														Current amount
														New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint														Current amount
														New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													250,000	Current amount
													239,400	New amount
JPY - Japanese yen														Current amount
														New amount
KRW - Korean won				0.09196206	n.a.	756,000								Current amount
					n.a.	761,000								New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone													17,640	Current amount
													16,780	New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar							802.93330637	1,616	559					Current amount
								1,619	560					New amount
SEK - Swedish krona														Current amount
														New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar				74.40773831	1,968	n.a.	809.11341512	1,580 ⁶	550 ⁶					Current amount
					2,097	n.a.		1,607	556					New amount
ZAR - South African rand														Current amount
														New amount

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⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2017, fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁶ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2016.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/SG		ISA/UA		ISA/US				ISA/XN ⁷		ISA/XV	
	SGD	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,990	EUR	1,875
Reference currency & Amount									DKK	13,960		
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016											Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	0.71293580	1,621 ⁸ 1,597⁸	1,091,414,70	325 ⁸ 327⁸	0.97302773	2,030 2,024	1,015 1,012	508 506		2,046 ⁸ 2,046 ⁸		2,046 ⁸ 2,046 ⁸
USD - US dollar	1.36481815	1,578 1,641	0.89152888	328 ⁸ 337⁸						2,097 ⁸ 2,103⁸		2,097 ⁸ 2,103⁸
EUR - Euro	1.53087374	1,501 ⁸ 1,463⁸			1.12166865	1,860 ⁸ 1,854⁸	930 ⁸ 927⁸	465 ⁸ 464⁸		1,875 ⁸ 1,875 ⁸		Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar												Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone												Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling												Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint												Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona												Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.01343946	167,500 166,700								250,000 239,400	0.00325236	585,800 576,500
KRW - Korean won												Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone												Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar												Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona					0.72710190	2,980 2,861	1,490 1,430	740 715		17,640 16,780		Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										17,500 18,010		Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand					0.07344340	28,280 28,320	14,140 14,160	7,070 7,080				Current amount New amount

⁷ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2017, fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁸ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

[End of Table 2]

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2017)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT				ISA/EP		ISA/IF		ISA/RU			ISA/SE	
	EUR	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	11,800	18,880 ⁵	SEK	17,500
Reference currency & Amount												SEK	18,010 ⁶
Exchange rate applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate				
CHF - Swiss franc	1.09141470	928	1,299	1,855	1.09141470	2,046	1.09141470	2,046	0.01559429	184	294		2,046

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- ¹ For a search of only the German-language documentation.
- ² For a search of only the European or North American documentation.
- ³ For a full search of the PCT minimum documentation.
- ⁴ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
- ⁵ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(v) (methods of treatment).
- ⁶ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2017.

Table 3
[continued]

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SG	ISA/UA	ISA/XN	ISA/XV
Reference currency & Amount	SGD 2,240	EUR 100 ⁷ 150 ⁸ 200 ⁹	DKK 4,000 ¹⁰ 13,990	EUR 550 ¹¹ 1,875
Exchange rate applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	13,960 ¹²	Exch. Rate
CHF - Swiss franc	0.71293580	1,597	590	1.09141470
		218	2,046	600
		164		2,046
		109		

[End of Table 3]

⁷ For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.

⁸ For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.

⁹ For a search of only the European and North American documentation.

¹⁰ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

¹¹ For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

¹² This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2017.

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RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified changes in relation to its entry concerning the provisional protection available after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – the relevant provisions are now Articles 22, 33 and 56(3) and (4) of the Patent Law (Law No. 64/1991).

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable from 1 January 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ISK 17,300
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK 4,600
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	ISK 41,400 ¹

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2017, is ISK 41,400¹.

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable from 1 January 2017, as follows:

Application fee:	ISK 64,400
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK 4,100
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK 17,300
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK 33,000

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

¹ The current amount of this fee, applicable since 1 December 2014, is ISK 36,000.

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new leu (RON)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2017, are RON 445 and RON 89, respectively.

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

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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified a change in the location and mailing address of its branch office in Banja Luka, which is now as follows:

Akademika Jovana Surutke 13/III
78000 Banja Luka
Bosnia and Herzegovina

[Updating of Annex B1(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2017, are CHF 229, EUR 213 and USD 225, respectively.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Egyptian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Djibouti with the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 December 2016.

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

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CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

(537) 862 43 79, 862 43 95, 866 05 57, 866 05 59

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it no longer accepts 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).

In addition, the Office has notified a change with relation to the types of protection available via the PCT, which now consist of patents and utility models.

[Updating of Annex B1(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it – an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Cuba, but is required if the applicant does not have a domicile or a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in the country.

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Polish, in addition to English, French and German, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

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

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
The name of the depositary institution, the date of the deposit and the accession number at the time of filing (as part of the application)	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material
The certificate of deposit must be submitted within 16 months from the date of filing of the application or, if applicable, the date of the priority claim.		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 February 2017. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	900
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	900
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 (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b)), per page	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xv.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

icd@belgospatent.by

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2017, is ILS 549.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2017, is ILS 2,010.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ² :	RSD 7,330	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,760	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]	per page in excess of 10

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): RSD 2,940

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 July 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows³:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,330
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 720
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,330
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,270

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,330
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2017, are EUR 900 for each of the fees.

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

³ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.



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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** 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 2015, is JPY 278,500.

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

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CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 16 December 2014.

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

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ES Spain

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

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2015. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	589.49
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	589.49
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 December 2014, the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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 e-mail at: epct@ipos.gov.sg

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 (www.ipos.gov.sg).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 8 January 2015.

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – since 13 November 2014, one copy must be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified that, as from 1 June 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	74.99
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	29.99
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		
– where the request is filed online:	EUR	90.44
– where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	106.40

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable since 1 January 2015, are EUR 589.49 for each of the fees.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 74.92 and when filing electronically is EUR 63.68. These amounts are also applicable since 1 January 2015.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2015, is ILS 554.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the national filing fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2015, is ILS 2,031.

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

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2014, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:

- when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 46,000
- when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 66,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20²

Fee for request for examination: KRW 143,000 plus
KRW 44,000 for each claim

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 15,000 plus
KRW 13,000 for each claim

For a utility model:

Filing fee:

- when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 20,000
- when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 30,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20²

Fee for request for examination: KRW 71,000 plus
KRW 19,000 for each claim

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 12,000 plus
KRW 4,000 for each claim

² This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

The amounts previously notified (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 September 2010, pages 152 and 153, and of 10 July 2014, page 106) remain applicable to international applications filed before 1 March 2014. However, the words “when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form” and “when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper” should be modified to read as follows: “when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form” and “when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper”.

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

SG Singapore

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 January 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SGD	266
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SGD	399

Furthermore, following the notification by the Office as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 June 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

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

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are USD 632 when filing online and USD 948 when filing on paper.

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

Furthermore, the Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority has notified that, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(ii), and with effect since 1 January 2015, the handling fee is payable to it as the equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** of CHF 200.

[Updating of Annex E(BR) 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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	164,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,900
Reductions (under PCT 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

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2015, is USD 577.

In addition, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 567, EUR 471 and SGD 766, respectively.

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

Finally, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is JPY 24,700.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Hungarian forint (HUF)** and **US dollar (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 March 2015, are CHF 138, EUR 115, HUF 35,200 and USD 144 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 573, EUR 477, HUF 146,100 and USD 598 for searches carried out in English.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 January 2015, the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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 e-mail at: spo-pct@kacst.edu.sa

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://patents.kacst.edu.sa>).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

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EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2015, are EUR 120 and EUR 16, respectively.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Following the notification by the **European Patent Office (EPO)** that it is prepared, since 2 October 2014, to receive and process international applications in electronic form, as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 October 2014, page 148), an equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, for international applications filed by this means. This amount was EUR 81 until 31 December 2014 and is EUR 82 since 1 January 2015.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	10,020
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK	1,510
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK	2,260

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 242 and CHF 386 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

SA Saudi Arabia

Following the notification by the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 February 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 January 2015, pages 13 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	208
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	312

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2008, pages 115 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 2 February 2015. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

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

- PCT-SAFE software
- ePCT-Filing

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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 through the ePCT or PCT-SAFE software. Online payment by credit card is possible through the Office's website (www.cipo.gc.ca).

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

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format using the PCT-SAFE software, contact WIPO directly:

- by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23
- by facsimile at: (+41-22) 338 80 40
- through the WIPO website (www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-safe)

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions relating to the uploading and submission of the international application through its website. The help desk will be available between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (+866) 997 19 36 (toll-free within Canada and the United States of America) or (+819) 934 05 44 (international)
- by facsimile at: (+819) 953 24 76
- via e-mail at: cipo.contact@ic.gc.ca
- through the Office's website (www.cipo.ic.gc.ca)

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

- international applications

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 (www.cipo.ic.gc.ca).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

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

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2015. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,554
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,554
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,523
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,523
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2)	457
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified a change in relation to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent – the provision which confers protection to a published national patent application is now Article 19 of the Patent Law (the same protection is provisionally conferred to a published European patent application).

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its location and mailing address as well as in its Internet and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	IP 101 51 Bras Basah Road, #01-01 Manulife Centre Singapore 189554
E-mail:	ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg epct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries concerning ePCT)
Internet:	www.ipos.gov.sg

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2015, are NZD 2,311 and USD 1,789, respectively.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2015, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,554
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,554
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c)):	ILS	457

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 875, EUR 728 and USD 909, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2015, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,523
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,523
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	457

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2015, is KRW 638,000.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2014, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ² :	RSD	7,140	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD	1,720	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus	[No change]	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus	[No change]	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 ^{bis} .3(d)):	RSD	2,880	

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

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 June 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows³:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,140
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 710
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,170
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,050

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,140
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 14 February 2014, is SGD 35.

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days – Corrigendum

Further to the information published in the Official Notices of 11 December 2014, page 195, the date of 24 September 2015 appearing on the list of non-working days for the International Bureau in 2015 should be replaced by the date of 23 September 2015, which is no longer subject to change.

³ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-SIXTH (27TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority;
- amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- establishment by the Director General of the first lists of States meeting the criteria referred to in item 5(a) and item 5(b) of the amended PCT Schedule of Fees;
- adoption of Directives for updating the above lists of States.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Appointment of a New International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 20, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2015 and consist in:

- (i) revising the eligibility criteria for fee reductions for certain applicants from certain countries (amendment of item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees¹);

¹ In the case of reductions to the international filing fee, the Schedule of Fees as amended with effect from July 1, 2015, shall apply to any international application received by the receiving Office on or after July 1, 2015, but the Schedule of Fees as in force until June 30, 2015, shall continue to apply to any international application received before July 1, 2015, irrespective of what international filing date might later be given to such application (Rule 15.3); in the case of reductions to the handling fee and

- (ii) removing the fee reduction available for PCT-EASY filings (deletion of item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees);
- (iii) introducing a requirement for applicants making an express request for early national phase entry to file any request for the restoration of the right of priority at the designated or elected Office within one month from the date of receipt of the express request for early national phase entry (amendments of Rules 49*ter*.2(b)(i) and 76.5²);
- (iv) deleting a reference to paragraph (a) of Rule 90*bis*.5, consequential on the amendment of Rule 90*bis*.5 adopted by the PCT Assembly at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session held from October 1 to 9, 2012 (amendment of Rule 90.3(c));
- (v) enabling the International Bureau, in cases where it receives a notice of withdrawal together with a copy of the general power of attorney, to process the notice of withdrawal without requiring the agent to submit a separate original power of attorney (amendments of Rule 90.5(d)³).

The text of the amendments is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2015)

Rule 49*ter*
Effect of Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office;
Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office

49*ter*.1 [No change]

49*ter*.2 *Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office*

(a) [No change]

(b) A request under paragraph (a) shall:

(i) be filed with the designated Office within a time limit of one month from the applicable time limit under Article 22 or, where the applicant makes an express request to the designated Office under Article 23(2), within a time limit of one month from the date of receipt of that request by the designated Office;

the supplementary search handling fee, the Schedule of Fees as amended with effect from July 1, 2015, shall apply to any international application in respect of which the fee was paid on or after July 1, 2015, irrespective of when the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination, respectively, was submitted (Rules 45*bis*.2(c) and 57.3(d))

² These amendments shall apply to any express request under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2) received on or after July 1, 2015.

³ These amendments shall apply to any notice of withdrawal referred to in PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4 received on or after July 1, 2015.

(ii) and (iii) [no change]

(c) to (h) [No change]

Rule 76
Translation of Priority Document;
Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices

76.1 to 76.4 [No change]

76.5 *Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices*

Rules 13^{ter}.3, 20.8(c), 22.1(g), 47.1, 49, 49^{bis}, 49^{ter} and 51^{bis} shall apply, provided that:

(i) [No change]

(ii) any reference in the said Rules to Article 22, Article 23(2) or Article 24(2) shall be construed as a reference to Article 39(1), Article 40(2) or Article 39(3), respectively;

(iii) to (v) [No change]

Rule 90
Agents and Common Representatives

90.1 and 90.2 [No change]

90.3 *Effects of Acts by or in Relation to Agents and Common Representatives*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Subject to Rule 90^{bis}.5, second sentence, any act by or in relation to a common representative or his agent shall have the effect of an act by or in relation to all the applicants.

90.4 [No change]

90.5 *General Power of Attorney*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), where the agent submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4 to the receiving Office, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, a copy of the general power of attorney shall be submitted to that Office, Authority or Bureau.

90.6 [No change]

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees	Amounts
1. International filing fee: (Rule 15.2)	1,330 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Supplementary search handling fee: (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .2)	200 Swiss francs
3. Handling fee: (Rule 57.2)	200 Swiss francs

Reductions

4. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

(a) in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format:	100 Swiss francs
(b) in electronic form, the request being in character coded format:	200 Swiss francs
(c) in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format:	300 Swiss francs

5. The international filing fee under item 1 (where applicable, as reduced under item 4), the supplementary search handling fee under item 2 and the handling fee under item 3 are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:

- (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below US\$ 25,000 (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US\$ values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent five-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau; or
- (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country;

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). The lists of States referred to in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be updated by the Director General at least every five years according to directives given by the Assembly. The criteria set out in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be reviewed by the Assembly at least every five years.

First Lists of States Meeting the Criteria referred to in Item 5(a) and Item 5(b) of the Amended PCT Schedule of Fees

These lists will be applicable on 1 July 2015 and are as follows:

(i) For the purpose of item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, TFYR of Macedonia, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(ii) For the purpose of item 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia.

Directives for Updating the Above Lists of States

These Directives will enter into force on 1 July 2015. The text is reproduced hereafter.

DIRECTIVES FOR UPDATING THE LISTS OF STATES
MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PCT FEES

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives referred to in the Schedule of Fees, it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

1. Five years after the establishment of the first list of States which meet the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, and every five years thereafter, the Director General shall prepare draft lists of States which appear to meet the criteria referred to in:

(i) item 5(a) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures from the United Nations and according to the most recent five-year average yearly PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, respectively, published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly in September/October of that year;

(ii) item 5(b) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent list of countries classified as least developed countries by the United Nations published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly in September/October of that year;

and shall make those lists available to the PCT Contracting States and States entitled to observer status in the Assembly for comment before the end of that session of the Assembly.

2. Following the end of that session of the Assembly, the Director General shall establish new lists, taking into account any comments received. The revised lists shall become applicable on the first day of the calendar year subsequent to that session and shall be used to determine, in accordance with Rules 15.3, 45bis.2(c) and 57.3(d), the eligibility for the fee reduction under items 5(a) and (b), respectively, of the Schedule of Fees of any relevant fee payable. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

3. Where any State is not included in a particular list but subsequently becomes eligible for inclusion in that list due to the publication, after the expiration of the period of two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 1, above, of revised per capita gross domestic product figures by the United Nations or revised PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, or of a revised list of States that are being classified as least developed countries by the United Nations, that State may request the Director General to revise the relevant list of States so as to include that State in the relevant list. Any such revised list shall become applicable on a date to be specified by the Director General, that date being no more than three months from the date of receipt of the request. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a change concerning the languages accepted for supplementary international search – it now accepts Finnish in addition to Danish, English, Norwegian and Swedish.

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BE Belgium

The Internet address of the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has changed and is now as follows:

<http://economie.fgov.be/opri-die.jsp?>

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LV Latvia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 28 January 2015, the **Latvian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: epct@lrpv.gov.lv

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 (www.lrpv.gov.lv).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

In accordance with the Directives adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, new equivalent amounts of certain PCT fees have been set.

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 April 2015, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 39.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 April 2015, as indicated in the table published on pages 40 to 42.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 April 2015, as indicated in the table published on page 43.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AT), (AU), (BA), (BE), (CA), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (EE), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GR), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IS), (IT), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MT), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PT), (RO), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (ZA),

all Annexes D,

Annexes SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (RU), (SE) and (XN),

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (EP), (ES), (FI), (KR), (SE), and (XN).]

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from April 1, 2015)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 09.02.15	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	Item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.71976566	1,582 1,848	18 21	n.a. n.a.	238 278	357 417	238 278	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.73941483	1,544 1,799	17 20	116 135	232 270	348 406	232 270	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14033339	8,160 9,480	90 110	610 710	1,230 1,430	1,840 2,140	1,230 1,430	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.04447762	1,097 1,273	12 14	82 96	165 191	247 287	165 191	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.40358515	862 948	10 11	n.a. n.a.	130 142	194 214	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00339250	337,500 392,000	3,800 4,400	25,400 29,500	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00697064	167,800 190,800	1,900 2,200	12,600 14,300	25,200 28,700	37,800 43,000	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
KR - Korean won	0.00084074	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	222,000 238,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.12107113	10,020 10,990	110 120	n.a. n.a.	1,510 1,650	2,260 2,480	n.a. n.a.	Current amount** New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.68372005	1,770 1,945	20 22	133 146	266 293	399 439	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11018809	9,970 12,070	110 140	750 910	1,500 1,820	2,250 2,720	1,500 1,820	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68094897	1,767 1,953	20 22	133 147	266 294	399 441	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07955507	15,580 16,720	180 190	1,170 1,260	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

** Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from April 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority	ISA/IAT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL				ISA/CN		
	EUR	1,864	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600	USD	2000	400	300	CNY	2,100
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate			Exch. rate		Exch. rate				Exch. rate	
Exchange rates applicable on 09.02.15															
CHF - Swiss franc	1.04447762	2,260 1,947	0.71976566	1,849 1,583	0.32256405	1,000 ¹ 840 ¹	667 ¹ 560 ¹	0.73941483	1,379 ¹ 1,183 ¹					0.14749782	329 310
USD - US dollar	0.88238098	2,353 2,112						1.24642779	1,435 1,284						Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro										1.585 ¹ 1,765 ¹	1,585 ¹ 1,765 ¹	317 ¹ 353 ¹	238 ¹ 265 ¹	7.08130907	271 ¹ 297 ¹
AUD - Australian dollar										1.13329732					Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone															Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling															Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint															Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona															Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen															Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00080494	2,510,000 2,316,000													Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone															Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar															Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona															Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar															Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07616733	26,470 24,470													Current amount New amount
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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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Table 2
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International Searching Authority	IS/IEG	IS/AEP	IS/AES	IS/AFI	IS/AIL	IS/AIN	IS/JP
Reference currency & Amount	EGP 4,000	EUR 1,875	EUR 1,875	EUR 1,875	ILS 3,554 ²	INR 10,000 2,500	JPY 70,000
Exchange rates applicable on 09.02.15	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate
CHF - Swiss franc	538 ³ 0.12085202	2,274 1,958	2,274 ³ 1,958 ³	2,274 ³ 1,958 ³			
USD - US dollar		2,366 2,125	2,366 2,125	2,366 ³ 2,125 ³			
EUR - Euro					728 ^{2,3} 809 ³	129 ³ 142 ³	471 ^{2,3} 522 ³
AUD - Australian dollar					4.39423768	70.36091782	134.16850995
DKK - Danish krone							
GBP - Pound sterling							
HUF - Hungarian forint							
ISK - Icelandic krona							
JPY - Japanese yen		278,500 ² 251,600					
KRW - Korean won		0.00745331					
NOK - Norwegian krone							
NZD - New Zealand dollar							
SEK - Swedish krona							
SGD - Singapore dollar							
ZAR - South African rand		26,630 24,620					
	0.07616733						

² Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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Table 2
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International Searching Authority	ISA/KR			ISA/RU			ISA/SE ⁴			ISA/US					ISA/IN ⁵		
	Exch. rate	1,300,000	450,000	RUB	28,000	6,750	SEK	17,040	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,960			
Reference currency & Amount	KRW								Exch. rate								
Exchange rates applicable on 09.02.15																	
CHF - Swiss franc	0.00084074	1,171 1,093	405 378	0.01402698	573 ⁶ 393	138 ⁶ 95	2,274 1,958								2,274 ⁷ 1,958 ⁷	Current amount New amount	
USD - US dollar				65.70388490	598 ⁶ 426	144 ⁶ 103	2,366 2,125								2,366 ⁷ 2,125 ⁷	Current amount New amount	
EUR - Euro		965 ⁷ 1,046 ⁷	334 ⁷ 362 ⁷		477 ⁶ 376	115 ⁶ 91			1.1329732	1,648 ⁷ 1,835 ⁷	824 ⁷ 918 ⁷	412 ⁷ 459 ⁷				Current amount New amount	
AUD - Australian dollar	1242.3358308			74.46203673												Current amount New amount	
DKK - Danish krone																Current amount New amount	
GBP - Pound sterling																Current amount New amount	
HUF - Hungarian forint																Current amount New amount	
ISK - Icelandic krona				0.24185523	146,100 ⁶ 115,800	35,200 ⁶ 27,900										Current amount New amount	
JPY - Japanese yen																Current amount New amount	
KRW - Korean won																Current amount New amount	
NOK - Norwegian krone																Current amount New amount	
NZD - New Zealand dollar																Current amount New amount	
SEK - Swedish krona																Current amount New amount	
SGD - Singapore dollar																Current amount New amount	
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⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from April 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from April 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

⁷ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

[End of Table 2]

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from April 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/IF		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN	
	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	RUB	11,800 18,880 ⁴	SEK	17,040	DKK	13,960 4,000 ⁵
Reference currency & Amount												
Exchange rate applicable on 09.02.15 CHF - Swiss franc	Exch. Rate 1.04447762	888 1,243 1,776	Exch. Rate 1.04447762	1,958	Exch. Rate 1.04447762	1,958	Exch. Rate 0.01402698	166 265		1,958 ⁶		1,958 ⁷ 560 ⁷

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation.

² For a search of the European or North American documentation.

³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

⁴ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(v) (methods of treatment).

⁵ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

⁶ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from April 1, 2015.

⁷ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from April 1, 2015.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes concerning:

- the provisions of the law of Australia concerning international-type search – these provisions now consist in Regulation 3.14A of the Patents Regulations;
- the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the applicant now enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 56A of the Patents Act 1990 and Regulation 4.4 of the Patents Regulations (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted).

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 17 February 2015.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 18 February 2015.

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

IT Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 9 February 2015, as follows:

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna "Bruno Ubertini" (IZSLER)

IZSLER Biobank of Veterinary Resource (IZSLER BVR)

Via Bianchi, 9

25124 Brescia

Italy

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2015, is USD 525.

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

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2015, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 96
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 48
	Supplement for airmail: EUR 10

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

563 Nonthaburi Road
Bangkasor, Muang
Nonthaburi 11000
Thailand

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 5 March 2015.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 6 March 2015.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are KRW 1,882,000 and ZAR 19,930, respectively.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are AUD 1,519 for searches carried out in English and AUD 526 for searches carried out in Korean.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER SECTION 703(F) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

On 7 April 2002, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, of the incompatibility of its national law and the technical systems of the Office with items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) of the Administrative Instructions, insofar as these items related to sections 5.1 and 5.2.1 of Annex F, as well as to section 2(d), (f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F, of the Administrative Instructions (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002, of 2 May 2002, page 8974).

On 14 July 2005, the Office notified the International Bureau that it withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility as far as section 5.2.1 of Annex F and section 2(f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions were concerned, with effect from 18 July 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 31/2005, of 4 August 2005, page 20184).

On 13 February 2015, the Office notified the International Bureau that it withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility as far as section 5.1 of Annex F and section 2(d) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions were concerned, with effect from the same date, thus removing the remaining reservation relating to such incompatibility.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26BIS.3(J)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

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

**EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES:
WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.1(G)**

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10050), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES:
WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.2(H)**

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10050), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

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

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BW Botswana

The **Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)
Location:	Kgale Mews Plot No. 181 Gaborone Botswana
Telephone:	(267) 318 87 54, 367 37 00
E-mail:	roc@gov.bw
Internet:	www.mti.gov.bw/content/registrar-companies-ip

[Updating of Annex B1(BW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SC Seychelles

The **Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

regdiv@registry.gov.sc

[Updating of Annex B1(SC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 April 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BW Botswana

The **Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)** has notified the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is USD 32.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **Botswana pula (BWP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Application fee:	BWP 150 ¹	300 ²
Annual fee for the first year:	BWP 30 ¹	60 ²

For a utility model certificate:

Application fee:	BWP 90 ¹	180 ²
Annual fee for the first year:	BWP 50 ¹	100 ²

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

IS Iceland

Further to the notification by the **Icelandic Patent Office** as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 April 2015, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

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

¹ Applicable in case of filing by individuals and small entities whose number of employees does not exceed 100 persons.

² Applicable in case of filing by companies other than small entities.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing	To the extent feasible, a description of the deposited biological material sufficient to specifically identify it and to permit examination
When the original deposit is made after the effective filing date of an application for patent, the applicant must promptly submit a statement from a person in a position to corroborate the fact, stating that the biological material which is deposited is a biological material specifically identified in the application as filed (see 37 CFR 1.804(b)). Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the USPTO with any other depository recognized to be suitable by the Office (see 37 CFR 1.803).		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(82-42) 481 51 94 (RO) (82-42) 481 35 79 (ISA, IPEA)
Facsimile machine:	(82-42) 472 34 73 (RO) (82-42) 472 71 40 (ISA, IPEA)
E-mail:	kipopct@korea.kr (RO) isa.kipo@korea.kr (ISA, IPEA)

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are USD 540 when filing online and USD 809 when filing on paper.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** and **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are GBP 1,365 and NZD 2,761, respectively.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

JP Japan

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2015, it will apply the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) and of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MA Morocco

The **Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – since 1 March 2015, European patents may be validated in Morocco for international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of Annex B1(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes concerning the language requirements relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – since 1 January 2015, the Office accepts the furnishing of a translation into English¹ or Norwegian, or, if the international application was filed in English¹ or Norwegian, of a copy of the application as filed.

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) for international applications filed on paper, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 15 October 2014, is BRL 260.

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2015, is EUR 480.

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

¹ The claims must nevertheless be translated into Norwegian.

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** 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 June 2015, are CHF 109 and EUR 102 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 453 and EUR 425 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2015, are CHF 191 and CHF 305 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes, with effect since 1 January 2015, concerning:

- the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation can be furnished in English² or Norwegian;
- its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – a copy will not be required where the application was filed in a language other than English or Norwegian, whereas it will be required where the application was filed in English² or Norwegian.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² The claims must nevertheless be translated into Norwegian.

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2015, is SGD 2,790.

[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 **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2015, is SGD 2,800.

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,797
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	20
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	270
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	405

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (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 June 2015, are USD 108 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 450 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are HUF 31,800 for searches carried out in Russian and HUF 132,100 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

Information on the requirements of the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (SA), which is published on the following page.

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Designated (or elected) Office

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SAUDI PATENT OFFICE (SPO)

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Saudi riyal (SRI) Filing fee: ¹ SRI 800 (400) ²
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated under “National fee” above.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if not indicated in the “Request” part of the international application ^{3, 4} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{3, 4} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{3, 4} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ³ Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Saudi Arabia ³ Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ³ Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Saudi Arabia
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter</i> .2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by individuals.

³ 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 of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

postur@els.is

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new time limits related to special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed – in the case of international applications filed on or after 1 April 2015:

– the filing of an international application which contains the designation of Japan and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in Japan shall have the result that the earlier national application will now be considered withdrawn after the expiration of 16 months¹ from the filing date of that earlier application;

– if the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid the above-mentioned effect, the designation of Japan will now have to be withdrawn before the expiration of 16 months¹ from the filing date of that earlier application, in order to avoid automatic withdrawal of the earlier-filed national application.

[Updating of Annex B1(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are EUR 484 when filing online and EUR 726 when filing on paper.

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

¹ The time limit remains 15 months for international applications filed before 1 April 2015.

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 July 2015, are ZAR 25,250 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 12,620 for a small entity and ZAR 6,310 for a micro entity.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam – Corrigendum

The list of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 June 2013, page 75, was erroneous. On that date, the European Patent Office (EPO) was the only competent Authority; requirements relating to the other three Offices indicated (the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office) had not yet been met.

Requirements relating to the Australian Patent Office were met on 23 March 2015. As a result, the Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam) has specified the said Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with the Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam), or with the International Bureau, with effect from that date.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

BW Botswana

Under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(g), the **Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EE Estonia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 16 April 2015, the **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 May 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: vastuvoett@epa.ee

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 (www.epa.ee).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 May 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are CHF 519 when filing online and CHF 778 when filing on paper.

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

EE Estonia

Following the notification by the **Estonian Patent Office** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 May 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	EUR	191
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	EUR	287

Furthermore, following the notification by the Office as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 May 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

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

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect from 1 May 2015, as follows:

Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC)
Agricultural Microbiology Division
National Academy of Agricultural Science
Rural Development Administration
166, Nongsaengmyeong-ro, Iseo-myeon
Wanju-gun, Jeollabuk-do 565-851
Republic of Korea

Furthermore, the International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty. The new address is as follows:

125 Gwahak-ro
Yuseong-gu
Daejeon, 305-806
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

epct@iponz.govt.nz

[Updating of Annex B1(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 481 43 47, 481 46 53

Facsimile machine: (966-11) 481 33 76

E-mail: spo-pct@kacst.edu.sa

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished within 14 days from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – three copies must now be filed instead of one.

Furthermore, the Office has notified that, since 1 February 2015, it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

SD Sudan

The **Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan)** has specified the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sudan with the Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 29 April 2015.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 229.

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

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified the deletion of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

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

SA Saudi Arabia

Following the notification by the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** as receiving Office that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format since 1 February 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies since that date.

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

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BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.belgospatent.by

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished within 14 days from the date of the transmission.

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 15 January 2015, page 7, concerning the decommissioning of PCT-EASY by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, was incomplete. The Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 June 2015, 17:00.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Belarusian rouble (BYR)** and **US dollar (USD)**¹, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	50
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BYR	365,000 per copy, up to 35 pages

¹ For residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in BYR, where appropriate in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

For non-residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in USD, where appropriate in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment.

BYR 185,000 for each additional copy,
provided that the copies
are prepared
simultaneously, plus

BYR 6,000 additionally, per page
in excess of 35

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):

USD 40

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Furthermore, the Office has notified the following national fee for utility models, in **US dollar (USD)**², payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

Claim fee for each dependent
claim in excess of 10:

USD 25

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

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified that national fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or retiree, with effect since 19 December 2014.

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

² For residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in BYR in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. The fee is reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

For non-residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in USD, or the equivalent amount in Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) or Russian rouble (RUB) in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, it shall be made by a resident of Belarus acting on their behalf or by a patent attorney registered to practice before the Office.

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in its telephone number and e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (39-06) 47 05 58 00

E-mail: contactcenteruibm@mise.gov.it

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it now accepts 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).

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to 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) – in addition to Aramex, DHL, Federal Express, TNT and UPS, it will now also accept such evidence where any other registered delivery service is used.

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SD Sudan

The **Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and telephone numbers, and has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office: Registrar General of Intellectual
Property Department, Ministry of Justice
(Sudan)

Location: El Mogran Area
El Gumhoria Street
Khartoum
Sudan

Telephone: (249-91) 223 0760, (249-18) 374 2358

E-mail: adilhilal2001@yahoo.com

Internet: www.ipsudan.gov.sd

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it now accepts 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).

[Updating of Annex B1(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2015, is SGD 2,290.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (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 July 2015, are USD 127 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 525 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2015, are CHF 121 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 502 for searches carried out in English.

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

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2015, are CHF 212 and CHF 339 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HU Hungary

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 14 May 2015, the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 June 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: sztnh@hipo.gov.hu

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 (www.hipo.gov.hu).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

TR Turkey

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 May 2015, the **Turkish Patent Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 June 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: epct-info@tpe.gov.tr

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 (www.tpe.gov.tr).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the fee for validating in Morocco a European patent granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 1 March 2015, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 1 March 2015, is EUR 240.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** 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 August 2015, are HUF 35,300 for searches carried out in Russian and HUF 146,400 for searches carried out in English.

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

SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan)** has notified the deletion of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

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

TR Turkey

Following the notification by the **Turkish Patent Institute** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 June 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CHF	200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CHF	300

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan)** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Arabic, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

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

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, consisting in the deletion of Sections 102*bis* and 335, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2015.

These modifications are consequential to the decommissioning of PCT-EASY from the above date.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2015 (PCT/AI/16) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_16.pdf

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ZA South Africa

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 19 May 2015, the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 July 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: epct@cipc.co.za

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 (www.cipc.co.za).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2015, is NOK 15,850.

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

HU Hungary

Following the notification by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 June 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 May 2015, pages 85 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request
being in character coded format): HUF 59,000

Electronic filing (the request,
description, claims and abstract
being in character coded format): HUF 88,400

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

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 16 January 2015, is KZT 10,264.80.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2015, is NOK 15,850.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2015, is NOK 15,850.

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

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MW Malawi

The **Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi)** has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(MW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(1-571) 272 43 00 (PCT Help Desk) (1-866) 217 91 97 (toll free technical support for electronic filing) (1-571) 272 41 00 (local technical support for electronic filing)
Facsimile machine:	(1-571) 273 32 01 (PCT Operations – only available for certain documents) (1-571) 273 83 00 (USPTO Central Fax – only available for certain documents) (1-571) 273 04 19 (PCT Help Desk)
Internet:	www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/international-patent-legal-administration-formerly

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,926
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	22
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	290
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	434

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** as International Searching Authority has clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant together with the international search report – these documents consist in a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or an international application publication.

The Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority has also clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant together with the international preliminary examination report – these documents consist in a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report which is not a US patent document or an international application publication.

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

ZA South Africa

Following the notification by the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 July 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 June 2015, pages 92 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	2,510
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	3,770

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

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DECOMMISSIONING OF THE PCT-EASY SERVICE

As of 1 July 2015, it will no longer be possible to file international applications using the PCT-EASY service. From that date, any international application filed by means of the said service will be treated as a paper filing, and the fee reduction under item 4(a) of the current PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply (see also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015, pages 29 and 31, and of 4 June 2015, page 92).

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), (AP), (BA), (BE), (BG), (BN), (BR), (BW), (BZ), (CA), (CH), (CL), (CN), (CO), (CR), (CU), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (DZ), (EA), (EC), (ES), (FR), (GE), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HR), (HU), (IB), (ID), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KP), (KR), (KZ), (LT), (LV), (LY), (MD), (MK), (MN), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SE), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TH), (TM), (TR), (TT), (UA), (UZ), (ZA) and (ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** 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 July 2015, consists of the addition of the United States of America to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and United States of America;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and United States of America;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

- (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and United States of America:

English;

- (c) [no change]”

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF ANNEX F

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), and as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 (Expedited consideration of change proposals) of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 3.6 (Fee sheet) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2015.

These modifications are intended to address the requirements for an additional means of payment of fees. Due to their highly technical content, they are not reproduced here.

The consolidated text of Appendix I as in force from 1 July 2015 (PCT/AI/DTD/11) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/july_2015/ai_dtd.pdf²

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 June 2015, the **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015, as follows:

² The consolidated text also includes, as a result of the same procedure as described above, modifications (equally of a highly technical content) to section 5.1 (Demand form) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, effective since 1 January 2015. These modifications were intended to address the requirements for rendering the current version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: helpdesk@upv.cz

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 (www.upv.cz/).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

DZ Algeria

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 June 2015, the **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: e-pct@inapi.dz

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 (www.inapi.dz).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CZ Czech Republic

Following the notification by the **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 July 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	EUR	191
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	EUR	287

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

DZ Algeria

Following the notification by the **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 July 2015 (see above), the amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** of the reductions applicable under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will, with effect from the same date, be as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CHF	200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CHF	300

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Israel Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the

USPTO, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2015.

The Japan Patent Office will act as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the USPTO insofar as the following conditions are met:

- the international application is submitted in English;
- the claims of the international application are directed to the field of green technology as defined by the International Patent Classification classes reproduced hereafter, on pages 108 to 114; and
- the Japan Patent Office has not received more than 5,000 international applications from the USPTO during the three-year period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2018, not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first year, and not more than 475 applications per quarter during the second and third years.

Furthermore, the Japan Patent Office will act as an International Preliminary Examining Authority only where it has acted as an International Searching Authority.

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

The Green Technology Classifications

A. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PRODUCTION

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Agricultural waste	C10L5/40
Biofuel	C10L5/00 C10L5/40
Chemical waste	B09B3/00 F23D3/00 F23D5/00 F23D7/00 F23D9/00 F23D11/00 F23D14/00 F23G5/00 F23G7/00 F23G7/04
For domestic hot water systems	F24J2/02 F24J2/04 F24J2/10 F24J2/22 F24J2/24 F24J2/26 F24J2/30 F24J2/32 F24J2/44 F24J2/46 F24J2/48 F24J2/50
For passive space heating	E04D13/18 E04H14/00
For swimming pools	F24J2/42
Fuel cell	H01M8/00
Fuel from animal waste and crop residues	C10L5/00
Gasification	B09B1/00 C01B3/36 C02F3/28 C10J3/46 C10J3/54 C12M1/107
Genetically engineered organism	C12N1/00 C12N1/12 C12N1/20 C12N5/00 C12N5/02 C12N5/04 C12N5/07 C12N5/071 C12N5/10 C12N5/16
Geothermal	F01K27/00 F03G7/00
Harnessing energy from man-made waste	F23D14/00 F23G7/08 F23J15/00
Hospital waste	B09B3/00 F23D3/00 F23D5/00 F23D7/00 F23D9/00 F23D11/00 F23D14/00 F23G5/00 F23G7/00 F23G7/04
Hydroelectric	E02B9/00 E02B9/08 F01B25/00 F01D17/00 F03B13/18 F03B13/20 F03B13/26 F03B15/00 F03B17/02 F04D27/00
Industrial waste	B09B3/00 F23D3/00 F23D5/00 F23D7/00 F23D9/00 F23D11/00 F23D14/00 F23G5/00 F23G7/00 F23G7/04
Industrial waste anaerobic digestion	C02F3/30
Industrial wood waste	C10L5/00 C10L5/40
Inertial (e.g., turbine)	F02N11/04 F03B13/00 F03B13/18 F03B13/20 F03B13/26 F03B17/02 H02P9/04
Landfill gas	F23D14/00 F23G7/08 F23J15/00
Municipal waste	C10L5/46

Nuclear power—induced nuclear reactions: processes, systems, and elements	A61N5/10 C01B3/06 E21B43/24 E21B43/263 F01K3/18 F24J3/08 G01T3/00 G01V5/10 G21B1/00 G21B1/03 G21B1/13 G21B1/25 G21C1/01 G21C1/02 G21C1/04 G21C1/22 G21C1/24 G21C3/00 G21C3/06 G21C3/10 G21C3/22 G21C3/30 G21C3/32 G21C3/34 G21C3/36 G21C3/40 G21C3/56 G21C5/00 G21C7/00 G21C7/02 G21C7/06 G21C7/30 G21C7/32 G21C7/36 G21C9/00 G21C13/00 G21C15/00 G21C17/00 G21C19/00 G21C19/28 G21C19/42 G21C23/00 G21D5/02 G21D7/00 G21G1/00 G21G1/02 G21G1/06 G21G1/10 G21G1/12 H05H1/02 H05H1/12 H05H1/14 H05H1/16 H05H1/18 H05H1/22 H05H1/24 H05H3/06 H05H6/00
Nuclear power—reaction motor with electric, nuclear, or radiated energy fluid heating means	F03H1/00
Nuclear power—heating motive fluid by nuclear energy, Photovoltaic	G21D5/00 H01L25/00 H01L31/00 H01L31/042 H02N6/00
Refuse-derived fuel	C10L5/46
Solar cells	H01L21/00
Solar energy	B60K16/00 B60L8/00 E04D13/18 F01K27/00 F03G6/00 F03G7/00 F03G7/04 F03G7/06 F24J2/00 F24J2/02 F24J2/04 F24J2/08 F24J2/10 F24J2/12 F24J2/16 F24J2/18 F24J2/22 F24J2/24 F24J2/26 F24J2/30 F24J2/32 F24J2/34 F24J2/36 F24J2/38 F24J2/40 F24J2/42 F24J2/44 F24J2/46 F24J2/48 F24J2/50
Solar thermal energy	B60K16/00 B60L8/00 E04D13/18 F01K27/00 F03G6/00 F03G7/00 F03G7/04 F03G7/06 F24J2/00 F24J2/02 F24J2/04 F24J2/08 F24J2/10 F24J2/12 F24J2/16 F24J2/18 F24J2/22 F24J2/24 F24J2/26 F24J2/30 F24J2/32 F24J2/34 F24J2/36 F24J2/38 F24J2/40 F24J2/42 F24J2/44 F24J2/46 F24J2/48 F24J2/50
Water level (e.g., wave or tide)	E02B9/00 E02B9/08 F03B13/18 F03B13/20 F03B13/26 F03B17/02
Wind	F03B15/06 F03D7/00 F03D9/00 H02J7/00 H02J9/00 H02P9/04 H04B3/00 H04B15/00

B. ENERGY CONSERVATION

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Alternative-power vehicle (e.g., hydrogen)	A63G25/00 B60K8/00 B60K16/00 B60L8/00 B60L9/00
Cathode ray tube circuits	G05F1/00 H05B37/02 H05B39/04 H05B41/36
Commuting, e.g., HOV, teleworking	G07B15/00 G07B15/02
Drag reduction	B60J1/00 B60J7/00 B60J9/00 B60K37/00 B60N2/00 B60N3/00 B61D17/00 B62D35/00 B62D37/02
Electric lamp and discharge devices	H01J1/62 H01J11/00 H01J17/00 H01J17/02 H01J17/04 H01J17/06 H01J17/16 H01J17/18 H01J17/20 H01J17/30 H01J17/42 H01J17/44 H01J17/46 H01J17/48 H01J17/49 H01J17/50 H01J17/54 H01J61/00 H01J61/02 H01J61/04 H01J61/06 H01J61/09 H01J61/12 H01J61/16 H01J61/18 H01J61/20 H01J61/28 H01J61/30 H01J61/35 H01J61/36 H01J61/54 H01J61/64 H01J63/04 H01J65/00 H01K1/00 H01K1/50
Electric vehicle	B60K1/00 B60K6/20 B60L9/00 B60L11/00 B62J6/08 B62J6/12 B65D5/50 G04C13/11 G05D1/00 G05D3/00 G06F7/00 G06F17/00 G09B23/18 G09B25/02 G21D7/02 G21H1/00 H01L41/00 H01R39/00 H01R39/04 H01R39/06 H01R39/08 H01R39/18 H01R39/20 H01R39/24 H01R39/26 H01R39/32 H01R39/36 H01R39/38 H01R39/40 H01R39/42 H01R39/44 H01R39/46 H01R39/52 H01R39/56 H02K1/00 H02K1/02 H02K1/04 H02K1/06 H02K1/10 H02K1/12 H02K1/14 H02K1/16 H02K1/18 H02K1/20 H02K1/22 H02K1/24 H02K1/26 H02K1/28 H02K1/30 H02K1/32 H02K3/00 H02K3/04 H02K3/14 H02K3/16 H02K3/20 H02K3/24 H02K3/34 H02K3/38 H02K3/40 H02K3/46 H02K3/48 H02K5/00 H02K5/10 H02K5/12 H02K5/14 H02K5/16 H02K5/18 H02K5/20 H02K5/24 H02K7/00 H02K7/02 H02K7/06 H02K7/08 H02K7/09 H02K7/10 H02K7/14 H02K7/16 H02K7/18 H02K7/20 H02K9/00 H02K9/02 H02K9/06 H02K9/08 H02K9/20 H02K9/26 H02K9/28 H02K11/00 H02K11/04 H02K13/00 H02K13/02 H02K13/04 H02K13/12 H02K13/14 H02K15/12 H02K16/00 H02K16/02 H02K17/00 H02K17/10 H02K17/16 H02K17/22 H02K17/28 H02K17/30 H02K17/42 H02K17/44 H02K19/00 H02K19/12 H02K19/14 H02K19/20 H02K19/24 H02K19/26 H02K19/36 H02K19/38 H02K21/00 H02K21/04 H02K21/10 H02K21/12 H02K21/22 H02K21/26 H02K21/38 H02K23/00 H02K23/02 H02K23/04 H02K23/18 H02K23/20 H02K23/22 H02K23/24 H02K23/26 H02K23/28 H02K23/30 H02K23/32 H02K23/36 H02K23/40 H02K23/42 H02K23/44 H02K23/46 H02K23/50 H02K23/60 H02K23/64 H02K23/66 H02K27/00 H02K27/02 H02K27/04 H02K27/06 H02K27/10 H02K27/16 H02K27/22 H02K27/24 H02K29/00 H02K31/00 H02K33/00 H02K33/04 H02K33/10 H02K33/14 H02K35/00 H02K37/00 H02K37/02 H02K37/10 H02K37/24 H02K39/00 H02K41/00 H02K41/02 H02K41/03 H02K44/00 H02K47/00 H02K47/08 H02K47/18 H02K47/22 H02K47/28 H02K47/30 H02K49/00 H02K49/02 H02K51/00 H02N1/00 H02N1/04 H02N2/00 H02N3/00 H02N10/00 H02N11/00 H02P15/00
Emission trading, e.g., pollution credits	G06Q40/00

Energy storage or distribution	G05D3/12 G05D5/00 G05D9/00 G05D11/00 G05D17/00 G06F1/00 G06F1/26 G06F1/32 G06F11/30 H02J3/14
Fuel cell-powered vehicles	B60K1/00 B60K6/20 B60K16/00 B60L8/00
Human-powered vehicle	A61G5/10 A61H3/04 A63G25/00 A63G27/00 A63G29/00 A63H33/28 B62B5/06 B62H1/02 B62H1/04 B62H1/06 B62H1/08 B62H5/00 B62H7/00 B62J1/28 B62J7/00 B62J9/00 B62J11/00 B62J11/02 B62J25/00 B62J27/00 B62K1/00 B62K3/00 B62K5/00 B62K7/00 B62K9/00 B62K11/00 B62K13/00 B62K13/06 B62K15/00 B62K17/00 B62K21/00 B62K27/00 B62K27/12 B62L1/00 B62M1/00 B62M1/02 B62M1/04 B62M1/08 B62M1/10 B62M1/14 B62M3/00 B62M5/00 B62M6/00 B62M6/10 B62M6/15 B62M6/20 B62M6/25 B62M6/30 B62M6/35 B62M7/00 B62M9/00 B62M9/04 B62M11/00 B62M13/00 B62M15/00 B62M25/00 B62M27/00 B62M29/00
Hybrid-powered vehicle	B60K6/20 B60K6/42 B60K6/44 B60K6/442 B60K6/445 B60K6/448 B60K6/46 B60K6/48 B60K6/485 B60W10/00 B60W10/04 B60W10/06 B60W10/24 B60W10/30 B60W20/00 F02B37/12 F02M25/08 F02P7/00 F02P17/00 G01F1/32 G01F1/68 G01F9/00 G01F9/02 G01J5/34 G01L1/24 G01L3/00 G01L3/02 G01L3/26 G01L5/13 G01L5/14 G01L5/26 G01L5/28 G01L23/22 G01M9/00 G01M13/02 G01M15/00 G01M17/00 G01M17/04 G01M17/06 G01N15/00 G01N33/22
Incoherent light emitter structure	H01L27/15 H01L29/16 H01L29/18 H01L29/20 H01L29/201 H01L29/207 H01L29/26 H01L31/12 H01L33/00
Land vehicle	B60K1/00 B60K6/20 B60K6/42 B60K6/44 B60K6/442 B60K6/445 B60K6/448 B60K6/46 B60K6/48 B60K6/485 B60K16/00 B60L8/00 B60W10/00 B60W10/04 B60W10/06 B60W10/24 B60W10/30 B60W20/00 B61C3/00
Optical systems and elements	G02B17/00 G02B27/00
Roadway, e.g., recycled surface, all-weather bikeways	E01C3/00 E01C5/00 E01C5/08 E01C5/10 E01C5/14 E01C5/16 E01C5/18 E01C5/22 E01C9/08 E01C9/10
Static structures	A47G1/00 E04B1/74 E04B2/00 E04C1/00 E04C2/32 E04C2/34 E04C2/36 E04C2/54
Thermal	G01K1/00 G01K1/08 G01K3/00 G01K5/00 G01K7/00 G01K7/16 G01K9/00 G01K11/00 G01K11/30 G01K13/00 G01K17/00
Transportation	H01H47/00 H02H7/00 H02H7/06 H02H9/00 H05F3/00
Watercraft drive (electric powered)	B60L11/00 B60L15/20 B63H21/17
Watercraft drive (human powered)	B63H16/00 B63H16/02 B63H16/08 B63H16/16 B63H16/18 B63H16/20
Wave-powered boat motors	B63H19/02
Wind-powered boat motors	B63H9/00 B63H13/00
Wind-powered ships	B63H9/04

C. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FARMING

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Alternative irrigation technique	E02B11/00 E02B13/00 E02B13/02
Animal waste disposal or recycling	C02F3/00 C05B15/00 C05B17/00 C05C9/00 C05D9/02 C05F1/00 C05F3/00 C05F5/00 C05F7/00 C05F9/00 C05F11/00 C05F11/02
Fertilizer alternative, e.g., composting	C05B15/00 C05B17/00 C05C9/00 C05D9/02 C05F1/00 C05F3/00 C05F5/00 C05F7/00 C05F9/00 C05F11/00 C05F11/02 C05F11/08
Pollution abatement, soil conservation	E02B3/04
Water conservation	F16K17/36 F16K31/00 G05B11/00 G05D11/00
Yield enhancement	A01H3/04 A01H5/02 A01N3/02 A01N25/00 A01N25/02 A01N25/04 A01N25/10 A01N25/12 A01N25/16 A01N25/26 A01N25/28 A01N25/32 A01N27/00 A01N29/00 A01N31/00 A01N31/02 A01N31/14 A01N33/00 A01N33/02 A01N33/16 A01N33/18 A01N33/26 A01N35/00 A01N35/10 A01N37/00 A01N37/10 A01N37/18 A01N37/22 A01N37/34 A01N37/36 A01N37/38 A01N37/44 A01N39/02 A01N41/00 A01N41/02 A01N41/06 A01N41/10 A01N41/12 A01N43/00 A01N43/02 A01N43/08 A01N43/10 A01N43/16 A01N43/26 A01N43/32 A01N43/34 A01N43/36 A01N43/40 A01N43/42 A01N43/46 A01N43/48 A01N43/50 A01N43/52 A01N43/54 A01N43/56 A01N43/58 A01N43/60 A01N43/64 A01N43/647 A01N43/653 A01N43/66 A01N43/68 A01N43/707 A01N43/72 A01N43/76 A01N43/78 A01N43/80 A01N43/82 A01N43/84 A01N43/90 A01N47/06 A01N47/10 A01N47/20 A01N47/24 A01N47/28 A01N47/34 A01N47/36 A01N47/40 A01N47/46 A01N47/48 A01N51/00 A01N55/02 A01N55/04 A01N55/08 A01N57/00 A01N57/18 A01N57/26 A01N59/00 A01N59/02 A01N59/04 A01N59/06 A01N59/14 A01N59/16 A01N59/24 A01N59/26 A01N63/00 A01N65/00 A61L9/01 C05F7/00

D. ENVIRONMENTAL PURIFICATION, PROTECTION, OR REMEDIATION

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Biodegradable	B65D30/02 C08K5/00 C08K5/56 C08K11/00 D06P1/52
Bio-hazard, Disease (permanent containment of malicious virus, bacteria, prion)	B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00
Bio-hazard, Disease (destruction of malicious virus, bacteria, prion)	A62D3/00
Carbon capture or sequestration	B01D11/04 B01D53/02 B01D53/04 B01D53/14 B01D53/48 B01D53/52 B01D53/56 B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B09C1/00 B65D90/24 B65F5/00 B65G5/00 C01B17/16 C01B31/20 E02D31/00 G21F5/00 G21F9/00
Disaster (e.g., spill, explosion, containment, or cleanup)	B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B09C1/00 B65D90/24 B65F5/00 B65G5/00 E02D31/00 G21F5/00 G21F9/00
Environmentally friendly coolants, refrigerants, etc.	C09K5/00
Genetic contamination	A01M1/20 A01N25/00 A61L2/00 A61L2/04 A61L2/08 A61L2/18 A61L2/20 A61L2/24 A61L9/00 A61L11/00 B01J19/00 B08B17/00 C23F11/00 C23F11/02 C23F11/04 C23F11/06 C23F11/10 C23F11/16 C23F11/18
Hazardous or Toxic waste destruction or containment	A62D3/00 B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B65D90/24 B65D90/50 C02F1/00 C02F11/00 C03B5/00 C03B5/027 C04B18/02 C04B18/04 C21B3/06 E02D3/11 E02D31/00 F23C1/00 F23G5/00 G21F1/00 G21F9/00 G21F9/14 G21F9/16 G21F9/20 G21F9/24 H05B3/00
In atmosphere	B01D19/00 B01D19/02 B01D19/04 B01D45/00 B01D46/00 B01D47/00 B01D47/02 B01D47/04 B01D47/06 B01D47/14 B01D53/14 B03C3/00 B03C3/10 B03C3/14 B03C3/16 B03C3/74
In water	B01D1/00 B01D3/00 B01D11/00 B01D11/02 B01D11/04 B01D15/00 B01D15/04 B01D15/08 B01D17/00 B01D17/02 B01D17/04 B01D17/12 B01D21/00 B01D21/01 B01D21/26 B01D24/00 B01D24/28 B01D24/32 B01D24/36 B01D24/46 B01D29/00 B01D29/62 B01D33/00 B01D33/04 B01D33/048 B01D33/06 B01D33/15 B01D33/17 B01D33/27 B01D33/44 B01D33/46 B01D35/06 B01D35/18 B01D35/22 B01D37/00 B01D37/02 B01D41/00 B01D43/00 B01D61/00 B01D61/02 B01D61/24 B01D65/02 B01J39/00 B01J49/00 B03C1/30 B03D1/00 B03D3/00 B03D3/06 B04B3/00 B04C5/081 C02F1/00 C02F1/02 C02F1/20 C02F1/24 C02F1/26 C02F1/28 C02F1/30 C02F1/32 C02F1/34 C02F1/36 C02F1/38 C02F1/40 C02F1/42 C02F1/44 C02F1/48 C02F1/52 C02F1/68 C02F1/70 C02F1/72 C02F1/76 C02F1/78 C02F3/00 C02F3/02 C02F3/30 C02F3/32 C02F9/00 E02B15/00 G01N33/49 G21F9/04
Landfill	B09B5/00
Nuclear waste containment or disposal	A62D3/00 G21F1/00 G21F9/00 G21F9/14 G21F9/16 G21F9/20 G21F9/24
Plants and plant breeding	A01H1/00 A01H1/02 A01H1/06 A01H5/00 A01H7/00 A01H9/00 A01H11/00 A01H13/00 A01H15/00 C12N15/01 C12N15/05 C12N15/82 C12N15/87

Post-consumer material	B28C5/00 B29B17/00 B29C73/00 B29D24/00 B29D30/54 B32B43/00 C08J11/04 F16L55/16
Recovery of excess process materials or regeneration from waste stream	B22C5/18 B29B17/00 C07C51/00 C07C51/42 C08J11/04 D21C11/00 D21F1/66
Recycling	B01D24/00 B07B13/00 B23P17/04 B23P19/04 B28C5/00 B29B17/00 B29C45/00 B29C47/00 B29C49/00 B29C73/00 B30B9/32 B32B43/00 C22B1/00 D01F13/00 H01B15/00 H02G1/12
Smokestack	F23J11/00 F23J15/00
Soil	A62D3/00 B08B5/00 B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B09C1/00 B09C1/02 B09C1/04 B09C1/06 B09C1/08 B09C1/10 B65D90/24 B65F5/00 B65G5/00 E02D31/00 F23G7/14 G21F5/00 G21F9/00
Toxic material cleanup	A01N1/00 A01N1/02 C10G32/00 C12C1/15 C12C7/06 C12M1/00 C12M1/02 C12M1/09 C12M1/10 C12M1/107 C12M1/12 C12M1/14 C12M1/21 C12M1/22 C12M1/24 C12M1/26 C12M1/33 C12M1/34 C12M1/36 C12M1/38 C12M1/42 C12M3/00 C12M3/04 C12M3/06 C12M3/08 C12N1/00 C12N5/00 C12N5/02 C12N5/04 C12N5/07 C12N5/071 C12N5/10 C12N5/16 C12N15/00 C12N15/01 C12N15/02 C12N15/05 C12N15/06 C12N15/07 C12N15/08 C12N15/74 C12N15/75 C12N15/76 C12N15/77 C12N15/82 C12N15/86 C12N15/87 C12N15/88
Toxic material permanent containment or destruction	A62D3/00 A62D3/10 A62D3/11 A62D3/115 A62D3/13 A62D3/15 A62D3/17 A62D3/172 A62D3/174 A62D3/176 A62D3/178 A62D3/19 A62D3/20 A62D3/30 A62D3/32 A62D3/33 A62D3/34 A62D3/35 A62D3/36 A62D3/37 A62D3/38 A62D3/40 B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B65D90/24 B65D90/50 C02F1/00 C02F11/00 C03B5/00 C03B5/027 C04B18/02 C04B18/04 C21B3/06 E02D3/11 E02D31/00 F23C1/00 F23G5/00 G21F1/00 G21F9/00 G21F9/14 G21F9/16 G21F9/20 G21F9/24 H05B3/00
Using microbes or enzymes	A62D3/00 A62D3/02 B09B3/00 B09C1/10

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IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are CHF 145 for a person other than an individual and CHF 36 for an individual.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2015, is CHF 523.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** 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 September 2015, are NZD 2,970 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,490 for a small entity and NZD 740 for a micro entity.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center (Qatar)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Commerce P.O. Box 1968 Doha Qatar
Telephone:	(974) 4012 2796
Facsimile machine:	(974) 4429 4338
E-mail:	kjalhitmi@mec.gov.qa

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Qatar is designated (or elected) – these data must now be in the request; if they are missing at the expiration of 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 of six months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has notified changes in its e-mail address. The new e-mail addresses are as follows:

propiedadintelectual@cnr.gob.sv
omc_es@minec.gob.sv

[Updating of Annex B1(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 12 June 2015, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 July 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: epct-info@impi.gob.mx

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 (www.impi.gob.mx).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

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MX Mexico

Following the notification by the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 July 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	208
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	312

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

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QA Qatar

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(QA), which is published on the following page.

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IR Islamic Republic of Iran

General information on the **Islamic Republic of Iran** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(IR), which is published on pages 126 and 127.

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2015, is NZD 3,068.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	178,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,000
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	40,200

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2015, is JPY 26,800.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are NZD 596 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,722 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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 September 2015, are EUR 108 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 448 for searches carried out in English.

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

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General information

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Location and mailing address:	Fayazbakhsh Str., Imam Khomeini Sq., Tehran 1114678511, Islamic Republic of Iran
Telephone:	(98-21) 6674 1035
Facsimile machine:	(98-21) 6670 0867
E-mail:	irpct@ssaa.ir
Internet:	http://iripo.ssaa.ir/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
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)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran:	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Islamic Republic of Iran is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)
May the Islamic Republic of Iran be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if the Islamic Republic of Iran is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Islamic Republic of Iran is
designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished within the time limit
applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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

No

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2015, is NZD 2,468.

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,111
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	24
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	317
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	476

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** 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 October 2015, are CHF 109 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 453 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2015, are CHF 191 and CHF 306 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic with the National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 14 July 2015.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (IR), which is published on pages 131 and 132.

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Designated (or elected) Office

SUMMARY

IR

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)

IR

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Farsi
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee: ¹	Currency: Iranian rial (IRR) or equivalent in euro (EUR) or US dollar (USD) ² Filing fee: IRR 100,000 (10,000) ³
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated above and in Annex IR.I.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{4, 5} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{4, 5} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ⁴ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of the Islamic Republic of Iran ⁴ Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ⁴ Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² For non-residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran, payment should be effected in euro or US dollar.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person.

⁴ 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 of 60 days from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁵ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

IR

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
(ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)**

IR

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Who can act as agent?

Any agent authorized to practice before the Office

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

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2015, is USD 1,622.

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

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2015. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Basic fee:	EUR	225	56 ¹
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	EUR	12.78	
Additional fee for late furnishing of the translation or copy:	EUR	32	
Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR	116	

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR	105	26 ¹

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2015, are USD 389 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,125 for searches carried out in English.

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

¹ This amount is applicable where all applicants are natural persons.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 September 2015.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 139 to 145, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, to appoint the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 1 September 2015.

Further information on the requirements of the Office as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(SG), SISA(SG) and E(SG), which are published on pages 146 to 151.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 27 July 2015, the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2015, as follows:

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015, page 28.

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 e-mail at: amalsaadi@mec.gov.qa

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 (www.mec.gov.qa).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

QA Qatar

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 September 2015 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions will be the equivalent amounts in **Qatari riyal (QAR)** of 208 and 312 US dollars (USD), respectively.

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

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;

- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement in writing between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement in writing between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this 30th day of July two thousand and fifteen, in two originals in the English language.

For the Intellectual Property Office of
Singapore by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Singapore; and
any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined in Singaporean national applications.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Singapore dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,240
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,240
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	2,240
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	830
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	830
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	650
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	650
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	30

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25% to 75% of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority assesses it has benefitted from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) Where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search, the amount of the supplementary search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

Annex E

Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translated into, English or Chinese.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in English and Chinese held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
SG	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPORE¹	SG

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	<table> <tr><td>Singapore dollar (SGD)</td><td style="text-align: right;">2,240</td></tr> <tr><td>Euro (EUR)</td><td style="text-align: right;">1,487</td></tr> <tr><td>Swiss franc (CHF)</td><td style="text-align: right;">1,571</td></tr> <tr><td>US dollar (USD)</td><td style="text-align: right;">1,632</td></tr> </table>	Singapore dollar (SGD)	2,240	Euro (EUR)	1,487	Swiss franc (CHF)	1,571	US dollar (USD)	1,632
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Euro (EUR)	1,487								
Swiss franc (CHF)	1,571								
US dollar (USD)	1,632								
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	SGD 2,240								
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	SGD 30 per document								
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from earlier search								
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	SGD 650								
Language accepted for international search:	English								
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes								
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, DVD-R								
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched in Singaporean national applications								

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¹ As from 1 September 2015.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
SG	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPORE⁴	SG

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁵

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 where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a general 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 where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ 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).

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)
SG INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE SG
OF SINGAPORE¹

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²		Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)	
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³		CHF	1,571
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):		CHF	200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):		CHF	100
Fees payable to the Authority:		Currency: Singapore dollar (SGD)	
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):		SGD	650
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):		SGD	30 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:		Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:		English, Chinese	
Subject matter that will not be searched:		The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of subject matter which is searched in Singaporean national applications	
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:		In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in English and Chinese held in its search collection	
Limitations on supplementary international search:		The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources	

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¹ As from 1 September 2015.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in Singapore dollar and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the Singapore dollar and the Swiss franc.

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)	SISA
SG	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPORE⁴	SG

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

CD-R, DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

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 where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a general 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 where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ 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 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E **International Preliminary
Examining Authorities** **E**

SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF SINGAPORE¹** **SG**

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Singapore dollar (SGD)	830
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	SGD	830
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	SGD	285
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	SGD	30 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	SGD	30 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	SGD	650
Language accepted for international preliminary examination:	English	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined in Singaporean national applications	

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¹ As from 1 September 2015.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities
SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE⁵

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁶

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 where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁶

Particular instances in which a copy of a general 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 where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ 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).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its e-mail addresses. As from 31 August 2015, these addresses will be as follows:

pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries relating to specific international applications)
ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries)

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, of 1 September 2005, pages 22816 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 90, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 September 2015. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notifications:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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
- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

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

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: pvs@dkpto.dk

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 (www.dkpto.org).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are CHF 473, EUR 437 and USD 484 when filing online, and CHF 708, EUR 654 and USD 725 when filing on paper.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (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 November 2015, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 440 for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 September 2015, the date on which the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

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KR Republic of Korea

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2026), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 January 2015. PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(a) therefore applies since that date.

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

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

MX Mexico

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 25 August 2015, as follows:

Colección de Microorganismos del CNRG (CM-CNRG)
Boulevard de la Biodiversidad No. 400
Col. Rancho las Cruces
Tepatlán de Morelos, Jalisco, C.P. 47600
Mexico

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

QA Qatar

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (QA), which is published on the following page.

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Designated (or elected) Office

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QA

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER (QATAR)

QA

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) at a time when the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20.
National fee: ¹	Currency: Qatar riyal (QAR) Filing fee: 2,000 ² 1,000 ³ 0 ⁴
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated above
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): ⁵	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ⁶ Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of Qatar Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies, one on paper and one in electronic form ⁷

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The applicant may still furnish the translation within six months after the expiration of the applicable time limit.

² This amount is applicable in case of filing by a company, or an educational or research institution.

³ This amount is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

⁴ No fee is due in case of filing by a student.

⁵ 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 of six months from the date of the invitation.

⁶ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁷ Must be furnished within six months from the date of the invitation by the Office.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
(QATAR)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Qatar

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

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2015, is ZAR 26,610.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are NOK 17,070 and ZAR 26,770, respectively.

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

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	867
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	10
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	130
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	196

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **Hungarian forint (HUF)** 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 November 2015, are CHF 102, EUR 82 and HUF 28,800 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 422, EUR 341 and HUF 119,600 for searches carried out in English.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** 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 November 2015, are NZD 3,140 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,570 for a small entity and NZD 790 for a micro entity.

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to 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) – in addition to Chronopost, DHL, Federal Express, Flexpress, SkyNet, TNT or UPS, it will now also accept such evidence where Transworld is used.

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 52 54 (ISA, IPEA)

Facsimile machine: (82-42) 481 85 78 (ISA, IPEA)

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are CHF 178 and CHF 285 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean 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 December 2015, is KRW 2,504,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are USD 150 for a person other than an individual and USD 37 for an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 176,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK 26,500
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK 39,700

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are EUR 335 for searches carried out in Korean and EUR 968 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (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 November 2015, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 440 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) 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 December 2015, are ZAR 29,060 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 14,530 for a small entity and ZAR 7,260 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2015, is SGD 2,980.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are KRW 690,000 and SGD 820, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	18,550
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	210
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	2,790
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,190

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 September 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Viet Nam with the National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 September 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** 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 entered into force on 1 October 2015, consists of the addition of Brunei Darussalam to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MT Malta

The Internet address of the **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business (Malta)** has changed and is now as follows:

www.commerce.gov.mt

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2015, is EUR 191.

[Updating of Annex C(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiPO)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with the Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiPO), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 October 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – from 1 November 2015, it will be possible to validate European patents in the Republic of Moldova for international applications filed on or after that date.¹

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NA Namibia

The **Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(264-61) 299 4400 (264-61) 283 7285 (264-61) 283 7260
Facsimile machine:	(264-61) 401 061
E-mail:	andima@bipa.na kaundu@mti.gov.na naphtali@mti.gov.na

[Updating of Annex B1(NA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the fee for validating in the Republic of Moldova a European patent granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 1 November 2015, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable from 1 November 2015, is EUR 200.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For further information, see:
<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20151009.html>

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

(511) 224 78 00 (ext. 3801)

The Office has also notified the discontinuance of the use of its facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

PL Poland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 05/2006, of 2 February 2006, pages 3180 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect since 1 November 2015. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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
- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- 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 will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: eolfsupport@uprp.pl

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

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 to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.uprp.pl).

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)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified changes in the telephone number of the Office as well as its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (421-48) 484 300 131

E-mail: podatelna@indprop.gov.sk

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it - one copy must be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES AND BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH) OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AT Austria

Under Section 513(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search has notified a change in the types of electronic medium which it requires for the furnishing in electronic form of sequence listings, which are now as follows: CD-ROM and DVD.

[Updating of Annexes D(AT) and SISA (AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 03 November 2015, the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1 (d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 10 November 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: epct-info@sic.gov.co

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 (www.sic.gov.co).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services. ”

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AZ Azerbaijan

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 17 November 2015, the **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 December 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 e-mail at: azpatent@azstand.gov.az

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 (www.azstand.gov.az).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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 the ePCT private services.”

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2016, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 192.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2016, as indicated in the table published on pages 193 to 195.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2016, as indicated in the table published on page 196.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

Annexes SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE), (SG) and (XN),

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (SG), (US) and (XN).]

AZ Azerbaijan

Following the notification by the **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 December 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	208
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	312

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

Following the notification by the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 10 November 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 November 2015, pages 184 *et seq.*), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable since the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Colombian peso (COP)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)

(applicable from January 1, 2016)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 05.10.15	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.69195546	1,848 1,922	21 22	n.a. n.a.	278 289	417 434	278 289	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.74616290	1,799 1,782	20 20	n.a. n.a.	270 268	406 402	270 268	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14626278	9,480 9,090	110 100	n.a. n.a.	1,430 1,370	2,140 2,050	1,430 1,370	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.09136192	1,273 1,219	14 14	96 92	191 183	287 275	191 183	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.47863138	867 899	10 10	n.a. n.a.	130 135	196 203	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00349296	392,000 380,800	4,400 4,300	n.a. n.a.	59,000 57,300	88,400 85,900	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.25176704	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	766 794	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00769727	176,100 172,800	2,000 1,900	n.a. n.a.	26,500 26,000	39,700 39,000	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00810100	178,100 164,200	2,000 1,900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	40,200 37,000	26,800 24,700	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00084114	*** ***	*** ***	*** ***	*** ***	*** ***	238,000 238,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.11602446	10,990 11,460	120 130	n.a. n.a.	1,650 1,720	2,480 2,590	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.63509563	2,111 2,094	24 24	n.a. n.a.	317 315	476 472	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11691029	12,070 11,380	140 130	n.a. n.a.	1,820 1,710	2,720 2,570	1,820 1,710	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68762780	1,953 1,934	22 22	n.a. n.a.	294 291	441 436	285 291	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.97601415	1,384 1,363	16 15	104 102	208 205	312 307	208 205	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07173340	18,550 18,540	210 210	n.a. n.a.	2,790 2,790	4,190 4,180	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqel of the amounts in US dollar indicated above.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2016)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL				ISA/CN	
	EUR	1,864	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	CAD	1,600	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate				Exch. rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.15</i>														
CHF - Swiss franc	1.09136192	1,947	0.69195546	1,583	0.25020621	708 ¹	0.74616290	1,183 ¹	0.97601415	1,922 ¹	384 ¹	288 ¹	0.15359847	310
		2,034		1,522		632¹		1,194¹		1,952¹	390¹	293¹		323
USD - US dollar	0.89430842	2,112	1.41051587	1,622	3.90083900	725	1.30804434	1,284					6.35432218	342
		2,084		1,560		647		1,223						330
EUR - Euro			1.57721412	1,525 ¹	4.36184978	654 ¹	1.46263225	1,137 ¹	1.11818247	1,765 ¹	353 ¹	265 ¹	7.10529166	297 ¹
				1,395¹		579¹		1,094¹		1,789¹	358¹	268¹		296¹
AUD - Australian dollar														Current amount
DKK - Danish krone														New amount
GBP - Pound sterling														Current amount
														New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint														Current amount
														New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona														Current amount
JPY - Japanese yen														New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00077072	2,504,000 ²	0.00121559	1,882,000										Current amount
		2,419,000		1,810,000										New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone														Current amount
														New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.91782733	2,458										Current amount
				2,397										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona														Current amount
														New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.63006395	2,790	0.99374575	2,290										Current amount
		2,960		2,210										New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.06572833	26,610	0.10366766	19,930										Current amount
		28,360		21,220										New amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/EG	ISA/EP	ISA/ES	ISA/FI	ISA/IL	ISA/IN	ISA/JP	
Reference currency & Amount	EGP 4,000	EUR 1,875	EUR 1,875	EUR 1,875	ILS 3,554	INR 10,000	JPY 70,000	
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.15	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	0.12465060 483 ³ 499³	1.09136192 1,958 2,046	1.09136192 1,958 ³ 2,046³	1.09136192 1,958 ³ 2,046³	0.25176704 875 ³ 895³	0.01490050 145 ³ 150³	0.00810100 523 567	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	7.82999984 525 511	0.89430842 2,125 2,097	0.89430842 2,125 2,097	0.89430842 2,125 ³ 2,097³	3.87665574 909 917	65.10886765 150 ^{3,4} 154³	120.48063508 577 581	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	8.75536856 480 ³ 457³				4.33480849 809 ³ 820³	72.80359438 142 ³ 137³	134.71933401 522 ³ 520³	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone		0.13401859 13,960 13,990						Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling		1.35484971 1,365 1,384						Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint		0.00320056 577,000 585,800						Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona		0.00705290 287,000 266,000						Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen		0.00742284 251,600 252,600						Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won							0.10383122 690,000 ⁴ 674,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone		0.10631163 17,070 17,640						Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar		0.58192944 3,068 3,222						Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona		0.10712300 17,040 17,500						Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		0.63006395 2,980 ⁴ 2,980					84.88179508 820 ⁴ 825	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand		0.06572833 26,770 28,530						Current amount New amount

³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁴ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

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International Searching Authority	ISAIKR			ISAIKU			ISA/SE ⁵		ISA/SG		ISA/US					ISA/XN ⁶		
	Reference currency & Amount	KRW	1,300,000	450,000	RUB	28,000	6,750	SEK	17,040	SGD	2,240	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,960	
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.15	Exch. rate				Exch. rate					Exch. rate		Exch. rate					13,990	
CHF - Swiss franc	0.00084114	1,093	378	379	0.01508356	422	102	1,958		0.68762780	1,571 ⁷	0.97601415	1,998	999	500		1,958 ⁷	Current amount
USD - US dollar	1160.35071912	1,125	389	388	64.70713464	440	106	2,046	2,125	1.632 ⁷	1,540 ⁷		2,030	1,015	508		2,046 ⁷	New amount
EUR - Euro	1297.4893213	968 ^{7,8}	335 ^{7,8}	335	72.35438358	341	82	2,097	1,875	1.41939311	1,578 ⁷		1,835 ⁷	918 ⁷	459 ⁷		2,097 ⁷	New amount
AUD - Australian dollar	822.64279597	1,002 ⁷	347 ⁷	347		387	93	1,875		1.58714049	1,411 ⁷	1.11818247	1,860 ⁷	930 ⁷	465 ⁷		1,875 ⁷	Current amount
DKK - Danish krone		1,519	526	547													1,875 ⁷	New amount
GBP - Pound sterling		1,580	547					13,960										Current amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								13,990										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona					0.23157425	119,600	28,800											New amount
JPY - Japanese yen						120,900	29,100	287,000									287,000	Current amount
KRW - Korean won								266,000									266,000	New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone																		Current amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	755.04404335	1,722	596	596				17,070				0.65070330	3,140	1,570	790		17,070	Current amount
SEK - Swedish krona		1,722	596					17,640					3,200	1,600	800		17,640	New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	817.49778205	1,560	540	550														Current amount
ZAR - South African rand		1,590	550															New amount
												0.07349627	28,300	14,150	7,080			Current amount
																		New amount
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⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2016, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2016, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁷ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁸ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

[End of Table 2]

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For a search of the German-language documentation.

2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.

3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

¹ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

⁵ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment). This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

⁷ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2016. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2016.

New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2016.

¹⁰ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2016.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NO Norway

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 December 2011, pages 182 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect since 1 December 2015. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- JFIF (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
- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +47 22 38 73 33
- by e-mail at: post@patentstyret.no

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in 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 (www.patentstyret.no).

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-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2016, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 92	USD 102
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 46	USD 51
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 9	USD [No change]

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** 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 January 2016, consists of the addition of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. 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:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:

(a) [no change]

- (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:

English;

- (c) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, pages 46 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 January 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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
- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: postur@els.is

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 (www.els.is).

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-safe/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 the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 18 November 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)** has specified the Japan Patent Office², in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 January 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that **the International Bureau will not be open for business** on 1 January 2016. This date concerns **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

² The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

e-pct@inapi.dz

[Updating of Annex B1(DZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

0820 210 211 (national calls)

(33) 1 71 08 71 63 (international calls)

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document on paper (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 10 March 2014, is BRL 200.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 10 March 2014, as follows:

For a patent:	[no change]	(online)
	BRL 260	(on paper)
For a utility model:	[no change]	(online)
	BRL 260	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	62

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	156

[Updating of Annex C(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	20.82

Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	41.63

Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 156.12
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 312.25

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 July 2015, as follows:

For a patent:	EUR	52.04	(online)
	EUR	104.08	(on paper)

For a utility model:	EUR	52.04	(online)
	EUR	104.08	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in the examination fee components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 15 September 2011, as follows:

- for one invention: [no change]
- for each invention in excess
of one (but not more than 10): [no change]
- for each invention in excess
of 10: RUB 3,400

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2014. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	583.65
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	583.65
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2014, are EUR 74.25 and EUR 29.69, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2014, are EUR 583.65 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2014, are ILS 556 and ILS 88, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2014, is ILS 2,037.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2014, is KRW 716,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 December 2013, are as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 1,700
For a small entity:	USD 850
For a micro entity:	USD 850

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

GB United Kingdom

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address details are as follows:

National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)
Culture Collections
Public Health England
Porton Down
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 0JG
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2014. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,564
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,564
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,527
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,527
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2)	458
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	44

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are CHF 853, EUR 697 and USD 954, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2014, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,564
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,564
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	ILS	44 per document
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c)):	ILS	458

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2014, are CHF 913, EUR 745 and USD 1,021, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2014, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,527
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,527
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	ILS	44 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	ILS	44 per document
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .2):	ILS	458

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are CHF 601, EUR 491 and USD 673, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** 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 entered into force on 28 February 2013, consists of the addition of Panama to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

pct@ipaustralia.gov.au

The old e-mail address remains valid until 15 February 2014.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Patentti-ja rekisterihallitus

Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

kipopct@korea.kr

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PA Panama

Information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(PA), which is published on the following pages.

C	Receiving Offices	C
PA	DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY (DIGERPI) (PANAMA)	PA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Panama
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ³ , National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁴

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (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 The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

⁴ The United States Patent and Trademark Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C	Receiving Offices	C
PA	DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY (DIGERPI) (PANAMA)	PA

[Continued]

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 200
International filing fee: ⁵	USD 1,471
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	USD 17
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ⁶	USD 111
Search fee:	See Annex D(BR), (EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	USD 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 400
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Panama
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁶ See footnote 2.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Kyrgyz Respublikasynyn Okmotunun aldyndagy Intellektualdyk Menchik bojuncha Mamlekettik Agentstvosu State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic
E-mail:	info@patent.kg inter@patent.kg
Internet:	www.patent.kg

[Updating of Annex B1(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2014, is KRW 2,070,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2014, is JPY 267,300.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	154,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	11,600
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	34,900

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2014, is SGD 850.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2014, is JPY 23,300.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-FOURTH (19TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations, as well as the appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-fourth (19th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29898

The said amendments and appointment are outlined below.

Appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 19, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2014 and consist of:

(i) requiring International Preliminary Examining Authorities to conduct a “top-up” search during international preliminary examination, subject to various exceptions (addition of PCT Rules 66.1~~ter~~ and 70.2(f));¹

(ii) allowing written opinions of the International Searching Authority (in their original language) and informal comments submitted by the applicant in response to such opinions (in their original language) to be publicly available from the date of international publication (deletion of PCT Rule 44~~ter~~ and amendment of Rule 94.1(b)).²

The text of the amendments is reproduced thereafter.

¹ These amendments shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after July 1, 2014.

² These amendments shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2014.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2014)

Rule 44~~ter~~
[Deleted]

Rule 66
Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

66.1 and 66.1~~bis~~ [No change]

66.1~~ter~~ *Top-up Searches*

The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall conduct a search (“top-up search”) to discover documents referred to in Rule 64 which have been published or have become available to the said Authority for search subsequent to the date on which the international search report was established, unless it considers that such a search would serve no useful purpose. If the Authority finds that any of the situations referred to in Article 34(3) or (4) or Rule 66.1(e) exists, the top-up search shall cover only those parts of the international application that are the subject of international preliminary examination.

66.2 to 66.8 [No change]

Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)

70.1 [No change]

70.2 *Basis of the Report*

(a) to (e) [No change]

(f) The report shall indicate the date on which a top-up search under Rule 66.1~~ter~~ was made, or else state that no top-up search was made.

70.3 to 70.17 [No change]

Rule 94
Access to Files

94.1 *Access to the File Held by the International Bureau*

(a) [No change]

(b) The International Bureau shall, at the request of any person but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to Article 38, furnish, subject to the reimbursement of the cost of the service, copies of any document contained in its file.

(c) [No change]

94.2 and 94.3 [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is EUR 1,449.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

If the applicant does not reside or carry out business in Canada, an appointment as a representative for service of a person or firm residing or carrying on business at a specified address in Canada.

If the applicant is not the inventor, either a declaration that the applicant is the legal representative of the inventor or a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

If the applicant is not the applicant originally indicated in the international application, evidence that the applicant is the legal representative of the originally identified applicant.

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor. If the appointed agent does not reside in Canada, the appointment by the agent of an agent who resides in Canada to be the associate agent.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any person or firm whose name is entered on the Canadian register of patent agents can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 10 December 2013 and 21 January 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 11 December 2013 and 22 January 2014, respectively.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is ZAR 26,260.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is USD 1,972.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are CHF 1,299, EUR 1,066 and USD 1,442, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is ZAR 27,580.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are AUD 1,376 for searches carried out in English and AUD 476 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) 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 2014, are ZAR 22,550 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 11,280 for a small entity and ZAR 5,640 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	15,860
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	180
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	1,190

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 March 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the previous notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2011, pages 71 *et seq.*:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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
- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +43 1 53 424 76
- by fax at +43 1 53 424 535
- by e-mail at info@patentamt.at

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 as 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 (www.patentamt.at).

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)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

SE Sweden

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2005, of 24 November 2005, pages 31398 *et seq.*, and in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 March 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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
- epoline® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- 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 available on the website www.prv.se.

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 will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 4.40 p.m. (15 September - 14 May) and between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (15 May - 14 September) CET (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding Swedish public holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at +46 (0) 8 782 26 00
- by e-mail at biblioteket@prv.se

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, including the demand, as 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. Documents should preferably not be password protected.

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 to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

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)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that, as from 1 March 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format. Consequently, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is CHF 1,765.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 March 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

Furthermore, as from 1 March 2014, the Office will accept international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing, and will no longer accept offline electronic filings.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it – while an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Georgia, it is preferable, if the applicant is a non-resident, that he appoint an agent or provide an address for service.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any person who is a resident of Georgia or registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified that, as from 1 March 2014, it will accept international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing, and will no longer accept offline electronic filings.

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Deed of transfer where the applicant is not the inventor

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Georgia

Power of attorney if an agent or representative is appointed

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any person who is a resident of Georgia or registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) or under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office or as designated Office, respectively. The amount of this fee is USD 60.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change, applicable since 17 October 2013, in the location of its headquarters at Munich, which is now as follows:

Bob-van-Benthen-Platz 1
80469 Munich
Germany

[Updating of Annex B1(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,638
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	123
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	246
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	369

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2014, is CAD 246.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are as follows:

Transmittal fee: EUR 130

Fee for requesting restoration of the right
of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): EUR 635

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): EUR 865

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)): EUR 230

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)): EUR 865

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1(c)
and 45*bis*.5(c)): EUR 230

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 58.1(b)): EUR 1,930

Additional preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 68.3(a)): EUR 1,930

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): EUR 865

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2): EUR 230

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (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 May 2014, are CHF 171, EUR 140 and USD 192 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 709, EUR 580 and USD 795 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: Arkadiankatu 6A
FI-00101 Helsinki
Finland

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1140
FI-00101 Helsinki
Finland

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified an additional Internet address. The list of Internet addresses is now as follows:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/units/rashamhaptentim/pages/default.aspx>
<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Pages/default.aspx> (in English)

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,657
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	19
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	125
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	249
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	374

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2014, is AUD 249.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 120
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 210

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35:
for the 36th and each subsequent page: EUR 15

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 580

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro): [No change]

Claims fee:

- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: EUR 235
- for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 580

Search fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 875
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,285

Fee for further processing:

- in the event of late payment of a fee: [No change]
- other cases: EUR 250

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: EUR 230

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,805

- for (international) applications filed
on or after 1 July 2005 for which no
supplementary European search report
is drawn up: EUR 1,805
- for all other (international) applications
filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,620
- Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 465

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euro (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 National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2014, is EUR 1,100.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 13 February 2014 and 3 March 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 14 February 2014 and 4 March 2014, respectively.

RECEIVING OFFICES

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Information on the requirements of the **Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(IR), which is published on the following pages.

C	Receiving Offices	C
IR	INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)	IR

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Islamic Republic of Iran
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format?	No
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ¹ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Iranian Rial (IRR)
Transmittal fee:	Please refer to the Office
International filing fee: ²	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	None
Search fee:	Equivalent in IRR of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	Please refer to the Office
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office

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¹ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C	Receiving Offices	C
IR	INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)	IR

[Continued]

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Islamic Republic of Iran Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?	Any agent authorized to practice before the Office ³

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

³ A list of registered agents may be obtained from the Office.

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PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

ssolis@indecopi.gob.pe

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 17 March 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 18 March 2014.

RECEIVING OFFICES

KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis with the Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis, with effect since 19 March 2014.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49~~ter~~.1(G)

US United States of America

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 19/2006, of 11 May 2006, page 13712), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 18 December 2013. PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.1(a) to (d) therefore apply from that date.

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.2(H)**

US United States of America

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 19/2006, of 11 May 2006, page 13712), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 18 December 2013. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification last published in PCT Gazette No. 50/2005, of 15 December 2005, pages 33496 *et seq.*, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect from 14 April 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Using ePCT-Filing where international applications are transmitted using the protocol specified in Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) of the Administrative Instructions; or
- International applications can be prepared with the PCT-SAFE software, saved on the user's hard drive and then transmitted to the Office via its Online Lodgement System (see www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Access to the Online Lodgement System requires user id and password authentication via a customer registration process through the Office's Online Services.
- Note:
- Where the complete application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported using the Online Lodgement System;
- Where a component file within the application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported using ePCT-Filing;
- When online filing is not available the application shall then be filed on paper.

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
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 confirmation of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, 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. A confirmation of receipt will be created for any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office. 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)), files exceeding 20MB in size, or missing files, are notified to the applicant in the confirmation of receipt.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office's website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Applicants wishing to use this facility should refer to the Office's website for further details prior to entering payment information into the PCT-SAFE software.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its services, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants filing international applications in electronic form. The Customer Services Network helpdesk can be contacted for all general enquiries.

The help desk is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard/Summer Time (AEST) and can be contacted by the following means:

- by phone at +61 2 6283 2999
- by e-mail at pct@ipaustralia.gov.au

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- International Applications prepared with PCT-SAFE software that do not exceed 20 MB may be sent through the Online Lodgement System.
- International Applications where individual components do not exceed 20 MB may be submitted via ePCT-Filing.
- Subsequently filed documents for International Applications as supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

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 the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail, to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures. The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/latest-news-listing/).

The Office also offers a subscription service for notifications of any scheduled system downtimes: (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/stay-informed/downtime-subscription/).

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)):

For applications prepared with PCT-SAFE and transmitted to the Office via its Online Lodgement System:

- Gatekeeper ABN-DSC
(www.verisign.com.au/gatekeeper/abndsc-info/index.html)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

For applications filed using ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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)):

- No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present for applications prepared using the PCT-SAFE software and filed via the Online Lodgement System.
- Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from 1 June 2014. These amounts, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	341,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	3,900
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	HUF	25,700

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** 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 June 2014, are HUF 41,700 for international applications filed in Russian and HUF 172,900 for international applications filed in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows: (82-42) 481 51 94.

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2014, is NZD 2,345.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

CZ Czech Republic

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)
Kamenice 5/building A25
625 00 Brno
Czech Republic

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

US United States of America

Under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(g), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated Office. The amount of the fee, applicable since 18 December 2013, is USD 850 for a small or micro entity and USD 1,700 in all other cases.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Octrooi Centrum Nederland Netherlands Patent Office
Telephone:	(31-88) 602 66 60
E-mail:	octrooien@rvo.nl
Internet:	www.rvo.nl/octrooien

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2014, is NOK 800.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 April 2014, are as follows:

Basic fee, including examination fee:	NOK 4,650 (850) ¹
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	NOK 250
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	NOK 950
Annual fees for the first three years, per year:	NOK 700

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is a physical person or a legal entity with less than 20 permanent employees.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, of 18 December 2003, pages 29014 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 July 2009, pages 118 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 14 April 2014. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 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
- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)
- the international application is embedded in a compact package which is signed by means of a PKCS #7-type enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4). Such an enhanced electronic signature is implemented by means of a smart card and recognised by the Office

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed with the Office as receiving Office contains, 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), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgment of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgment of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means 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)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by debit card or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 8.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (358-9) 6939 5948
- by web form at the following address:
www.prh.fi/en/patentit/electronic_services/helpdesk.html

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 as 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. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

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 the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its website (www.prh.fi/en/patentit/electronic_services.html) information concerning the availability of electronic filing systems.

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)):

EPO online filing software:

- citizen certificates on identity cards issued by the Finnish Police (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- organization certificates on organization cards issued by the Finnish Population Register Center (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

PCT-SAFE software and ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable since 1 January 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:¹

For patent:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	20
Examination fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	250
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	150
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	20
Annual fee for the third year:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50

For utility model:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	100

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified that, since 14 April 2014, it accepts international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-Filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in **Belarusian rouble (BYR)** in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, fees are reduced by 75% in case of filing by a natural person, and waived in respect of certain other persons (details may be obtained with the Office).

For non-residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in **US dollar (USD)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** or **Russian rouble (RUB)** in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, the payment shall be made by a resident of Belarus acting on their behalf or a patent attorney registered to practice before the Office.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings should no longer be furnished on physical media, but should be attached to the international application filed in electronic form.

[Updating of Annexes D(FI) and SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified changes in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail address and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Location:	LOT VH 69 Volosarika Ambanidia Antananarivo 101 Madagascar
Telephone:	(261-20) 22 335 02 (261-34) 46 692 56
E-mail:	omapi@moov.mg
Internet:	www.omapi.mg

[Updating of Annex B1(MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a number of changes to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004, of 12 February 2004, pages 3796 *et seq.*, and No. 43/2005, of 27 October 2005, page 28466, and, in particular, that it accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 11 October 2013, following the successful conclusion of a limited pilot that started on 2 May 2013. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

- filing by means of one of the following physical media: CD-R and DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e), and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5, respectively)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1), but only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- 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 International Bureau as receiving Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i).

The International Bureau as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) will a notification, or confirmation, of receipt not be generated. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the International Bureau 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 available through WIPO's online PCT E-Payment service (see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/pct_e-payment_user_guide.pdf).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT Electronic Services Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. Central European time and can be contacted as follows:

- via e-mail: ePCT@wipo.int
- by telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523
- by facsimile: (+41-22) 338 8040

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

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 electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or facsimile, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The International Bureau as receiving Office will provide, on the PCT Electronic Services website (www.wipo.int/pct-safe), information concerning the availability of online filing systems and backup filing procedures.

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- the International Bureau as receiving Office will also accept certificates issued by certification authorities which are accepted by other PCT receiving Offices and which have been notified accordingly to the International Bureau under Section 710, provided that such certificates are permitted, under the relevant certificate policy, to be used for filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- ePCT private services provide access to the files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has notified that, since 13 October 2013, it accepts international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing (offline electronic filings may still be furnished on CD-R or DVD-R).

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

mail@aripo.org

[Updating of Annex B2(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2014, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, of 21 November 2002, pages 23832 *et seq.* The Office now receives and processes international applications in electronic form under the conditions laid down in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 26 February 2009 concerning the electronic filing of documents (see OJ EPO 2009, page 182) and the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 12 July 2007 concerning the electronic signatures, data carriers and software to be used for the electronic filing of patent applications and other documents (see Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, A.5).

IB International Bureau – Corrigendum

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014, pages 64 to 66, the part relating to details concerning help desks should be corrected to read as follows:

“As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. Central European time, and can be contacted as follows:

- via e-mail: ePCT@wipo.int
- by telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523
- by facsimile: (+41-22) 338 8040

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.”

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau that:

– the transmittal under PCT Rule 44 of copies in electronic form of international search reports and written opinions established under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1 to applicants started on 15 December 2011 under the conditions laid down in the Notice from the European Patent Office dated 13 December 2011 concerning EPO online services (OJ EPO 2012, page 22); the transmittal under PCT Rule 44 of copies in electronic form of international search reports or declarations referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a), and written opinions established under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1, to the International Bureau is effected under conditions agreed upon between the EPO and the International Bureau;

– the Office may receive and process any search copy, translation or sequence listing in electronic form transmitted under PCT Rule 23 under conditions agreed upon between the EPO and the receiving Office or between the EPO and the International Bureau, as the case may be.

Furthermore, also under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office, 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, with effect since 22 April 2014, it is prepared to receive and process subsequently filed documents referred to in PCT Rule 89*bis*.2 filed in electronic form via the EPO Online Filing software, with the exception of the demand under PCT Chapter II.¹

RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau – Corrigendum

The notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014, page 67, should be corrected to read as follows:

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has notified that, since 13 October 2013, in addition to accepting international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using PCT-SAFE and EPO Online Filing, it also accepts international applications in electronic form filed in PDF format using ePCT-filing (offline electronic filings may still be furnished on CD-R or DVD-R).

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ More information on this new service is available on the EPO's website at: www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/documentation.html.

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – as from 5 June 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified that the 30-month time limits under PCT Article 22(1) and PCT Article 39(1)(a) may be extended by up to 18 months, provided that the applicant pays the prescribed fee. Certain other time limits may also be extended for periods of six or 18 months or longer, but only at the discretion of the Registrar (see Rules 108 and 109 of the Patent Rules of Singapore).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

pct@inapi.cl

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT – since 1 April 2014, patents of addition are no longer included in these types of protection.

[Updating of Annex B1(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the deletion of one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the Office no longer requires the furnishing of the translation of the international application in two copies.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change in one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – if the international application is for a patent and a utility model, only the translation, and no longer the translation and the power of attorney, must be furnished in duplicate.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

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 – Amendment to Annex C

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2014. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,864
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,864
Supplementary search fee (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))	1,749
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,749
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	229
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to the Office as receiving Office and applicable from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 52

Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): EUR 269²

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and also applicable from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 1,864

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): EUR 1,864

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): EUR 229

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2014, are CHF 2,272 and USD 2,592, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 58): EUR 1,749

Additional preliminary
examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): EUR 1,749

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): EUR 229

[Updating of Annex E(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable from 1 July 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

² Includes the document fee [*Schriftengebühr*] in the amount of EUR 40.

For a patent:

Fee for entry into the national phase:	EUR	52
Document fee [<i>Schriftengebühr</i>]:	[No change]	
Search and examination fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	292
Claims fee, from the 11 th claim, for each group of up to 10 claims:	EUR	104

For a utility model:

Fee for entry into the national phase:	EUR	52
Document fee [<i>Schriftengebühr</i>]:	[No change]	
Search fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	156
Claims fee, from the 11 th claim, for each group of up to 10 claims:	EUR	104

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2014, is USD 1,011.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified changes concerning the language requirements relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – as from 1 July 2014, the Office will accept the furnishing of a translation into English¹ or Swedish, or, if the international application was filed in English² or Swedish, of a copy of the application as filed.

[Updating of Annex B1(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application – as from 1 July 2014, earlier searches which will give rise to a refund for a search with written opinion will include a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE³, CY, FR, GR, IT, LT⁴, LU, MT, NL³, SM⁴, TR).

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Only the claims must be in Swedish.

² Only the claims in English must be translated into Swedish. The claims in English are considered to be the original claims.

³ Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the EPO and that Office.

⁴ Applicable, as from 1 July 2014, to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 January 2014.

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** 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 July 2014, consists of the addition of Georgia to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex. 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:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), with effect from 1 July 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has specified the Indian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran), with effect since 13 May 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified changes, with effect from 1 July 2014, concerning:

- the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation can be furnished in English⁶ or Swedish;
- its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – a copy will not be required where the application was filed in a language other than English or Swedish, whereas it will be required where the application was filed in English⁷ or Swedish.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁶ Only the claims must be in Swedish.

⁷ Only the claims in English must be translated into Swedish. The claims in English are considered to be the original claims.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CL Chile

Agreement between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 22 October 2014.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 88 to 95, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 1 to 9 October 2012, to appoint the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 22 October 2014.

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Israel Patent Office** 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 October 2014, consists of the addition of the United States of America to the State indicated in item (i) of the Annex. 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:
Israel, United States of America;
- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cl.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 December 2012, page 177.

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Israel Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), with effect from 1 October 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

ST Sao Tome and Principe

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Sao Tome and Principe deposited, on 19 May 2014, its instrument of accession to the **Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)** and will become bound by that Protocol on 19 August 2014. Thus, any international application filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Moreover, from 19 August 2014, nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Further to the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 June 2014, page 78, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2014, are KRW 2,651,000, SGD 3,240 and ZAR 27,130, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 168,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 12,600
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 25,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 37,900

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Korean by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2014, is SGD 551.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**Agreement
between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on October 22, 2014.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;

- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this fourth day of June two thousand and fourteen, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the National Institute of Industrial
Property of Chile by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signature]

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:
any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region;

- (iii) the following language which it will accept:
Spanish.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined in Chilean national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	
– general fee	2,000
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion)	400
– reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))	300

Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)):

- general fee 2,000
- reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities
(see search fee, above) 400
- reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above) 300

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):

- general fee 1,500
- reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities
(see search fee, above) 400
- reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above) 300

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):

- general fee 1,500
- reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities
(see search fee, above) 400
- reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above) 300

Late payment fee for preliminary
examination

[amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*]

Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)) 350

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document 10

Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per document 10

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application, 25% of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English and Spanish.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

jwaz@uprp.pl

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes to the components of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Request to prepare the priority document (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 16
– plus, for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity) (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 16
– plus, for a patent application:	[No change]
– or, for a utility model application:	[No change]

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes concerning:

- the number of copies on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three;
- its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any Italian agent whose name appears on a list maintained by the Office, or any lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll, can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 30 June 2014, it is prepared to receive and process the demand under PCT Chapter II filed in electronic form via the EPO Online Filing software.¹

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

BE Belgium

The International Bureau has been notified of changes in the addresses of the **Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCM™)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new addresses are as follows:

Headquarters:

BCCM Coordination Cell
Federal Public Planning Service Science Policy
231, avenue Louise
1050 Brussels
Belgium

Collections:

BCCM/IHEM Biomedical fungi and yeasts collection
Scientific Institute of Public Health
Service Mycology and Aerobiology
Rue J. Wytsmanstraat, 14
1050 Brussels
Belgium

¹ More information on this new service is available on the EPO's website at: www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/download.html.

BCCM/LMBP Plasmid and DNA Library collection
Universiteit Gent
Vakgroep Biomedische Moleculaire Biologie
Technologiepark, 927
9052 Zwijnaarde
Belgium

BCCM/LMG Bacteria collection
Universiteit Gent
Laboratorium voor Microbiologie
K.L. Ledeganckstraat, 35
9000 Gent
Belgium

BCCM/MUCL Agro-industrial fungi, yeasts and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi collection
Université catholique de Louvain
Mycothèque de l'Université catholique de Louvain
Croix du Sud, 3 – box L7.05.06
1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Belgium

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

5 Gianni Stavroulaki St.
Paradissos Amaroussiou
15125 Athens
Greece

[Updating of Annex B1(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Via 28 Luglio 212
47893 Republic of San Marino

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 28 February 2014, as follows:

		<i>Natural person</i>	<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Others</i>
– Up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:				
– electronic filing:	INR	1,600	4,000	8,000
– physical (paper) filing:	INR	1,760	4,400	8,800
– For each additional priority, multiple of:				
– electronic filing:	INR	1,600	4,000	8,000
– physical (paper) filing:	INR	1,760	4,400	8,800
– For each additional sheet in addition to 30:				
– electronic filing:	INR	160	400	800
– physical (paper) filing:	INR	176	440	880

- For each claim in addition to 10:
 - electronic filing: INR 320 800 1,600
 - physical (paper) filing: INR 352 880 1,760

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified that, since 2 July 2014, an agent is no longer required.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

FR France

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, with effect since 2 June 2014.

However, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has also indicated the particular instances in which a power of attorney is still required, i.e.:

- if the agent is:
 - a person indicated in Article L.422-5 of the Code of Intellectual Property,
 - an enterprise or a public institution contractually bound to the applicant, or
 - a specialized professional organization;
- in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act;
- in case of a common representative.

[Updating of Annex C(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)
Location and mailing address:	4 th Floor, Block 2D Jalan Kumbang Pasang Bandar Seri Begawan, BA 1311 Negara Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(673) 223 01 11
E-mail:	enquiries@bruipo.com.bn
Internet:	www.bruipo.com.bn

[Updating of Annex B1(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone numbers and e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Unidad de Patentes Edificio FORUM 300 Avenida República # 396 y Diego de Almagro Quito Ecuador
Telephone:	(593-2) 394 00 00, 394 00 01 to 394 00 10
E-mail:	info@iepi.gob.ec info@propiedadintelectual.gob.ec
Internet:	www.propiedadintelectual.gob.ec

The Office has also notified the discontinuance of the use of its facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified that it will now send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), with effect since 12 May 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2014, is EUR 742.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

Further to the notification by the **Patents Office (Ireland)** as receiving Office that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies.

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:

- when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 38,000
- when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 58,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20¹

For a utility model:

Filing fee:

- when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 17,000
- when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 27,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20¹

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), and as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 (Expedited consideration of change proposals) of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 5.1 (Demand form) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2014.

These modifications are intended to address the requirements for rendering the current version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Due to their highly technical content, they are not reproduced here.

The consolidated text of Appendix I as in force from 1 July 2014 (PCT/AI/DTD/9) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is CHF 905.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in English by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is SGD 1,593.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any resident of Mexico can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) and of the National Chapter, Summary (MX), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is ZAR 22,260.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is GBP 1,490.

[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 **Hungarian forint (HUF)** 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 October 2014, are HUF 44,700 for international applications filed in Russian and HUF 185,500 for international applications filed in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

Information on the requirements of the **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (BN), which is published on the following pages.

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BRUNEI INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (BRUIPO)

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ²), any text matter of drawings, abstract ³ Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract ³ (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report ²)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Brunei dollar (BND) Filing fee: ¹ BND 160
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{4, 5} Evidence of entitlement to apply for or be granted a patent ^{4, 5} Evidence of entitlement to claim priority of earlier application ^{4, 5} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date ⁵ Address for service in Brunei Darussalam if the applicant is not resident in Brunei Darussalam Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

³ The translation of the abstract is only required if the international application has not yet been published.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁵ 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 of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**BRUNEI INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE (BRUIPO)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Brunei Darussalam

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

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JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a reduction of two-thirds of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58) payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively, where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than 10 years, or a micro enterprise.

[Updating of Annexes C, D and E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	10,130
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	760
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,520
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	2,290

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2014, is SEK 1,520.

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – in addition to the reduction of the fee for request for examination where an international search report has been established, reductions are available to individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, academic institutions and certain other entities.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is SEK 17,380.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2014, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	20.90
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	41.80
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):		
– where the request is filed online:	EUR	156.75
– where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	313.50

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 November 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Further to the notification by the **Australian Patent Office** as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 November 2014, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2014, is ISK 290,000.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2014, are SEK 17,380 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2014, is ISK 290,000.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is SEK 17,380.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organisation

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 8 August 2014, the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2014, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 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)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgment of receipt of any purported international application filed with the EAPO as receiving Office contains, 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 EAPO 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), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgment of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgment of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the EAPO 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)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: deposit account or payment by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The EAPO has put in place a help desk (EAPO hot line) for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users filing applications at the EAPO.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.

The EAPO help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (74-95) 411 61 50
- by e-mail at the following address:
hotline@eapo.org

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 as 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. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

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 the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the EAPO will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

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 certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Rue du Progrès 50
1210 Bruxelles
Belgium

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 22 September 2014, is EUR 120.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the deletion of the fiscal fee (EUR 5) which was part of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) payable to it as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2014, are as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 52.25	(online)
	EUR 104.50	(on paper)

For a utility model:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 52.25	(online)
	EUR 104.50	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 28 February 2014, as follows:

		<i>Natural person</i>	<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Others</i>
Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	INR	3,250	8,800	17,600
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	INR	1,100 ¹	2,750 ²	5,500 ³
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 16 <i>bis</i> .2):	INR	3,250 ⁴	8,800 ⁴	17,600 ⁴

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – in certain cases and for language reasons, the examination fee is now reduced by 30%.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Up to 30 pages and, thereafter, INR 30 for each extra page.

² Up to 30 pages and, thereafter, INR 75 for each extra page.

³ Up to 30 pages and, thereafter, INR 150 for each extra page.

⁴ Minimum amount for the late payment fee. This fee is payable in US dollar (equivalent amount of the amount in INR).

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2014, is HUF 588,100.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has specified the following International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities as competent for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cuba with the Cuban Industrial Property Office, or with the International Bureau:

- the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as from 5 August 2014, and
- the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), as from 22 October 2014 (the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority).

These specifications are in addition to those of the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office,

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ecuador with the Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Panama with the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2014, is EUR 1,584.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2014, are EUR 984 for searches carried out in English and EUR 340 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

CL Chile

Further to the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 22 October 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 June 2014, page 85), information on the requirements of the Office in this regard is given in Annexes D(CL) and E(CL), which are published on the following pages.

D International Searching Authorities D

CL NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL CL

PROPERTY (CHILE)¹

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	US dollar (USD)	2,000	(400) ³	(300) ⁴
	Euro (EUR)	1,473	(295) ³	(221) ⁴
	Swiss franc (CHF)	1,808	(362) ³	(271) ⁴
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁵	USD	2,000	(400) ³	(300) ⁴
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	USD	10 per document		
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search carried out by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of 25%			
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	USD	350		
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	None			
Languages accepted for international search:	Spanish			
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes			
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD or DVD.			
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Chilean national applications			

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¹ The Office will begin operating as an International Searching Authority as from 22 October 2014.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity where the applicant is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a university where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁶ See footnote 1.

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**International Preliminary
Examining Authorities**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(CHILE)¹**

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Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	US dollar (USD)	1,500	(400) ³	(300) ⁴
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁵	USD	1,500	(400) ³	(300) ⁴
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁶	USD	221		
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	USD	10	per document	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	USD	10	per document	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%			
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	USD	350		
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	None			
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Spanish			
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Chilean national applications			

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¹ The Office will begin operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 22 October 2014.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity where the applicant is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a university where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf.

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**International Preliminary
Examining Authorities**

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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(CHILE)⁷**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁷ See footnote 1.

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2014, is CHF 1,858.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2014, are CHF 1,171 for searches carried out in English and CHF 405 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MY Malaysia

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 44/2006, of 2 November 2006, pages 19118 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect from 1 October 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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
- PCT-SAFE software¹

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 will be available between 8.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

¹ Until 31 October 2014.

- by telephone at: +603-2299 8400
- by fax at: +603-2299 8989
- by e-mail at: ipmalaysia@myipo.gov.my, pct@myipo.gov.my

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 (www.myipo.gov.my).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

NZ New Zealand

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 24 September 2014, the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) 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 2014, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 will be available between:

- 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday
- 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Friday
(excluding official holidays)

The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at:
 - freephone within New Zealand: 0508 447 669
 - freephone from Australia: 1800 796 338
 - international callers: +64 3 962 2607
- by fax at: +64 4 978 3691
- by e-mail at: epct@iponz.govt.nz

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 (www.iponz.govt.nz).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified that, as from 1 November 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software and will only accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as international applications filed on paper.

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2014, is USD 2,393.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Following the notification by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 September 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 August 2014, pages 121 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	221
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	332

[Updating of Annex C(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 October 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NZD	266
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NZD	399

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified a change in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows: (374-11) 59 75 34, 59 75 30.

[Updating of Annex B1(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2014, are KRW 2,505,000 and SGD 3,050, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,574
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	237
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	355

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 December 2014, is AUD 237.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 December 2014, is KRW 222,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 2 October 2014, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form filed by the following means:

- as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO web-form filing service¹;

- using the EPO case management system under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO case management system².

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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, with effect since 2 October 2014, it is prepared to receive and process subsequently filed documents (including the demand under PCT Chapter II) in electronic form filed by the following means:

¹ See under:
www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notice/archive/webformfiling.html

² See under:
www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notice/archive/cms.html

– as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO web-form filing service³;

– using the EPO case management system under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO case management system⁴.

³ See footnote 1.

⁴ See footnote 2.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and mailing address and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (Albania)
Location and mailing address:	Bulevardi “Gjergj Fishta” Godina Nr. 10 Kati V Tirana Albania
E-mail:	mailinf@dppm.gov.al

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Belgium concerning international-type search. These provisions now consist in Article XI.23, paragraph 10, of the Code of Economic Law.

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (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 December 2014, are USD 174 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 724 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

EE Estonia

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it now applies the “due care” criterion instead of the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (EE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 March 2014.² The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge³	Amount (Brazilian reais)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,685 (online); 2,525 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,360 (online); 2,040 (on paper)
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	630 (online); 945 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	365 (online); 545 (on paper)
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,220 (online); 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	180 (online); 270 (on paper)
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	1.5 (online); 2 (on paper) per page

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf.

² The notification was made on 10 October 2014.

³ These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority⁴ and applicable since 1 March 2014, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	BRL 1,685 (online)
	BRL 2,525 (on paper)
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	BRL 1,360 (online)
	BRL 2,040 (on paper)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	BRL 1.5 (online)
	BRL 2 (on paper) per page
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	BRL 1,220 (online)
	BRL 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	BRL 180 (online)
	BRL 270 (on paper)

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority⁴ and also applicable from 1 March 2014, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	BRL 630 (online)
	BRL 945 (on paper)
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	BRL 365 (online)
	BRL 545 (on paper)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	BRL 1.5 (online)
	BRL 2 (on paper) per page

⁴ These fees are reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the
international application
(PCT Rule 94.2):

BRL	1.5	(online)
BRL	2	(on paper) per page

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):

BRL	1,220	(online)
BRL	1,830	(on paper)

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2):

BRL	180	(online)
BRL	270	(on paper)

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 20.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any Italian agent whose name appears on a list maintained by the Office, any lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll, or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law, can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified that it no longer accepts, for an international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102^{bis}(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 October 2014, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 20 October 2014, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application ; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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)):

- 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 e-mail at: faleconosco@inpi.gov.br

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 not 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 (www.inpi.gov.br).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(27-12) 394 50 01, 394 50 72, 394 50 84
Facsimile machine:	(27-12) 394 60 84
E-mail:	epct@cipc.co.za

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Costa Rica with the Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 15 November 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of El Salvador with the National Center of Registries (El Salvador), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 15 November 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

Following the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 20 October 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 October 2014, pages 157 *et seq.*), the reduction under item 4(c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees is applicable since the same date. The amount of this reduction is the equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** of CHF 200.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, following the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 October 2014, page 155, notifying new amounts of the search fee for a search carried out by the Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable since 1 March 2014, are as follows:¹

CHF	667 (online)	1,000 (on paper)
EUR	550 (online)	824 (on paper)
USD	694 (online)	1,040 (on paper)

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 18 December 2013, is EUR 40.

[Updating of Annex C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ These amounts supersede the amounts published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 January 2014, page 6, of 5 June 2014, page 79, of 10 July 2014, page 105, and of 17 July 2014, page 108.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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 of a number of changes to previous notifications published in the PCT Gazette and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), and, in particular, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 1 November 2014. Hence, the current means for filing international applications with the Office are EPO Online Filing, PCT-SAFE, EPO web-form filing service, EPO case management system and ePCT-Filing. With the exception of ePCT-Filing, all of the aforementioned means are also available for transmitting subsequently filed documents to the Office.

Consequently, since 1 November 2014, the following notification replaces the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, of 21 November 2002, pages 23832 *et seq.*, and No. 47/2005, of 24 November 2005, page 31396, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 91, of 15 May 2014, pages 69 and 71, of 26 June 2014, page 98, and of 9 October 2014, pages 148 *et seq.*

“FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING AND PCT-SAFE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
- DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO Online Filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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 European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not 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 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 European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Västerekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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)).

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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 (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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 European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not 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 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 European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register”

IN India

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 3 November 2014, the **Indian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 November 2014, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 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)):

- 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 acknowledgment 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 e-mail at: patentin-pct@nic.in

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 (www.ipindia.nic.in).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

NZ New Zealand – Corrigendum

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq.*, the part relating to electronic filing software should be corrected to read as follows:

“As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– ePCT-Filing”

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that, with effect from 15 November 2014, it will apply only the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(CR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2015 and will be applicable to all international applications filed on or after that date, consists in withdrawing the limitation of competence applied by the Office, as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, to international applications filed by nationals or residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) or the International Bureau as receiving Office, where such applications contain claims relating to business methods. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A Languages and Kinds of Application

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) [no change]

(ii) the following kinds of application for which it will not act:

as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications where the international search is to be, or has been, performed by an International Searching Authority other than the European Patent Office or the industrial property Office of a State party to the European Patent Convention.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified an additional condition for refund and an additional amount of refund, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office – where a declaration of non-establishment of the international search report is issued under PCT Article 17(2)(a), the amount of AUD 1,500 will be refunded.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

IN India

Following the notification by the **Indian Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 15 November 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 November 2014, pages 170 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	221
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	332

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, with effect since 10 November 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Standartlaşdırma, Metrologiya və Patent üzrə Dövlət Komitəsi State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(99-412) 449 99 59, 594 37 75
Facsimile machine:	(99-412) 449 36 81, 594 37 75
E-mail:	azs@azstand.gov.az info@azstand.gov.az

[Updating of Annex B1(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism
Corner Makarios Ave. and Karpenssiou St.
1427 Nicosia
Cyprus

[Updating of Annex B1(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any attorney-at-law licensed and registered with the Office to practice as a patent agent in Barbados can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BB), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2015, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 182.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2015, as indicated in the table published on pages 183 to 185.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45^{bis}.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2015, as indicated in the table published on page 186.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

Annexes SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE) and (XN),

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b))¹, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are AZN 30 and AZN 20, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee¹, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent or a utility model:

Filing fee (including examination):	AZN	20
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	25
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	AZN	20
Annual fee for the third year:	AZN	50

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 163.

[Updating of Annex C(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Further to the notification by the **Egyptian Patent Office** as receiving Office that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies.

[Updating of Annex C(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ These fees are subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2015, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 82	USD 104
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR [No change]	USD 52
Supplement for airmail:	EUR [No change]	USD 10

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 December 2014, as follows:

Basic fee:	ISK 56,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK 3,500
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK 15,000
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK 28,500

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2015)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 06.10.14	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	Item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.84051876	1,574 1,582	18 18	n.a. n.a.	237 238	355 357	237 238	Current amount* New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.86158835	1,638 1,544	18 17	123 116	246 232	369 348	246 232	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.16290796	8,090 8,160	90 90	610 610	1,220 1,230	1,820 1,840	1,220 1,230	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.21266264	1,084 1,097	12 12	81 82	163 165	244 247	163 165	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.54251006	914 862	10 10	n.a. n.a.	138 130	206 194	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00394061	341,400 337,500	3,900 3,800	25,700 25,400	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00792815	168,000 167,800	1,900 1,900	12,600 12,600	25,300 25,200	37,900 37,800	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00881503	154,800 150,900	1,700 1,700	11,600 11,300	n.a. n.a.	34,900 34,000	23,300 22,700	Current amount New amount
KR - Korean won	0.00090060	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	222,000 222,000	Current amount* New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.14799670	8,780 8,990	100 100	n.a. n.a.	1,320 1,350	1,980 2,030	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.75138665	1,767 1,770	20 20	133 133	266 266	399 399	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.13340572	10,130 9,970	110 110	760 750	1,520 1,500	2,290 2,250	1,520 1,500	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.75280935	1,835 1,767	21 20	138 133	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.96081206	1,471 1,384	17 16	111 104	221 208	332 312	221 208	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.08538092	15,860 15,580	180 180	1,190 1,170	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2014.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR			ISA/CA		ISA/CL				ISA/CN	
	EUR	1,864	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate			Exch. rate		Exch. rate				Exch. rate	
Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.14															
CHF - Swiss franc	1.21266264	2,272 2,260	0.84051876	1,858 1,849	0.39584780	n.a. 1,000 ¹	n.a. 667 ¹	0.86158835	1,299 ¹ 1,379 ¹	0.96081206	1,808 ¹ 1,922 ¹	362 ¹ 384 ¹	271 ¹ 288 ¹	0.15653831	310 329
USD - US dollar	0.79231604	2,393 ² 2,353	1.14311793	1,972 1,925	2.42722598	n.a. 1,040	n.a. 694	1.11516371	1,442 1,435					6.13787182	343 342
EUR - Euro				1,584 ¹ 1,525 ¹	3.06345682	n.a. 824 ¹	n.a. 550 ¹	1.40747934	1,066 ¹ 1,137 ¹	1.26212282	1,473 ¹ 1,585 ¹	295 ¹ 317 ¹	221 ¹ 238 ¹	7.74674689	253 ¹ 271 ¹
AUD - Australian dollar															Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone															Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling															Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint															Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona															Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen															Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00074266	2,505,000 ² 2,510,000	0.00107148	2,070,000 2,053,000											Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone															Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.89395584	2,345 2,461											Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona															Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.62079042	3,050 ² 3,000	0.89564848	2,590 2,460											Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07040781	27,130 26,470	0.10158122	22,260 21,660											Current amount New amount

¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2014.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/EG	ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISAIN			ISA/JP	
		EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	ILS	Exch. rate	INR	Exch. rate		JPY	
Reference currency & Amount	EGP 4,000			1.875		1.875		1.875		3,564		2,500	70,000	
Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.14	Exch. rate			Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate			Exch. rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	525 ³ 538³ 0.13437923	2,301 2,274 1.21266264		2,301 ³ 2,274³ 1.21266264		2,301 ³ 2,274³ 1.21266264		913 ³ 931³ 0.26118747		0.01565646		147 ³ 157³ 1.021	0.00881503	601 617 108.99699939
USD - US dollar	580 559 7.15000410	2,545 2,366 0.79231604		2,545 2,366 0.79231604		2,545 ³ 2,366³ 0.79231604		3,67863006 745³ 4.64288222		61.36839999		162 ³ 163³ 119 ³	108.99699939	673 642 491 ³
EUR - Euro	427 ³ 443³ 9.02418194									77.45444606		30 ³ 32³	137.56757893	509 ³
AUD - Australian dollar														Current amount
DKK - Danish krone		13,990 13,960 0.13433906												Current amount
GBP - Pound sterling		1,490 1,474 1.27200262												Current amount
HUF - Hungarian forint		588,100 577,000 0.00324955												Current amount
ISK - Icelandic krona		290,000 287,000 0.00653780												Current amount
JPY - Japanese yen		267,300 257,900 0.00726915												Current amount
KRW - Korean won													716,000 685,000 0.10216622	Current amount
NOK - Norwegian krone		15,180 15,360 0.12204276												Current amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar		3,057 3,026 0.61961722												Current amount
SEK - Swedish krona		17,380 17,040 0.11001058												Current amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		3,180 3,020 0.62079042											850 820 85.40063486	Current amount
ZAR - South African rand		27,580 26,630 0.07040781												Current amount

³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/KR			ISA/RU			ISA/SE ⁴		ISA/US				ISA/XN ⁵		
	Reference currency & Amount	KRW	1,300,000	450,000	RUB	28,000	6,750	SEK	17,380	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	
Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.14	Exch. rate				Exch. rate					Exch. rate					
CHF - Swiss franc	0.00090060	1,171	405			709	171	2,301	2,301		1,880	940	470		2,301 ⁶
USD - US dollar	1,171	405		0.02416473	677	163	174 ⁷	2,274	2,545	0.96081206	1,998	999	500		2,274 ⁶
	1,212	420		39.76092938	704	170		2,366	2,545						2,545 ⁶
EUR - Euro	1,219	422			704	170		2,366							2,366 ⁶
	984 ⁶	340 ⁶			580	140		1,875	1,875		1,532 ⁶	766 ⁶	383 ⁶		1,875 ⁶
AUD - Australian dollar	965 ⁶	334 ⁶		50.18316854	558	135		1,875	1,875	1.26212262	1,648 ⁶	824 ⁶	412 ⁶		1,875 ⁶
	1,376	476													Current amount
DKK - Danish krone	1,393	482													New amount
								13,990							Current amount
GBP - Pound sterling								13,960							New amount
															Current amount
HUF - Hungarian forint															New amount
					0.16307277	185,500	44,700								Current amount
ISK - Icelandic krona						171,700	41,400								New amount
									290,000						Current amount
JPY - Japanese yen									287,000						New amount
															Current amount
KRW - Korean won															New amount
															Current amount
NOK - Norwegian krone															New amount
								15,180							Current amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar								15,360							New amount
	834.31923482	1,456	504							0.78203291	2,500	1,249	625		Current amount
SEK - Swedish krona		1,558	539								2,660	1,330	660		New amount
															Current amount
SGSD - Singapore dollar															New amount
	835.89895631	1,593	551												Current amount
ZAR - South African rand		1,560	540												New amount
															Current amount
										0.08866329	22,550	11,280	5,640		Current amount
											23,410	11,700	5,850		New amount

[End of Table 2]

⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁷ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2014.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE	ISA/XN							
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	EUR	1,875	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	11,800	18,880 ⁵	SEK	17,380	DKK	13,990	4,000 ⁸		
Exchange rate applicable on 06.10.14 CHF - Swiss franc	Exch. rate	1.21266264	1,031	1,443	2,062	Exch. rate	1.21266264	2,274	Exch. rate	1.21266264	2,274	Exch. rate	0.02416473	285	456	2,274 ⁹	650 ¹⁰

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation.

² For a search of the European or North American documentation.

³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

⁴ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

⁵ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

⁶ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2015.

⁷ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2015.

⁸ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

⁹ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2015.

¹⁰ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2015.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

LC Saint Lucia

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, as well as its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	2 nd Floor, Hewanorra House Trou Garnier Financial Centre Pointe Seraphine Castries Saint Lucia

Telephone:	(1-758) 468 32 30, 468 32 31

Internet:	www.rocip.gov.lc

[Updating of Annex B1(LC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the discontinuance of its mailing address. The location and mailing address of the Office is now as follows:

7(70) Citadeles iela
1010 Riga
Latvia

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address and in its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Registrations Directorate Commerce Department Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business (Malta)

Location and mailing address:	Lascaris Valletta VLT 1933 Malta

Internet: <https://secure2.gov.mt/IPO/default.aspx?ct=1>

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
Location and mailing address:	3 th Floor, Capital Plaza 11-13, Frederick Street Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago
Telephone:	(1-868) 625 99 72, 625 19 07, 627 07 06
Facsimile machine:	(1-868) 624 12 21, 624 37 69

[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Israel Patent Office** 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 January 2015, consists of the addition of Georgia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Israel, United States of America, Georgia;
- (ii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has specified the Israel Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 January 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified changes concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CL Chile

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 17 October 2014, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2015, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 will be available between 8.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (56-2) 28 87 05 50
- by e-mail at: pct@inapi.cl

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 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 (www.inapi.cl).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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 the ePCT private services.”

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FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location: Arkadiankatu 6A
00100 Helsinki
Finland

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1160
00101 Helsinki
Finland

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished only upon invitation;

– the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – after international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Finnish or Swedish or, if the international application was filed in Finnish or Swedish, a copy of the international application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages; these are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patent Law).

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (7-495) 531 63 64 (general)
(7-499) 240 25 91 (application processing)

E-mail: rospatent@rupto.ru (general)
ro-ru@rupto.ru (RO)
isa-ipea@rupto.ru (ISA, SISA, IPEA)

Internet: www.rupto.ru
www1.fips.ru

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

Following the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 January 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 December 2014, pages 190 *et seq.*), the reductions under sub-items 4(c) and (d) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions will be the equivalent amounts in **Chilean peso (CLP)** of 208 and 312 US dollars (USD), respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2015,
3 and 6 April 2015,
25 May 2015,
10 September 2015,
24 September 2015¹,
24, 25 and 31 December 2015.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has informed the International Bureau that it now applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This date may eventually change.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** 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 2015, consists of the addition of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. 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:

China, Angola, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia, Thailand, Turkey, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]"

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** 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 January 2015, consists of the addition of Saudi Arabia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LT Lithuania

As a result of the change in the official currency of Lithuania from **Lithuanian litas (LTL)** to **euro (EUR)** from 1 January 2015, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable from the same date, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	92
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	23
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	115

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)

The **Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Indian Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 March 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed in English by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia with the Saudi Patent Office (SPO), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 January 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/intellectual-property-office

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified that, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications, if authorized, to applicants who did not file their international application with the Office as receiving Office, with effect since 1 December 2014. For a transitional period of six months, these applicants will also receive notifications by post.

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 January 2015, is ILS 766.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of the following change to its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 06/2005, of 10 February 2005, pages 3766 *et seq.*), applicable from 1 January 2015:

“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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)”

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

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ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2013. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	577.87
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	577.87
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2013, are EUR 73.51 and EUR 29.40, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable since 1 January 2013, are EUR 577.87 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

TH Thailand

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (TH), which is published on the following pages.

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Designated (or elected) Office

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DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (DIP) (THAILAND)

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Thai
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ²), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report ²)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Baht (THB) For patent: Filing fee: THB 500 For petty patent: Filing fee: THB 250
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{3, 4} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ⁴ Statement justifying the applicant's right to the invention ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Thailand Power of attorney if an agent is appointed ⁴

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the translation of the international application furnished by the applicant consists only in the translation of the international application either as originally filed or as amended, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation of the international application; if the missing translation of the international application is still not furnished within the time limit applicable under Thai Patent Law, the international application will be considered to be withdrawn.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ 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 and to pay the required fee within a time limit of 90 days from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY (DIP) (THAILAND)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office⁵

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49ter.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

⁵ A list of patent agents may be obtained from the Office.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel – Corrigendum

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the amendments to Part I of Annex C of the above-mentioned Agreement, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2012, page 173, is erroneous. These amendments enter into force on 1 February 2013.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel – Corrigendum

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the new amounts, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), the fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2) and the fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), payable to the **Israel Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2012, pages 173 and 174, is erroneous. These amounts are applicable from 1 February 2013.

[Updating of Annexes D(IL) and E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2013, is KRW 917,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 30 November 2012, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 15 December 2012, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

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. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available Monday to Friday (except public holidays) from 9:00 to 15:00 (GMT+2). The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +370 5 278 0254
- by e-mail at martinas.gladysevas@vpb.gov.lt

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept 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 (www.vpb.lt).

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)):

- EPO customer CA (see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security/smart-cards.html)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

PT Portugal

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 18 January 2013, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 25 January 2013, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or 3.5 inch diskette (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +21 881 81 00

- by fax at +21 886 98 59
- by e-mail at atm@inpi.pt

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

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 (www.inpi.pt).

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)):

- EPO customer CA (see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security/smart-cards.html)
- Portuguese Electronic ID (see www.scee.gov.pt/ecee/en/)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2013, as follows:

Claim fee for each claim in excess of five:	RUB	3,200
Examination fee:		
– for one invention:	RUB	25,500
– additional fee for second invention:	RUB	19,000
– additional fee for third, fourth and fifth invention, per invention:	RUB	9,500

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** 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 2013, is JPY 206,700.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	121,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,400
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	9,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	27,400

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2013, are CHF 767, EUR 635 and USD 834, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 March 2013, is JPY 18,300.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (358) (0) 29 509 5000

Facsimile machine: (358) (0) 29 509 5328

However, the old numbers remain valid until further notice.

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: Prinses Beatrixlaan 2,
2595 AL Den Haag,
Netherlands

Mailing address: P.O. Box 10366,
2501 HJ Den Haag,
Netherlands

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia), with effect since 28 January 2013.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified a change concerning the sending of notifications via e-mail by the Office in respect of international applications – the Office now sends notifications through this medium.

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office. Two copies must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2013, is ISK 321,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2013, is ISK 321,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2013, is ISK 321,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are CHF 687, EUR 559, KRW 842,000, SGD 955 and USD 756, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is ZAR 21,560.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is ZAR 20,470.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is EUR 1,186.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are JPY 234,800 and ZAR 22,650, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	135,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,500
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	10,200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	30,600

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2013, is JPY 20,400.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 July 2012, is RSD 6,300.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	13,070
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	150
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	980

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is GBP 1,619.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 186,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 14,000
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 28,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 42,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is ZAR 18,510.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified that the 30-month time limits under PCT Article 22(1) and PCT Article 39(1)(a) may be extended by two months, provided that the applicant pays the prescribed fee (see PCT Article 48 and Rule 103 of the Implementing Regulations of the Chinese Patent Law).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

JP Japan

The International Bureau has been notified of the following changes, applicable from 1 April 2013, in the addresses of the **International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD)**, **National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)**, and of the **Patent Microorganisms Depositary (NPMD)**, **National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)**, international depositary authorities under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD)
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
#120, 2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-shi
Chiba 292-0818
Japan

Patent Microorganisms Depositary (NPMD)
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
#122, 2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-shi
Chiba 292-0818
Japan

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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EG Egypt

Agreement between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 33 to 38, of the text of the above-mentioned Agreement as signed on 30 September 2009, the **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the said Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 April 2013.

The updated Agreement, which is set out on pages 34 to 40, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, to appoint the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 1 April 2013.

The Office has notified that it will initially operate as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority only for applications filed with it as receiving Office or for applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office by applicants who are eligible to file with the Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office.

Further information on the requirements of the Office as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(EG) and E(EG), which are published on pages 41 to 43.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_eg.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, page 30.

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** 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 April 2013, consists of the addition of Malaysia to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore and Malaysia;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore and Malaysia;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore or Malaysia:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change concerning the non-electronic filing fee component of the transmittal fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office – the lower fee of USD 200 applicable to small entities is also applicable to micro entities⁴ since 19 March 2013.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts of this fee, also applicable since 19 March 2013, are now as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 1,420
For a small entity:	USD 710
For a micro entity:	USD 355

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 19 March 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows (the first amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a small entity, and the second amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a micro entity):

Basic national fee:	USD 280	(140)	(70)
Search fee:			
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD 0	(0)	(0)
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	USD 120	(60)	(30)
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD 480	(240)	(120)
– All other situations:	USD 600	(300)	(150)
Examination fee:			
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD 0	(0)	(0)
– All other situations:	USD 720	(360)	(180)

⁴ For details on the “micro entity” status, see 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/77fr75019.pdf, page 75033.

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):	USD 400	(200)	(100)
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:	USD 420	(210)	(105)
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:	USD 80	(40)	(20)
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:	USD 780	(390)	(195)
Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage:	USD 140	(70)	(35)
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	USD 140	(70)	(35)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has specified itself, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2013 with the Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by applicants who are eligible to file with the Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malaysia with the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, with effect from 1 April 2013.

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Agreement

**Between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the Egyptian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) "Treaty" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) "Regulations" mean the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) "Administrative Instructions" means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) "Article" (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;

- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “The Authority” means the Egyptian Patent Office;
- (h) “The International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11

Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this thirtieth day of September two thousand and nine, in two originals in the Arabic and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Egyptian Academy of Scientific
Research and Technology by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
any African, Asian and/or Arab Contracting State;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) Arabic or English for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States;
 - (b) English for international applications filed with any other receiving Office.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Egyptian national applications.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Egyptian pounds)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	4,000 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	4,000 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	3,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	3,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58bis]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,600
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	200

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% 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 Egypt or a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)) ²	50
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2):	
— for the first 30 pages	200
— for each additional page	3

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search taken into account in accordance with Rule 4.12, 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded upon request by the applicant.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Arabic or English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

² The applicant receives, together with the international search report, the opinion of the international Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

D

International Searching Authorities

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EG

EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE¹

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ^{2, 3}	Egyptian pound (EGP)	4,000
	Euro (EUR)	456
	Swiss franc (CHF)	559
	US dollar (USD)	593
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ^{3, 4}	EGP	4,000
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. Additional copies may be ordered at EGP 50 per document.	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50% upon request by the applicant	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EGP	1,600
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EGP	200
Languages accepted for international search:	Arabic ⁵ , English ^{5, 6}	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	Diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Egyptian national applications	

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¹ The Egyptian Patent Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 1 April 2013.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee is reduced by 25% 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 which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁵ For international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

⁶ For international applications filed with any receiving Office other than the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

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International Searching Authorities

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EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE⁷

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted?

No

⁷ See footnote 1.

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

EG EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE¹ EG

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Egyptian pound (EGP)	3,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	EGP	3,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ²	EGP	1,432
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report, free of charge. Additional copies may be ordered at EGP 50 per document.	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EGP	200 for the first 30 pages
	plus EGP	3 for each additional page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EGP	1,600
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EGP	200
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Arabic ⁴ , English ^{4, 5}	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined in Egyptian national applications	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

¹ The Egyptian Patent Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 April 2013.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ For international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

⁵ For international applications filed with any receiving Office other than the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes C and E

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) and (iv) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C and to Annex E thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 May 2013, relate to the introduction, in addition to the full supplementary international search, of a supplementary international search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority. The amended Annexes C and E will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Danish kroner)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	... ²
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	4,000
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[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 in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf.

² Same amount in Danish kroner as the search fee under Rule 16.1(a).

Annex E
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

- (1) [No change]
- (2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:
 - (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority;
 - (ii) only the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority.
- (3) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	939
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	11
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	141
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	212

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2013, is CHF 902.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), the **Nordic Patent Institute**, in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search, has notified, in addition to the supplementary search fee for a full search, the introduction, with effect from 1 May 2013, of a supplementary search fee for a search of only the documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), an equivalent amount of this fee has been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2013, is CHF 650.

[Updating of Annex SISA (XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office³ (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c) – it now accepts Welsh⁴ in addition to English.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau that the 30-month time limits under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a) may be extended up to three months, provided the applicant pays the prescribed fee. They may also be extended for periods longer than three months, but only at the discretion of the Registrar.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

⁴ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

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IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is USD 959.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2013, is ILS 776.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 173,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 13,000
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 26,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 39,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change, applicable from 1 May 2013, in the currency of payment of the transmittal fee, the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the search fee, as well as in the currency of the reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees from **Mexican peso (MXN)** to **US dollar (USD)**. These fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are now as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD 323.70
International filing fee:	USD 1,419

Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	16
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	107
Search fee:	Equivalent in USD of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant	

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) – it now accepts Romanian¹ in addition to English, French, German and Russian¹.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

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IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is EUR 737.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified the amounts of the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(d), in **CFA franc BEAC (XAF)**, payable to it as designated Office, as follows:

For a patent:

In case of failure by the applicant:	XAF	375,000
In case of failure by the agent:	XAF	650,000

For a utility model:

In case of failure by the applicant:	XAF	100,000
In case of failure by the agent:	XAF	260,000

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NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.agentschapnl.nl

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 26 April 2013, as follows:

Provasoli-Guillard National Center for Marine Algae and Microbiota (NCMA)
60 Bigelow Drive
East Boothbay
Maine 04544
United States of America

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Blloku Vasil Shanto
Rr. "Viktor Eftimiu"
Ish Instituti Energjetikes
Kati 4
Tirana
Albania

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of a document must now be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission.

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is USD 710.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, applicable since 15 April 2013. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application

Address for service in Australia (but no representation by an agent is required)

Verification of translation

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

pct@patentamt.at

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Rua São Bento N° 1, 17° andar
Centro, CEP 20.090-010
Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Brazil

Telephone: (55-21) 3037 36 86, 3037 37 42,
3037 33 18, 3037 42 44

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of two components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2012, are as follows:

For a patent:

Search and examination fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	280

For a utility model:

Search fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	150

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

SA Saudi Arabia

On 3 May 2013, **Saudi Arabia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 3 August 2013, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 August 2013 will automatically include the designation of Saudi Arabia (country code: SA).

Saudi Arabia will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 3 August 2013. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia will be entitled, as from 3 August 2013, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2013, is SGD 878.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** 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 June 2013, consists of the addition of Indonesia to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia or Indonesia:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows: (56-2) 28 87 05 50, 28 87 05 51.

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2013, is KRW 776,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Indonesia with the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia), with effect from 1 June 2013.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	7 th floor BAOBAB Tower, Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
Telephone:	(1-246) 625-2400, 625-2450
Facsimile machine:	(1-246) 424-2366
E-mail:	general@caipo.gov.bb
Internet:	www.caipo.gov.bb

[Updating of Annex B1(BB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

KM Comoros

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)

On 25 March 2013, the **Comoros** deposited its instrument of accession to the **Bangui Agreement establishing the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** and on 25 May 2013, became bound by that Agreement.

As a result, any international application filed on or after 25 May 2013 includes the designation of the Comoros for an OAPI patent, and no longer includes the designation of that State for a national patent.

Moreover, since 25 May 2013, nationals and residents of the Comoros may file international applications with OAPI as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Annex B1(KM) and updating of Annexes B2(OA) and C(OA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes A and C

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to item (ii) of Annex A and to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 August 2013. The amended Annexes A and C will read as follows:

“Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [no change]
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office: English, Portuguese and Spanish;
 - (b) for international applications filed with receiving Offices established at Latin American and Caribbean regions: English, Portuguese and Spanish;²
 - (c) for international applications filed with any other receiving Office: English and Portuguese.²

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge³	Amount (Brazilian reais)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,250
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,815
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	840

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf.

² This information also updates Annexes D and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

³ These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (see Official Resolution of INPI-BR of December 30, 2011 No. 280/11).

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	485
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]"

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to the Office as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2012, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ⁴	BRL	175 (online)
	BRL	235 (on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BRL	135 (online)
	BRL	180 (on paper)

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 August 2013, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ⁴	BRL	2,250
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	BRL	1,815

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2013, are CHF 1,054, EUR 849 and USD 1,098, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 August 2013, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ⁴	BRL	840

⁴ This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 280/11 of 30 December 2011.

Additional preliminary
examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):⁵ BRL 485

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2012, as follows:

For patent:⁵

Filing fee:	BRL	175	(online)
	BRL	235	(on paper)

First annual fee:	BRL	295

For utility model:⁵

Filing fee:	BRL	175	(online)
	BRL	235	(on paper)

First annual fee:	BRL	200

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 1 June 2013 – in addition to the filing fee, the grant fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person in whose name the invention will be patented.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 280/11 of 30 December 2011.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

General information on **Brunei Darussalam** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(BN) and C(BN), which are published on pages 73 to 76.

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Cra. 13 No. 27-00 Piso 1, 3, 5, 10 Bogotá, D.C. Colombia
Telephone:	(57-1) 587 00 00
Facsimile machine:	(57-1) 587 02 84
E-mail:	contactenos@sic.gov.co

[Updating of Annex B1(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is EUR 1,572.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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General information

Name of Office:	Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)
Location and mailing address:	Knowledge Hub (KHub), Block B26, Simpang 32-37, Anggerek Desa, Bandar Seri Begawan BB3713, Negara Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(673) 238 09 65, 238 09 66
Facsimile machine:	(673) 238 05 45
E-mail:	enquiries@brunei-patents.com.bn
Internet:	www.brunei-patents.com.bn
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	Only documents that do not require payment of any official fees
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam:	Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or elected):	Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)
May Brunei Darussalam be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Brunei Darussalam concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or
elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. 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 of two months from the date of the
invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

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BN	PATENT REGISTRY OFFICE (BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)	BN

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Brunei Darussalam
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Brunei dollar (BND)
Transmittal fee:	BND 150
International filing fee:	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 100
Search fee:	Equivalent in BND of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP) or (KR)
Fee for priority document:	BND 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BND 500
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, but an address for service in Brunei Darussalam is required

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¹ 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”).

² See footnote 1.

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Receiving Offices

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**PATENT REGISTRY OFFICE
(BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)**

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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Brunei Darussalam

Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ³
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ³
Particular instances in which a a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant

³ 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).

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IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in the location and mailing address and in the telephone and facsimile numbers of its branch office in New Delhi, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	The Patent Office Delhi Intellectual Property Office Building Sector-14, Block No. 32 Dwarka New Delhi 110 075 India
Telephone:	(91-11) 25 30 02 00, 28 03 43 10
Facsimile machine:	(91-11) 28 03 43 01

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Iceland concerning international-type search. These provisions are now Section 9 of the Icelandic Patent Act and Section 25 of the Regulation Concerning Patent Applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 11 January 2013, is COP 865,000¹.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of two components of the national fee, in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 11 January 2013, are as follows:

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research registered with the Chamber of Commerce.

For a patent:

Filing fee: COP 500,000

For a utility model:

Filing fee: COP 270,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	None	None
The applicant may request that a sample only be made available to an expert before the patent is granted or if the application has been withdrawn, or has been treated as having been abandoned, has been refused or is treated as having been refused. The applicant should make such requests to the International Bureau in writing before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application.		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10025, 10078, 10095).

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Norway concerning international-type search. These provisions are now Section 9 of the Patents Act of Norway and Section 29 of the Regulations.

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Švermova 43
P.O. Box 7
974 04 Banská Bystrica 4
Slovakia

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2013, are KRW 2,352,000 and USD 2,084, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2012, are as follows:

For a patent:

- where the Office is
a designated Office:

HUF	37,400	plus
HUF	1,900	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF	3,800	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF	5,600	for each claim in excess of 30

- where the Office is
an elected Office:

HUF	18,700	plus
HUF	950	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF	1,900	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF	2,800	for each claim in excess of 30

For a utility model:

HUF	18,700	plus
HUF	1,200	for each claim in excess of 10

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2013, are AUD 1,216 for searches carried out in English and AUD 421 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2012, is EUR 166.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is ZAR 21,120.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)

On 4 July 2013, the **Islamic Republic of Iran** deposited its instrument of ratification to the PCT and on 4 October 2013, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 4 October 2013 will automatically include the designation of the Islamic Republic of Iran (country code: IR).

The Islamic Republic of Iran will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 4 October 2013. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be entitled, as from 4 October 2013, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Industry (United Arab Emirates)**, has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)
Location and mailing address:	P.O. Box 3625 Sheikh Khalifa Bin Saeed Street Dubai United Arab Emirates P.O. Box 901 Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates
Telephone:	Dubai: (971-4) 14 15 81, 14 15 60 Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 613 14 02
Facsimile machine:	Dubai: (971-4) 385 10 77, 358 13 13 Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 626 36 34
E-mail:	kalsuwaidi@economy.ae raalmoalla@economy.ae
Internet:	www.economy.gov.ae

[Updating of Annex B1(AE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now: pct@moc.go.th

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Derzhavna Sluzhba Intelektualnoi Vlasnosti Ukrainy

State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)**, has notified the filing fee for a utility model, in **United Arab Emirates dirham (AED)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, which is now as follows:

For a patent and a utility model:

Filing fee:	AED	800	(400) ¹

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Thailand, one is now required if the applicant is a non-resident.

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that the 31-month time limits under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) may be extended, provided the applicant pays the prescribed fee.²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² See the National Chapter (AU), Annex AU.I, of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is CHF 1,905.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is USD 1,536.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is EUR 157.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: valde@lrpv.gov.lv

Internet: www.lrpv.gov.lv

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is ZAR 23,530.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee: AUD 1,536

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: AUD 17

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY: AUD 115

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): AUD 231

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): AUD 346

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2013, are NZD 2,573 and SGD 2,570, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2013, is AUD 231.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are NOK 14,860, NZD 3,136 and ZAR 24,720, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is NZD 2,660.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	14,320
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	160
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	1,080

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the following change to its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 June 2012, pages 90 *et seq.*), applicable since 28 July 2013:

“As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office’s website (<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/pct/Pages/default.aspx>).”

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RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are CHF 955, EUR 770 and USD 1,010, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2013, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RSD 7,020	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,680	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 420	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 30	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 2,820	

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 July 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,020
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 700
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,020
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 9,840

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,020
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days – Corrigendum

Further to the information published in the Official Notices of 18 October 2012, page 148, the date of 14 October 2013 appearing on the list of non-working days for the International Bureau in 2013 should be replaced by the following date: 15 October 2013.

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

G/F, 2/F, 14/F, 16/F Intellectual Property Center
#28 Upper McKinley Road
McKinley Hill Town Center
Fort Bonifacio
Taguig City
1634 Philippines

[Updating of Annex B1(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **ariary (MGA)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable since 1 July 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

Filing fee: MGA 180,000 (144,000)¹

Annual fees:

For the 3rd year: MGA 125,000 (100,000)¹

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable if the applicant is a natural person who resides in, or a legal entity whose head office is in, one of the States specified in the schedule of fees attached to Order No. 12285/2013 (see www.omapi.mg/taxes_2013.php). If there are two or more applicants, each applicant must satisfy these criteria.

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2013, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 20.85

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 41.70

Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 156.36
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 312.72

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following: Indian Patent Office.

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent should now refer to Articles 18 and 161 of the Patent Law, 2011, and the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent should now refer to Article 20 of that Law.

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Further to a request by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is HUF 542,900.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

Further to a request by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(b), equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from 1 September 2013. These amounts, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	314,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	3,500
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	HUF	23,700

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Further to a request by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is HUF 48,300.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is NOK 14,860.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is NOK 14,860.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change as to whether a copy of the international application is required – it now requires such a copy.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

General information on **Saudi Arabia** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(SA) and C(SA), which are published on pages 108 to 111.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2013, is CHF 1,428.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified new amounts of one of the components of the national fee, in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 11 January 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Annual fees:	
– for the first to the fourth years, per year:	COP 206,000 (306,000) ¹

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 11 January 2013 – certain fees are now reduced where the applicant is a national of Colombia².

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² See Resolution No. 173, of 11 January 2013.

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Information on Contracting States

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SA

SAUDI ARABIA

SA

General information

Name of Office:	Saudi Patent Office (SPO)
Location and mailing address:	King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, P.O Box 6086, Riyadh 11442, Saudi Arabia
Telephone:	(966-11) 481 33 44
Facsimile machine:	(966-11) 481 38 30
E-mail:	patents@kacst.edu.sa
Internet:	www.patents.kacst.edu.sa
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
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 14 days from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
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 Aramex, DHL, Federal Express, TNT or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia:	Saudi Patent Office (SPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected):	Saudi Patent Office (SPO)
May Saudi Arabia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Saudi Arabia concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Saudi Arabia is designated (or
elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the indications
concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time
limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the
applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of
90 days from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

C	Receiving Offices	C
SA	SAUDI PATENT OFFICE (SPO)	SA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Saudi Arabia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “due care” and the “unintentional” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100
International filing fee:	USD 1,419
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	USD 107
Search fee:	See Annex D(CA), (EG), (EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	USD 100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 500

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (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”).

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Saudi Arabia Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Saudi Arabia

Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Calle De la Prosa 104
San Borja
Lima 41
Peru

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2013, is SGD 3,040.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,490
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	112
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	224
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	336

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2013, is CAD 224.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2013, is SGD 3,190.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2013, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 52.12	(online)
	EUR 104.24	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR 52.12	(online)
	EUR 104.24	(on paper)
Examination fee (whenever examination is requested):	EUR 78.18	(online)
	EUR 156.36	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified a change, applicable from 1 January 2014, in the currency of payment of the transmittal fee and the fee for the priority document, from **Latvian lat (LVL)** to **euro (EUR)**. These fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are now as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	68.87

Fee for priority document:	EUR	17.22

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **nuevo sol (PEN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	PEN	720

For utility model:

Filing fee:	PEN	324

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it. These requirements are now as follows:

Any agent registered to practice before the Office¹

Any natural or legal person entered in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office

¹ A list of agents is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/>

Any attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship

Any legal person, with a registered office in Croatia, employing at least one person that has passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the exemption from the filing fee which applied if the applicant in the international application claimed priority from an earlier national application filed with the Office is no longer in force.

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it. These requirements are now as follows:

Any agent registered to practice before the Office²

Any natural or legal person entered in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office

Any attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship

Any legal person, with a registered office in Croatia, employing at least one person that has passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² A list of agents is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/>

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IN India

Agreement between the Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2007, pages 234 to 239, of the text of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the said Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 15 October 2013.

The updated Agreement, which is set out on pages 120 to 126, will enter into force on that date.

The Office has notified that it will operate as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for applications filed with it as receiving Office or for applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office by applicants who are eligible to file with the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office.

RECEIVING OFFICES

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 15 October 2013 with the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by applicants who are eligible to file with the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_in.pdf.

**Agreement
between the Government of India
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the Indian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Indian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
- (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Indian Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Government of India gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of India written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-fifth day of September two thousand and thirteen, in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of India by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following State for which it will act:
India; and any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter which is searched or examined under *The Patents Act, 1970* administered by the Indian Patent Office.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Indian rupees)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	10,000 (2,500) ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	10,000 (2,500) ²
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	4,000 (1,000) ²
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2)	4,000 (1,000) ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	10,000 (2,500) ²
– in other cases	12,000 (3,000) ²
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 ~~bis~~]

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):

– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	10,000	(2,500) ³
– in other cases	12,000	(3,000) ³

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2),
per page

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Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application by the Authority, 25 to 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded, less a processing fee equivalent to the amount of the transmittal fee, as set by the Indian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:

English.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IN India

Agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization – Corrigendum¹

The text of the Agreement between the Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 October 2013, pages 120 to 126, should be corrected as follows:

- wherever they appear, the words “Government of India” should be replaced by “Indian Patent Office”;
- in Annex C, Part I, the reference to “Rule 58*bis*” should be replaced by a reference to “Rule 58*bis*.2”;
- in Annex C, Part II, paragraph (3), the words “25 to 50%” should be replaced by “25% to 50%”.

Further information on the requirements of the **Indian Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(IN) and E(IN), which are published on the following pages.

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_in.pdf.

D International Searching Authorities D

IN INDIAN PATENT OFFICE¹ IN

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	Indian rupee (INR)	10,000	(2,500) ³
	Euro (EUR)	129	(32) ³
	Swiss franc (CHF)	159	(40) ³
	US dollar (USD)	172	(43) ³
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	INR	10,000	(2,500) ³
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	INR	4	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application: refund of 25% to 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ³
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ³
Languages accepted for international search:	English		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes		
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R.		
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched under the Patents Act, 1970 administered by the Indian Patent Office		

¹ The Indian Patent Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 15 October 2013.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted?

No

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

IN INDIAN PATENT OFFICE¹ IN

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Indian rupee (INR)	12,000 ³	(3,000) ⁴
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁵	INR	12,000 ³	(3,000) ⁴
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁶	USD	213	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	INR	4	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	INR	4	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100% ⁷		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ⁸
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ⁸
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined under the Patents Act, 1970 administered by the Indian Patent Office		
Waiver of power of attorney:			
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No		

¹ The Indian Patent Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 15 October 2013.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is reduced to INR 10,000 when the international search report was prepared by the Indian Patent Office.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual. It is reduced to INR 2,500 when the international search report was prepared by the Indian Patent Office.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ A processing fee equivalent to the amount of the transmittal fee (see Annex C(IN)) will be deducted from this refund.

⁸ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

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**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES)**

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office¹ can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ A list is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www2.uprp.pl/listarzecznikow/>

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SC Seychelles

The **Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles)** has notified a change in its location, which is now as follows:

1st Floor, Independence House
Victoria
Mahé
Seychelles

[Updating of Annex B1(SC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26BIS.3(J)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15988), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 6 November 2013. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) will therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.1(G)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 6 November 2013. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) will therefore apply from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.2(H)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 6 November 2013. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) will therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51BIS.1(F)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.1(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2024), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 6 November 2013. PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) will therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Via 28 Luglio, 212
47893 Borgo Maggiore, B4
San Marino

E-mail: info.brevettiemarchi@pa.sm

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, applicable from 1 January 2014 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee: SEK 16,330
CHF 2,301
DKK 13,990
ISK 308,000
NOK 15,180
USD 2,545

Additional search fee: SEK 16,330

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2014, is CHF 2,301.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 70.

[Updating of Annex C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the translation of the international application should now be furnished in three copies.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 81	USD 111
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR [No change]	USD 55
	Supplement for airmail: EUR and USD [No change]	

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

ES Spain

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) or under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office or as designated Office, respectively. The amount of the fee is EUR 88.66 where the request is filed online and EUR 104.31 where it is filed on paper.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) and of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Apartado postal 523 2010 Zapote San José Costa Rica
E-mail:	cmena@rnp.go.cr kquesada@rnp.go.cr
Internet:	www.rnpdigital.com/ propiedad_industrial/index.htm

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 240 ¹
For a small entity: ²	USD 120 ³
For a micro entity: ⁴	USD 60 ⁵

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 400.

² For details on the entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status, see 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

³ In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 200.

⁴ For details on the entitlement to and establishment of "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

⁵ In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 200.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows for each of the fees:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 2,080
For a small entity:	USD 1,040
For a micro entity:	USD 520

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows (the amounts in parentheses are payable when the international search was not carried out by the Office):

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 600 (760)
For a small entity:	USD 300 (380)
For a micro entity:	USD 150 (190)

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **US dollar (USD)**, also payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 600
For a small entity:	USD 300
For a micro entity:	USD 150

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-fourth (19th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2014, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 147.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2014, as indicated in the table published on pages 148 to 150.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2014, as indicated in the table published on page 151.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE) and (XN),

E(AT), (AU), (BR), (CA), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant is now required to send such a copy only if the national application is filed prior to the publication of the international application.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Oath or declaration of the inventor

Information disclosure statement is recommended.

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2014,
18 and 21 April 2014,
29 May 2014,
9 June 2014,
11 September 2014,
6 October 2014,
25 and 26 December 2014.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2014)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 07.10.13	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	Schedule of fees item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.85296054	1,536 1,559	17 18	115 117	231 234	346 352	231 234	Current amount New amount
BRL - Brazilian real	0.40977716	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	432 488	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.87663599	1,490 1,517	17 17	112 114	224 228	336 342	224 228	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.16449935	8,200 8,090	90 90	620 610	1,230 1,220	1,850 1,820	1,230 1,220	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.22710240	1,100 1,084	12 12	83 81	165 163	248 244	165 163	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.45437549	939 914	11 10	n.a. n.a.	141 138	212 206	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00415587	314,700 320,000	3,500 3,600	23,700 24,100	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.25439353	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	776 786	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00747748	173,100 177,900	2,000 2,000	13,000 13,400	26,000 26,700	39,000 40,100	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00932602	135,500 142,600	1,500 1,600	10,200 10,700	n.a. n.a.	30,600 32,200	20,400 21,400	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00084286	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	238,000 237,000	Current amount New amount
MWK - Malawian kwacha	0.00241813	424,700 550,000	4,800 6,200	31,900 41,400	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.15153903	8,130 8,780	90 100	n.a. n.a.	1,220 1,320	1,830 1,980	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.75256464	1,712 1,767	19 20	129 133	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.14085217	9,330 9,440	110 110	700 710	1,400 1,420	2,100 2,130	1,400 1,420	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.72465900	1,743 1,835	20 21	131 138	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.90387686	1,419 1,471	16 17	107 111	213 221	320 332	213 221	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.09053812	14,320 14,690	160 170	1,080 1,100	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Brazilian real and Korean won, respectively, of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in new Israeli sheqel of the amounts in United States dollar indicated below.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2014)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT	ISA/AU	ISA/BR	ISA/CA	ISA/CN	ISA/EG	
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	AUD	BRL	CAD	CNY	EGP	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 07.10.13</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	
CHF - Swiss franc	2,159 1.22710240 2,190	1,905 0.85296054 1,877	955 ¹ 0.40977716 922¹	1,428 ¹ 0.87663599 1,403¹	313 ¹ 0.14764453 310¹	559 ¹ 0.13112970 525¹	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	2,303 0.73659448 2,423	2,084 1.05969364 2,076	1,010 2.20577659 1,020	1,536 1.03107432 1,552	334 6.12198003 343	593 6.88298874 580	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro		1,572 ¹ 1.43863912 1,529¹	770 ¹ 2.99456029 751¹	1,186 ¹ 1.39978556 1,143¹	259 ¹ 8.31119452 253¹	456 ¹ 9.35792881 427¹	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar							Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone							Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling							Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint							Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona							Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen							Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	2,566,000 0.00068687 2,599,000	2,352,000 0.00098816 2,226,000					Current amount New amount
MWK - Malawian kwacha							Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone							Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar		2,573 0.88229713 2,493					Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona							Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	3,040 0.59054484 3,020	2,570 0.84958091 2,590					Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	23,530 0.07378204 24,190	20,470 0.10614572 20,730					Current amount New amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISAE ²	ISAE/S	ISAF/I	ISAI/L	ISAI/N	ISAJ/P
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	EUR	EUR	ILS	INR	JPY
Exchange rates applicable on 07.10.13	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate
CHF - Swiss franc	2,268 2,301	2,268 ² 2,301 ²	2,268 ² 2,301 ²	902 ² 890 ²	159 ³ 147 ³	687 653
USD - US dollar	2,419 2,545	2,419 ² 2,545 ²	2,419 ² 2,545 ²	959 ² 985 ²	172 ³ 162 ³	710 722
EUR - Euro	0.73659448 0.73659448	0.73659448 0.73659448	0.73659448 0.73659448	737 ² 726 ²	129 ³ 119 ³	559 ² 532 ²
AUD - Australian dollar				4.82363844	83.71525566	131.57833722
DKK - Danish krone	13,980 13,990					
GBP - Pound sterling	1.619 1.582					
HUF - Hungarian forint	542,900 553,600					
ISK - Icelandic krona	290,000 308,000					
JPY - Japanese yen	234,800 246,700					
KRW - Korean won	0.00760004					
MMK - Malawian kwacha	724,000 951,000					776,000 775,000
NOK - Norwegian krone	14,860 15,180					
NZD - New Zealand dollar	3,136 3,057					
SEK - Swedish krona	15,900 16,330					
SGD - Singapore dollar	3,190 3,180					878 901
ZAR - South African rand	24,720 25,410					

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² Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/KR		ISARU		ISA/SE ³		ISA/US			ISA/XN ⁴	
Reference currency & Amount	KRW	1,300,000	450,000	RUB	6,750	SEK	15,900	USD	2,080	DKK	13,980
Exchange rates applicable on 07.10.13	Exch. rate			Exch. rate		SEK	16,330	USD	1,040 ⁵	DKK	13,990
CHF - Swiss franc	0.00084286	1,094	379	0.02802345	204	2,268	2,301	0.90387686	n.a.		2,268 ⁶ 2,301 ⁶
USD - US dollar	1072.39582124	1,167	404	32.25430624	217	2,419	2,545		n.a.		2,419 ⁶ 2,545 ⁶
EUR - Euro	1455.88359029	904 ⁶ 893 ⁶	313 ⁶ 309 ⁶	43.78841678	157	1,875	1,875	1.35759909	n.a.		1,875 ⁶ 1,875 ⁶
AUD - Australian dollar	1011.98665445	1,216	421		154						1,875 ⁶ New amount
DKK - Danish krone		1,285	445			13,980	13,990				New amount
GBP - Pound sterling											New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint											New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona				0.14829958	48300 45500						New amount
JPY - Japanese yen						290,000	308,000			290,000	New amount
KRW - Korean won											New amount
MMK - Malawian kwacha											New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone						14,860	15,180			14,860	New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	892.87292016	1,408	487					0.83259642	n.a.		New amount
SEK - Swedish krona		1,456	504						1,249	625	New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	859.76454703	1,430	500							15,900	New amount
ZAR - South African rand		1,510	520							16,330	New amount
								0.10016643	20,770	10,383	New amount
									n.a.	5,191	New amount

[End of Table 2]

³ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2014, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2014, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ This new amount will be applicable as from January 1, 2014.

⁶ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2014)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT	ISA/EP	ISA/FI	ISA/RU	ISA/SE	ISA/XN
Reference currency & amount	EUR 850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR 1,875	1,875	Equivalent 11,800 18,880 ⁵ in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	SEK 15,900	DKK 13,980 4,000 ⁸
Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.13	1.22710240	1.22710240	1.22710240	0.02802345	0.16449935	0.16449935
CHF - Swiss franc	1,043 1,460 2,086	2,301	2,301	331 529	2,301 ⁹	2,301 ¹⁰ 660 ¹⁰

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation only.

² For a search of the European or North American documentation only.

³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation only.

⁴ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss franc, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

⁵ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

⁶ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2014.

⁷ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2014.

⁸ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

⁹ New equivalent amount in Swiss franc of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2014.

¹⁰ New equivalent amount in Swiss franc of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2014.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PA Panama

General information on **Panama** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(PA), which is published on the following pages.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI (Panama))** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish: the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	Copy of the certificate of deposit and authorization to view the deposited biological material

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General information

Name of Office:	Dirección General del Registro de la Propiedad Industrial (DIGERPI) Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)
Location:	Avenida Ricardo J. Alfaro, edificio Plaza Edison, 2.º piso, Panama
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 0815-01119 , Zona 4, Panama
Telephone:	(507) 560 07 06, 560 06 00 (ext. 2100)
Facsimile machine:	(507) 317 61 70
E-mail:	dgrpi@mici.gob.pa
Internet:	www.digerpi.gob.pa/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
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)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Panama:	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Panama is designated (or elected):	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)
May Panama be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Panama concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Panama is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Panama 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?

Yes (see Annex L)

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified changes in the name of the Office in Georgian, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office (in Georgian):	Sakartvelos Intelektualuri Sakutrebis Erovnuli Tsentri
Location and mailing address:	5, Antioch Street 3300 Mtskheta Georgia
Telephone:	(995-32) 225 25 33
Facsimile machine:	(995-32) 298 84 26
E-mail:	info@sakpatenti.org.ge

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished within 30 days from the date of the transmission;

– its requirements as to whether it would 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) – it continues to accept such evidence, but has removed the requirement that the delivery service should be DHL or Federal Express.

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	office@agepi.gov.md
Internet:	www.agepi.gov.md

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Georgian, in addition to English and Russian, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

GE Georgia

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (GE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified changes in its mailing address and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Mailing address:	P.O. Box 9241 Marion Square Wellington 6141 New Zealand
E-mail:	mail@iponz.govt.nz

[Updating of Annex B1(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 January 2014, consist in introducing new amounts of the search fee, the additional search fee, the preliminary examination fee and the additional preliminary examination fee for applications in English. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	28,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Russian)	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	28,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Russian)	6,750

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	10,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	2,700
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	15,750
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,050
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	10,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	2,700
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	15,750
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,050
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– patent document, per page	[No change]
– non-patent document, per page	[No change]
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority for an international application in English (the current amounts of these fees remain valid for an international application in Russian). These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2014, are RUB 28,000 for each of the fees.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Hungarian forint (HUF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office on an application in English. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2014, are CHF 785, EUR 639, HUF 188,800 and USD 868, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority for an international application in English (the current amounts of these fees remain valid for an international application in Russian), also applicable from 1 January 2014. These amounts are, for each of the fees, RUB 10,500 when the international search report was prepared by the Office, and RUB 15,750 when it was prepared by another Office.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office in Dutch, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, which now read as follows:

Name of Office (in Dutch):	NL Octrooicentrum
Telephone:	(31-88) 602 60 00
Facsimile machine:	(31-88) 602 90 24
E-mail:	nloctrooicentrum@agentschapnl.nl

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the components of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Request to prepare the priority document (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 14.62
– plus, for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity) (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 14.62
– plus, for a patent application:	EUR 7
– or, for a utility model application:	EUR 5

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco

The **Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco** has notified the introduction of a transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Moroccan dirham (MAD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 October 2011. The amount of this fee is MAD 600. It is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex C(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

REQUESTS IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 December 2011, PCT-EASY applications (filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium) are no longer accepted by the Office. Furthermore, since 1 December 2011, no international application filed with the Office as receiving Office benefits from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications.

[Updating of Annex C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: CD-ROM.

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26*bis*.3

IE Ireland

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Patents Office (Ireland)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is EUR 161.

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NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Norwegian of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (Norwegian Patents Act, Section 66g).

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified that an agent is no longer required by it as receiving Office.

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any natural or legal person can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) and of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, as follows:

Annual fees for the first three years,
per year: NOK 600

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified additional requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

If the international application was not published in an official language of the EPO (English, French, German), the statement under EPC Rule 32(1) can still be submitted in the European phase until completion of the technical preparations for publication of the translation of the international application under EPC Article 153(4). The fact that the expert option has been chosen will then be published on the front page of the published translation of the application. Information received under EPC Rule 32(1) after completion of the technical preparations for publication of the international application – or, where applicable, of the translation of the application pursuant to EPC Article 153(4) – cannot be taken into account with the consequence that the biological material will be available to any person as provided for in PCT Rule 13*bis*.6 and EPC Rule 33(1) without an expert acting as intermediary (see Notice from the European Patent Office dated 7 July 2010 concerning inventions which involve the use of or concern biological material, OJ EPO 10/2010, pages 498 *et seq.*).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The Norwegian **Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

The applicant may request that, as from the time when the application has been laid open to public inspection by the Office until a patent has been granted, the application has been finally decided upon without a patent having been granted, or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Office not later than at the time when the application is made available to the public under Section 33(3) of the Norwegian Patents Act. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be a person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Office or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT)
Edificio 3 CUE. Parc Científic Universitat de Valencia
Catedrático Agustín Escardino, 9
46980 Paterna (Valencia)
Spain

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments, which entered into force on 1 January 2012, consist of the addition of Peru to the States listed in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified changes in its location, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Location:	Weights and Measures Building, Popo Road, off Mombasa Road, Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone:	(254-2) 6002210, 6002211, 2386220
Facsimile machine:	(254-2) 6006312
E-mail:	info@kipi.go.ke
Internet:	www.kipi.go.ke

[Updating of Annex B1(KE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	[No change] (general matters) Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty, Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8, Kireberis 18 B, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (application processing)
Telephone:	(7-7172) 50 25 75, 50 26 20, 50 26 09
Facsimile machine:	(7-7172) 50 25 66

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available under the PCT – such protection now applies to patents, innovative patents and utility models.

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Name of Office:	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission
E-mail:	ezdravkova@cipc.co.za
Internet:	www.cipc.co.za

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 29 May 2009, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	KZT 8,243

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):

KZT 1,030 for a legal entity
KZT 515 for a natural person

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 29 May 2009, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	KZT 15,971
Examination fee:	[no change]
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT 15,971

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	KZT 14,426
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT 11,334

These amounts are reduced by 30% in the case of a legal entity, and by 15% in the case of a natural person, for applicants who reside in a State in which the per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (USD).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2012, is NZD 30 (plus the Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents).

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2010, are SEK 1,000 for each of the fees.

In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, also applicable since 1 January 2010, as follows:

Annual fees for the first three years: SEK 1,200

[Updating of Annex C(SE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 1 January 2012, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection.

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 10 January 2012, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO.

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3 AND 49*ter*.2

NZ New Zealand

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) and of the National Chapter, Summary (NZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Industry (United Arab Emirates)** has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(AE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.nipo.gov.lk. The Office has also notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

In addition, the Office has notified changes in the provisions of the law of Sri Lanka concerning international-type search. These provisions now are Section 73 of the Intellectual Property Act No. 36 of 2003 and Regulation 48 of the Intellectual Property Regulations.

[Updating of Annex B1(LK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which now reads as follows:

51 Bras Basah Road,
04-01, Manulife Centre,
Singapore 189554

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – only documents that do not require payment of any official fees may now be transmitted by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which now read as follows:

Telephone: (386-1) 620 31 00

Facsimile machine: (386-1) 620 31 11

[Updating of Annex B1(SI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from **Swiss franc (CHF)** to **euro (EUR)**, with effect since 1 January 2011. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee: EUR 1,094

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: EUR 12

Reduction (under PCT Schedule
of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY: EUR 82

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified new amounts of the application fee component of the national fee, in **Sri Lanka rupee (LKR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 17 May 2006, are LKR 1,000 for students, LKR 2,500 for individuals and LKR 6,000 for other persons.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LK), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee: EUR 20.28

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 40.56

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 152.10
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 304.20

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 July 2011, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 101.40	(online)
	EUR 202.80	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee (including publication):	EUR 101.40	(online)
	EUR 202.80	(on paper)
Examination fee (whenever examination is requested):	EUR 76.05	(online)
	EUR 152.10	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a new amount of the national (filing) fee, in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 December 2011, is SGD 200.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2012, is EUR 15.40.

[Updating of Annex C(SI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office – any person who is registered as an agent with the Office can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LK), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10025, 10095).

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers as well as its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Telephone:	(237-2) 220 39 11, 220 57 00
Facsimile machine:	(237-2) 220 18 44, 220 57 27
E-mail:	oapi@oapi.int
Internet:	www.oapi.int

[Updating of Annex B1(OA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 1,838.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Mexican peso (MXP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:	
Filing fee:	MXP 5,711.14 ¹
	MXP 3,737.75 ²

¹ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	MXP	2,074.99 ¹
	MXP	1,213.76 ²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MX), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **CFA franc BEAC (XAF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	XAF	225,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	XAF	63,000
Publication fee:	XAF	365,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	XAF	45,000
Fee for acceptance of description and drawings:		
– for 11 to 20 sheets:	XAF	120,000
– for 21 to 30 sheets:	XAF	300,000
– for 31 to 40 sheets:	XAF	600,000
– after 40 for each set of 10 sheets:	XAF	80,000
Annual fee for the second year:	XAF	220,000
Annual fee for the third year:	XAF	220,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:	XAF	20,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	XAF	25,000
Publication fee:	XAF	30,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	XAF	40,000

Fee for acceptance of description
and drawings:

- for 11 to 20 sheets: none
- for 21 to 30 sheets: none
- for 31 to 40 sheets: none
- after 40 for each set of 10 sheets: none

Annual fee for the second year: XAF 20,000

Annual fee for the third year: XAF 35,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (OA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified new amounts of the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(d) and 49*ter*.2(d), in **Polish zloty (PLZ)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These amounts, applicable since 26 March 2008, are PLZ 80 for each of the fees.

In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of the national fee for patents or utility models where no international preliminary examination has been carried out, in **Polish zloty (PLZ)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 26 March 2008, is PLZ 550.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 October 2011, as follows:

For patent:

Reduced examination fee
where an international search report
or an international preliminary
examination report has been
established: RSD 6,100

This amount is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: CD-ROM.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 23*bis*.3

MX Mexico

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(a)(ii), the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, and that no fee is required for such requests.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Banco Nacional de Algas (BNA), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The name of the authority is now “Banco Español de Algas (BEA)”.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49.6(f)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2012. PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) therefore applies with effect from that date.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	70,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	60,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	26,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	15,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

LT Lithuania

EP European Patent Organisation

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau that Lithuania, which became bound by the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 1 December 2004, will close the national route via the PCT on 4 September 2014. Therefore, as from 4 September 2014, applicants desiring protection in Lithuania will no longer be able to enter the national phase in that country; they will only be able to enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO).

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) and of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,375
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	103
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	207
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	310

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2012, is AUD 207.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are JPY 70,000 and JPY 60,000, respectively.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

CHF	836
EUR	688
KRW	1,078,000
USD	913

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2012, are JPY 26,000 and JPY 15,000, respectively.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (37322) 40 06 07, 40 06 08

Facsimile machine: (37322) 44 01 19

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed only by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MD Republic of Moldova

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Republic of Moldova** deposited, on 26 October 2011, a notification of denunciation of the Eurasian Patent Convention, which will take effect on 26 April 2012.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 26 April 2012 will not include the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent, and will contain the designation of that State for a national patent only. This denunciation will not affect granted Eurasian patents and international applications filed before 26 April 2012 containing the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent.

Furthermore, as from 26 April 2012, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) will no longer be a competent receiving Office for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Republic of Moldova.

[Updating of Annex B2(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the languages in which international applications and requests may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c) – it now accepts English, French, German and Russian in both cases.

[Updating of Annex C(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The required contents now read as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Republic of Moldova

Any document relating to any transfer of rights

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MD), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 995 and EUR 826, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)), in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2012, is HUF 11,800.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are EUR 878 for international applications filed in English and EUR 304 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 407 and EUR 338, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD and DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

MD Republic of Moldova

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is EUR 100.

[Updating of Annex C(MD) and of the National Chapter, Summary (MD), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,850 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,850 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	830
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	830
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	220

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)).

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875 ⁴
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ⁴
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

⁴ 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”.

FI Finland

Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment to Annex C

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c) and 71.2(b))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** 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 May 2012, are KRW 2,642,000, SGD 2,950 and ZAR 18,400, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is SGD 2,550.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

A new equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is BRL 382.

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,875
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR	1,875
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	EUR	220

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **pound sterling (GBP)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollar (NZD)**, **Swedish krona (SEK)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

CHF	2,264
DKK	13,940
GBP	1,562
ISK	301,000
JPY	186,800
MWK	406,000
NOK	14,380
NZD	3,012
SEK	16,460
SGD	3,090
USD	2,426
ZAR	19,260

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (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 2012, is CHF 2,264.

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, also payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rules 13ter.1(c) and 45bis.5(c)):	EUR	220

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	1,850
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR	1,850
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	220

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are EUR 1,875 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 2,264 and USD 2,426, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are EUR 1,875 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 2,264 and USD 2,426, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (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 2012, is CHF 2,264.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,768
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	20
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	NZD	133

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and of new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, applicable from 1 April 2012 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 16,460
	CHF 2,264
	DKK 13,940
	EUR 1,875
	ISK 301,000
	NOK 14,380
	USD 2,426

Additional search fee:	SEK 16,460

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for an supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 2,264.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) 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 to the **Nordic Patent Institute** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are DKK 13,940 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

CHF	2,264
ISK	301,000
NOK	14,380
USD	2,426

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (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 2012, is CHF 2,264.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP)** has specified the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 1 February 2012, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP).

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is USD 2,041.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	125
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	610

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2012. The consolidated list of the said components should read as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 115
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 200

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36th and each subsequent page: EUR 14

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 555

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro or Serbia): [No change]

Claims fee:

- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: EUR 225

- for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 555

Search fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 840

- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,165

Fee for further processing:

- in the event of late payment of a fee: [No change]

- other cases: EUR 240

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: EUR 220

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,730

- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,730

- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,555

Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 445

The Office has also notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is EUR 990, and applies to international applications filed up to and including 30 June 2013, where the fee for the supplementary European search is paid on or after 1 April 2012.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is NZD 2,490.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

DE Germany

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the DSMZ – Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, applicable since 31 October 2011. The name of the authority is now: Leibniz Institute DSMZ – German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD), National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, applicable from 1 April 2012. The name of the authority will be: International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD), National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-SECOND (18TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its forty-second (18th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2011 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=23139.

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2012 and consist in:

(i) effectively extending the time limit within which the applicant can request the International Bureau to obtain a priority document from a digital library and removing the (unused) option of requesting that a receiving Office obtain a priority document that way (amendments to PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis));¹

(ii) clarifying that PCT Rule 20.7(b) should only apply where neither a correction under PCT Article 11(2) nor a notice confirming the incorporation by reference under PCT Rule 20.6(a) is received by the receiving Office within the applicable time limit (amendments to PCT Rule 20.7(b));²

(iii) incorporating patent documents of the People's Republic of China into the PCT minimum documentation used in carrying out international searches (amendments to PCT Rule 34);³

(iv) adding a general provision for the excuse of delay in meeting certain PCT time limits due to "*force majeure*" circumstances beyond the control of the applicant (deletion of PCT Rule 82.2 and addition of new PCT Rule 82*quater*).⁴

The text of the amendments is reproduced below.

¹ The amendments to Rule 17.1(b-bis) shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit under amended Rule 17.1(b-bis) expires on or after 1 July 2012.

² The amendments to Rule 20.7(b) shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 1 July 2012.

³ The amendments to Rule 34 shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which an international search is carried out on or after 1 July 2012.

⁴ Rule 82.2 as in force before 1 July 2012, shall continue to apply to any international application whose international filing date is before 1 July 2012, and in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in Rule 82.1(c) as applicable by virtue of Rule 82.2(b) expires on or after 1 July 2012.

New Rule 82*quater* shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in new Rule 82*quater*.1(a) expires on or after 1 July 2012.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2012)

Rule 17
The Priority Document

17.1 *Obligation to Submit Copy of Earlier National or International Application*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(b-*bis*) Where the priority document is, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, made available to the International Bureau from a digital library prior to the date of international publication of the international application, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the International Bureau, prior to the date of international publication, to obtain the priority document from such digital library.

(c) and (d) [No change]

17.2 [No change]

Rule 20
International Filing Date

20.1 to 20.6 [No change]

20.7 *Time Limit*

(a) [No change]

(b) Where neither a correction under Article 11(2) nor a notice under Rule 20.6(a) confirming the incorporation by reference of an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is received by the receiving Office prior to the expiration of the applicable time limit under paragraph (a), any such correction or notice received by that Office after the expiration of that time limit but before it sends a notification to the applicant under Rule 20.4(i) shall be considered to have been received within that time limit.

20.8 [No change]

Rule 34
Minimum Documentation

34.1 *Definition*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Subject to paragraphs (d) and (e), the “national patent documents” shall be the following:

(i) [no change]

(ii) the patents issued by the Federal Republic of Germany, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation,

(iii) to (vi) [no change]

(d) [No change]

(e) Any International Searching Authority whose official language, or one of whose official languages, is not Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian or Spanish is entitled not to include in its documentation those patent documents of the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the former Soviet Union as well as those patent documents in the Spanish language, respectively, for which no abstracts in the English language are generally available. English abstracts becoming generally available after the date of entry into force of these Regulations shall require the inclusion of the patent documents to which the abstracts refer no later than six months after such abstracts become generally available. In case of the interruption of abstracting services in English in technical fields in which English abstracts were formerly generally available, the Assembly shall take appropriate measures to provide for the prompt restoration of such services in the said fields.

(f) [No change]

Rule 82

Irregularities in the Mail Service

82.1 [No change]

82.2 [Deleted]

Rule 82^{quater}

Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits

82^{quater}.1 *Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits*

(a) Any interested party may offer evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity or other like reason in the locality where the interested party resides, has his place of business or is staying, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) Any such evidence shall be addressed to the Office, Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, not later than six months after the expiration of the time limit applicable in the given case. If such circumstances are proven to the satisfaction of the addressee, delay in meeting the time limit shall be excused.

(c) The excuse of a delay need not be taken into account by any designated or elected Office before which the applicant, at the time the decision to excuse the delay is taken, has already performed the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Paseo de la Castellana 75,
28071 Madrid,
Spain

Facsimile machine: (34-91) 349 55 97

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (974) 4484 2292

Facsimile machine: (974) 4483 5423

[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is USD 453.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is ZAR 15,930.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), a new equivalent amount of the search fee has been established in **euro (EUR)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is EUR 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

RW Rwanda

The **Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Rwanda with the Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda), with effect since 31 January 2012.

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 111, 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2012.

These modifications are consequential to amendments of the Regulations under the PCT (PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) and new PCT Rule 82*quater*) which will enter into force on 1 July 2012 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 March 2012, pages 47 *et seq.*) and concern the excuse of delay in meeting certain PCT time limits due to “*force majeure*” circumstances (Section 111), the availability of priority documents from digital libraries (Section 715) and the request by the applicant for the retrieval of a priority document from a digital library (Section 716).

The modifications relating to amended PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) are applicable to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit under that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012. The modifications relating to new PCT Rule 82*quater* are applicable to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2012 (PCT/AI/14) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_14.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (as in force from 1 July 2012)

Section 111 **Procedure in the Case of Excuse of the Delay** **in Meeting Certain Time Limits under Rule 82*quater***

Where an Office in its capacity as a receiving Office, an International Searching Authority, an Authority specified for supplementary search or an International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a request under Rule 82*quater* for the excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit, it shall promptly:

- (i) communicate its decision whether or not to excuse such a delay to the interested party; and
- (ii) transmit a copy of such a request, a copy of any evidence furnished and of its decision to the International Bureau.

Section 715
Availability of Priority Documents from Digital Libraries

(a) For the purposes of Rules 17.1(b-*bis*), 17.1(d) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rules 17.1(c) and 82*ter*.1(b)), 66.7(a) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rule 43*bis*.1(b)) and 91.1(e), a priority document shall be considered to be available from a digital library to the International Bureau, a designated Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be:

(i) if the Office or Authority concerned has notified the International Bureau, or the International Bureau has declared, as the case may be, that it is prepared to obtain priority documents from that digital library; and

(ii) the priority document concerned is held in that digital library and the applicant has, to the extent required by the procedures for accessing the relevant digital library, authorized the Office or Authority concerned or the International Bureau, as the case may be, to access that priority document.

(b) A notification to the International Bureau under paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents by

(i) the International Bureau; or

(ii) an Office in its capacity as designated Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority,

that it is prepared to obtain priority documents via the Digital Access Service shall be taken as a declaration or notification under paragraph (a)(i) that the International Bureau or Office acting in the relevant capacity will obtain priority documents through the Digital Access Service from any digital library which has been the subject of a notification in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Framework Provisions, including libraries for which such a notification is subsequently made with effect prior to the date on which the Office or Bureau is requested to retrieve the priority document.

(c) to (e) [No change]

Section 716
**Request that Priority Document Be Obtained
from a Digital Library under Rule 17.1(b-*bis*)**

(a) Any request under Rule 17.1(b-*bis*):

(i) shall identify the priority document concerned in accordance with Rule 4.10(a); and

(ii) shall, where required, include the access code provided to the applicant by the International Bureau or by the Office with which the earlier application was filed.

(b) Where the applicant, in accordance with Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) and paragraph (a) of this Section, requests the International Bureau to obtain a priority document which, in accordance with Section 715(a), is considered to be available from a digital library to it, but the International Bureau finds that the priority document is in fact not available to it, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant, giving the

opportunity to furnish the priority document to it, or to ensure that the document is made available to it from a digital library, within a time limit of not less than two months from the date of the notification or within the time limit specified in Rule 17.1(a), whichever time limit expires later. Where the priority document is furnished or becomes available to the International Bureau within that time limit, the requirements of Rule 17.1(b-bis) shall be considered to have been met. If the priority document is not so furnished or does not become available within that time limit, the request that the document be obtained from a digital library shall be considered not to have been made.

(c) Where the applicant requests the International Bureau under Rule 17.1(b-bis) to obtain a priority document from a digital library but that request does not comply with the requirements of that Rule and paragraph (a) of this Section, or the priority document concerned is not considered to be available to it in accordance with Section 715(a), the International Bureau shall promptly inform the applicant accordingly.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Danish krone (DKK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 February 2012, is DKK 300 (the additional amount of DKK 4 per page being no longer applicable).

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is JPY 10,000.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that, with effect from 1 April 2012, it will accept, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified a change in its facsimile number, which is now: (351-21) 886 98 59.

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are AUD 1,070 for international applications filed in English and AUD 370 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 11,160
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	[No change]
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4) :	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 840

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the applicant enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 90(a) of the Patents Act 1990 (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted).

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 15 May 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	11,800
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	18,880
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	4,130

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– patent document, per page	23.60
– non-patent document, per page	59
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	94.40

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

CHF	765
EUR	634
KRW	957,000
USD	840

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to the Office as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable from 15 May 2012, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the international search report
(PCT Rule 44.3):

The applicant receives together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

RUB 23.60 per page for a patent document

RUB 59 per page for a non-patent document

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Supplementary search fee
(PCT Rule 45*bis*.3):²

RUB 11,800 (18,880³)

Review fee
(PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)):

RUB 4,130

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the supplementary
international search report
(PCT Rule 44.3):

The applicant receives together with the supplementary international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

RUB 23.60 per page for a patent document

RUB 59 per page for a non-patent document

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² The equivalent amount of this fee in Swiss franc (CHF) is payable to the International Bureau at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation applicable on the date of payment.

³ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the international
preliminary examination
report (PCT Rule 71.2):

The applicant receives together with the
international preliminary examination
report a copy of each document cited
therein, free of charge; in other cases:

RUB 23.60 per page for a patent
document

RUB 59 per page for a non-patent
document

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the international
application (PCT Rule 94.2):

RUB 94.40 per page

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 26 March 2012, as follows:

Colección Chilena de Recursos Genéticos Microbianos (CChRGM)
Avenida Vicente Méndez 515
Chillán, Región VIII
Chile

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified changes, applicable since 3 February 2012, concerning:

- its requirements as to whether it would 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) – it continues to accept such evidence, but has removed the requirement that the delivery service should be DHL or Federal Express;

- the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent should now refer to Article 66 of the Patent Law of the Republic of Lithuania, and the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent should now refer to Article 78 of that Law.

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified changes, applicable since 3 February 2012, concerning:

- the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) – it now accepts Lithuanian in addition to English and Russian;

- whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the applicant resides in the European Economic Area (EEA), one is required if the applicant does not reside in the EEA.

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, applicable since 3 February 2012¹. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

¹ 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.

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the European Economic Area (EEA)

Correspondence address in Lithuania if the applicant is not resident in Lithuania

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, i.e., the claim fee for each claim in excess of 15, in **Lithuanian litas (LTL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office². This amount, applicable since 3 February 2012, is LTL 50.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **Lithuanian litas (LTL)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 3 February 2012. The amount of this fee is LTL 400.

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² 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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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is JPY 206,900.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 184,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 13,900
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 27,800
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 41,700

[Updating of Annex C(IS) 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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 121,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,400
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 9,100

Electronic filing (the request,
description, claims and abstract
in character coded format): JPY 27,400

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2012, is JPY 18,300.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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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 C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.

The Agreement will enter into force on that date. The text of the Agreement as signed on 21 September 2010 corresponds to that of the draft Agreement which was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 39 *et seq.*

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, to appoint the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 1 June 2012.

The Office has notified that it will initially operate as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority only for applications filed with it as receiving Office or for applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office by applicants who are eligible to file with the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the necessary information to complete the Agreement. Annex C will thus read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (New Israel shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,500
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,500
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,500

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, page 30.

Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i>]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	0
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	450
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	3.20

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) and (5) [No change]”

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **Japan Patent Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to amendments of Part II of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 May 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of 28,000 Japanese yen shall be refunded upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [no change]

(3) and (4) [No change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified several fees, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to the Office as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 June 2012, the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau in relation to the functioning of the Office as an International Searching and International Preliminary Authority under the PCT (see this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), pages 70 *et seq.*). The fees are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,500
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), per page:	ILS	3.20
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c)):	ILS	450
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,500
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2), per page:	ILS	3.20
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), per page:	ILS	3.20
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ~~ter~~ .2):	ILS	450

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are CHF 849, EUR 705 and USD 940, respectively.

In addition, the Office has notified the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by it, applicable from 1 June 2012, as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit

Also, the Office has notified the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the preliminary examination fee payable for an international preliminary examination carried out by it, applicable from 1 June 2012, as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%

Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%

Finally, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), an equivalent amount of the handling fee has been established in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is ILS 824.

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 May 2012. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Refund of JPY 28,000 upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2012 with the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by applicants who are eligible to file with the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

LT Lithuania

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12960), the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 3 February 2012. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies to the Office since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2

LT Lithuania

Under PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with effect since 3 February 2012.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Lithuanian litas (LTL)**, payable to it as designated Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 3 February 2012, is LTL 400.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

contactcenteruibm@sviluppoeconomico.gov.it

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows:

www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pct/index.jsp

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media in addition to the 3.5 inch diskette: CD-R, CD-ROM, CD-RW.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

BN Brunei Darussalam

On 24 April 2012, **Brunei Darussalam** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 24 July 2012, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 24 July 2012 will automatically include the designation of Brunei Darussalam (country code: BN).

Brunei Darussalam will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 24 July 2012. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam will be entitled, as from 24 July 2012, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

Information on the requirements of the **Israel Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(IL) and E(IL), which are published on the following pages.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
IL	ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE¹	IL

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	New Israel shekel (ILS)	3,500
	Euro (EUR)	705
	Swiss franc (CHF)	849
	US dollar (USD)	940
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	ILS	3,500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	ILS	3.20 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	None	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	450
Languages accepted for international search:	English	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Israeli national applications	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴	
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	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴	
Particular instances in which a copy of a general 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	

¹ The Israel Patent Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ 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 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
IL	ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE¹	IL

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	New Israel shekel (ILS)	1,500
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	ILS	1,500
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	ILS	824
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	ILS	3.20 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	ILS	3.20 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	450
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Israeli national applications	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵	
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	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵	
Particular instances in which a copy of a general 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	

¹ The Israel Patent Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁵ 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 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a change in its addresses, which now read as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales NP10 8QQ, United Kingdom [unchanged]

Filings by hand may additionally be made at:

1st Floor, 4 Abbey Orchard Street,
London SW1P 2HT,
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These amounts, applicable since 1 November 2011, are EUR 450 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) and of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

Further to the information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 April 2012, page 74, the **Israel Patent Office** has clarified that it is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2012 only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2011, as follows:

Filing fee:	EUR	72
Electronic filing fee:	EUR	61.20

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable since 1 April 2012, as follows:

For the first nine pages:	None
For 10 pages:	SEK 50
For each page in excess of 10:	SEK 2

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

BG Bulgaria

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, applicable from 1 June 2012, as follows:

49 St Kliment Ohridski Blvd., Bldg. 3
1756 Sofia
Bulgaria

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	590
– in other cases	820
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	590
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2012, is AUD 200.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2012, are as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): AUD 2,200

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): AUD 2,200

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **New Zealand dollar (NZD)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2012, are as follows:

CHF	2,068
EUR	1,721
KRW	2,575,000
NZD	2,790
SGD	2,812
USD	2,254
ZAR	17,580

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2012, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 58):

AUD 590 (820)

The amount in parentheses is payable where the international search report was not issued by the Office.

Additional preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 68.3):

AUD 590

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 27 July 2010, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	KRW	58,000	plus
	KRW	1,000	per sheet in excess of 20 ²

² This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

For utility model:

Filing fee:	KRW	27,000	plus
	KRW	1,000	per sheet in excess of 20 ³

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2012, are CHF 893, EUR 743 and USD 955, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2012, is CHF 1,473.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 July 2012, it will be ready to receive fully electronic international applications online through its website. Consequently, the following notification will replace the previous notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 October 2011, pages 143 *et seq.*, with effect from 1 July 2012.

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d)); the WASP is prepared using the PCT-SAFE software, however, it is then uploaded and submitted to the receiving Office through its website (www.justice.gov.il/MOJHeb/RashamHaptentim/PCT/)

- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users relating, in particular, to the uploading and submission of the international application through the Office's website. The help desk will be available between 8:00 am and 16:00 pm, Sunday to Thursday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at (972-2) 5651 707
- by fax at (972-2) 5651 616
- by e-mail at PCT.Customer-serv@justice.gov.il

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format using the PCT-SAFE software, applicants may also contact the PCT e-Services Help Desk at WIPO directly:

- by telephone at (+41 22) 338 95 23
- through the WIPO website
(www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-safe)

The Help Desk is available from 9:00 to 18:00 pm (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- other documents, if any

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept 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 (www.justice.gov.il/MOJHeb/RashamHaptentim/PCT/).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

PA Panama

On 7 June 2012, **Panama** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 7 September 2012, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 7 September 2012 will automatically include the designation of Panama (country code: PA).

Panama will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 7 September 2012. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Panama will be entitled, as from 7 September 2012, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

Because of an official event, the **National Institute of Industrial Property** is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 20 to 22 June 2012, inclusive.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office falls on any of the aforementioned days, that period is extended so as to expire on 25 June 2012.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2012, is JPY 186,800.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2012, are CHF 844 and EUR 702, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, consisting in the addition of a new Part 8, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2012.

These modifications relate to the introduction of a PCT third party observation system, which is expected to be made available with effect from 2 July 2012, for use in making observations on any international application for which the time limit of 28 months from the priority date has not expired before that date.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/14 Rev.), as in force from 1 July 2012, is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_14.pdf

This text replaces document PCT/AI/14, containing a first set of modifications to the Administrative Instructions with effect from 1 July 2012 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 March 2012, pages 53 *et seq.*), and includes these modifications, without further change, in addition to the above modifications.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2012)*

PART 8 **INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO OBSERVATIONS BY THIRD PARTIES**

Section 801 **Third Party Observation System**

(a) The International Bureau shall provide an electronic system for third parties to make observations referring to prior art which they believe to be relevant to the question of whether the invention claimed in the international application is new and/or involves an inventive step ("third party observation system").

(b) The third party observation system:

- (i) shall provide a third party with the option to remain anonymous;
- (ii) shall allow observations to include a brief explanation of the relevance of each prior art document referred to in the observation and to include a copy of the prior art document;
- (iii) may limit the number of prior art documents which may be referred to in one observation; and
- (iv) may limit the number of observations permitted to be made in relation to one international application, per third party and in total.

(c) The International Bureau shall take technical steps to prevent abuse of the third party observation system.

(d) The International Bureau may temporarily or indefinitely suspend the use of the third party observation system if it considers it necessary to do so.

Section 802

Filing of a Third Party Observation

(a) An observation by a third party made in relation to an international application shall:

(i) be submitted to the International Bureau through the third party observation system as provided in Section 801;

(ii) be submitted between the date of international publication and 28 months from the priority date of the international application indicated;

(iii) be in a language of publication, with the exception that copies of submitted prior art documents may be in any language;

(iv) relate to the international application indicated;

(v) refer to prior art;

(vi) be free of viruses or other forms of malicious logic;

(vii) be free of comments or other matter not relevant to the question of novelty or inventive step of the invention claimed in the international application; and

(viii) be free of comments or other matter which are an abuse of the third party observation system.

(b) Any purported observation by a third party which, in the view of the International Bureau, appears not to be in compliance with paragraph (a) shall not be treated as a third party observation. The International Bureau shall inform the third party accordingly, unless the purported observation appears to be a clear attempt at abuse of the system. The purported observation shall not be open to public inspection and shall not be communicated to the applicant, any International Authority or any designated Office.

Section 803

Availability of an Observation and Related Information

(a) Any third party observation shall be promptly made available for public inspection, with the exception that copies of prior art documents uploaded through the system shall be made available only to the applicant, competent International Authorities and designated Offices.

(b) Where the third party requests the International Bureau to remain anonymous as provided in Section 801(b), the International Bureau shall not reveal any details of the third party to the public, the applicant, any International Authority or any designated Office.

Section 804

Notification of Receipt of an Observation to the Applicant and Comments by the Applicant in Response to an Observation

(a) The International Bureau shall notify the applicant when the first third party observation is received in relation to an international application. If further observations are received, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant of the receipt of all further observations promptly after the expiration of 28 months from the priority date.

(b) The applicant may, within 30 months from the priority date, submit comments in response to any third party observation which has been received. The comments shall be submitted in English, French or the language of publication of the international application, at the choice of the applicant, and shall be promptly made available for public inspection.

Section 805

Communication of Observations and Comments to International Authorities and Designated Offices

(a) The International Bureau shall communicate any third party observation and any comment by the applicant promptly to the International Searching Authority specified to carry out the international search, the International Searching Authority specified to carry out the supplementary international search and the International Preliminary Examining Authority specified to carry out the international preliminary examination, unless the international search report, the supplementary international search report or the international preliminary examination report, respectively, has already been received by the International Bureau.

(b) Promptly after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date, the International Bureau shall communicate any third party observation and any comment by the applicant to all designated Offices, subject to Rule 93*bis*. The designated Offices shall not be obliged to take either the observations or any comments into account during national processing.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

A new equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2012, is BRL 426.

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,445
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	109
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	217
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[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2012, is CAD 217.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 110,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,200
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 8,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 24,900

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2012, is JPY 16,600.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is USD 413.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD	1,773
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD	20
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SGD	133

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **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 September 2012, are NZD 2,750 and ZAR 17,670, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2012. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	572.15
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	572.15
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is USD 2,244.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is EUR 263.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2012, are EUR 72.78 and EUR 29.11, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable since 1 July 2012, are EUR 572.15 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is KRW 1,031,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Latvian lat (LVL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2012, are LVL 48.40 and LVL 12.10, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Av. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 194, Piso 1
Santiago
Chile

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent – after publication by the EPO of the international application in a translation into one of its official languages furnished to it, the applicant may, as from the date on which a translation into Italian of the claims is made available to the public or communicated to the user, obtain damages and possibly the description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent and anything used in the making thereof.

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has specified, concerning its conditions for refund of the search fee and of the preliminary examination fee payable for an international search or an international preliminary examination carried out by the Office, that any refund of money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, must be requested by the applicant.

[Updating of Annexes D(ES) and E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2012, are CHF 1,075 for international applications filed in English and CHF 372 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has clarified that it is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

[Updating of Annexes C(CA), C(BZ) and C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the applicants are also the inventors, one is required if any applicant is not also the inventor.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified that an address for service is no longer required if the applicant does not reside in Italy.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

AU Australia

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Measurement Institute (NMI)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The address is now as follows:

1/153, Bertie Street
Port Melbourne, VIC 3207
Australia

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has specified the following concerning the filing fee components of the national fee for a patent and for a utility model:

The filing fee for entry into the national phase is calculated on the basis of the number of claims in the international application as originally filed, and not as subsequently reduced, if applicable. A subsequent addition of claims may increase the amount of the filing fee. For further general information, refer to <http://www.dpma.de/english/patent/fees/index.html>

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified the amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Syrian pound (SYP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 30 May 2012, as follows:¹

For a patent:

Filing fee:	SYP 5,000	(250)
Annual fee: ²		
– for the 2 nd year:	SYP 5,500	(300)
– for the 3 rd year:	SYP 6,000	(350)
Examination fee:	SYP 20,000	(2,000)
Reexamination fee:	SYP 10,000	(1,000)
Additional fee for each page in excess of 30:	SYP 50	(10)
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10:	SYP 500	(250)

¹ The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a natural person.

² The amount of this fee is reduced by 90% for students and microenterprises, and by 50% for small enterprises.

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	SYP	4,000	(200)
Annual fee: ³			
– for the 2 nd year:	SYP	4,500	(250)
– for the 3 rd year:	SYP	5,000	(300)
Examination fee:	SYP	10,000	(1,000)
Reexamination fee:	SYP	5,000	(500)
Additional fee for each page in excess of 30:	SYP	50	(10)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SY), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office. These requirements are now as follows:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law⁴ resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany⁵

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ The amount of this fee is reduced by 90% for students and microenterprises, and by 50% for small enterprises.

⁴ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 Munich, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

⁵ In accordance with the provisions of the Legal Services Act (Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes concerning:

- the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must be furnished within 14 days from the date of the transmission if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application, and only upon invitation in the case of other documents;

- provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – the language requirements have been modified for international publications filed on or after 1 November 2011; as from that date, the applicant is given provisional protection if he furnishes a translation into English, Finnish or Swedish or, if the application was filed in one of these languages, a copy of the application as filed.

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, its telephone numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	5, Ion Ghica Street, 030044, Bucharest 3, Romania
Telephone:	(40-21) 306 08 00, 306 08 01 to 306 08 29
E-mail:	office@osim.ro

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Romania is designated (or elected) – 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 until the decision to grant the patent is taken (Article 14(3) of Law No. 64/1991 on Patents, as republished).

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a change in the name of the currency of payment of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) payable to the Office as receiving Office, from **Romanian leu (ROL)** to **new leu (RON)**, the amounts of these fees remaining unchanged.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes concerning:

- the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation can be furnished in English, Finnish or Swedish for applications filed on or after 1 November 2011;

- its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2011, a copy is not required where the application was filed in a language other than English, Finnish or Swedish, whereas it is required where the application was filed in one of these languages;

- one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the translation of the international application should now be furnished in one copy for a patent and one copy for a utility model.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it will accept, from 16 October 2012, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AU Australia

Under Section 513(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office** as International Searching Authority has notified a change in the type of electronic medium that it is prepared to accept, from 16 October 2012, for the furnishing in electronic form of sequence listings, as follows: the entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Section 214 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 16 September 2012.

These modifications have their origin in certain changes to the patent law of the United States of America (under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act).

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 16 September 2012 (PCT/AI/15) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_15.pdf

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 16 September 2012)*

Section 214 **Declaration of Inventorship**

(a) A declaration of inventorship, referred to in Rule 4.17(iv), that is made for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America shall be worded as follows:

“Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iv)) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26*ter*).

I hereby declare that the above-identified international application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

Name: ...

Residence: ... (city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address: ...

Inventor's Signature: ... (The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date: ...”

(b) Where there is more than one inventor and all inventors do not sign the same declaration referred to in paragraph (a), each declaration shall indicate the names of all the inventors.

(c) Any correction or addition under Rule 26*ter*.1 of a declaration referred to in paragraph (a) shall take the form of a declaration referred to in that paragraph and be signed by the inventor. In addition, any such correction should be entitled “Supplemental declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iv))”.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 22 August 2012. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	6,750
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	2,700
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):

- if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority 2,700
- if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority 4,050

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):

- if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority 2,700
- if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority 4,050

Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e)) 2,700

Late furnishing fee (Rule 13^{ter}.1(c)) 2,050

Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):

- patent document, per page [No change]
- non-patent document, per page [No change]

Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page [No change]

Part II. [No change]"

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	878
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	10
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	132
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	198

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,609,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 18,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 121,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 363,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is KRW 242,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to the Office as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable since 22 August 2012, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	RUB 6,750
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	RUB 6,750
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	RUB 2,700
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	RUB 2,050

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 58.1(b)):

RUB 2,700 (4,050)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent).

Additional preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 68.3(a)):

RUB 2,700 (4,050)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent).

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):

RUB 2,700

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 204.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2013,
29 March 2013,
1 April 2013,
9 and 20 May 2013,
5 September 2013,
14 October 2013,
25, 26 and 31 December 2013.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments, which entered into force on 1 July 2012, consist of the addition of Viet Nam to the States indicated in items (i) to (iii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand or Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are CHF 2,263 and EUR 1,884, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is CHF 323.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 864.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 174,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 13,100
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 26,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 39,400

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 891.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** 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 November 2012, are CHF 2,040 and EUR 1,698, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Viet Nam with the National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam), with effect since 1 July 2012.

[Updating of Annex C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** and **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are GBP 1,471 and ISK 276,000, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	9,150
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	690
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,380
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	2,060

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is ISK 276,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is SEK 1,380.

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is ISK 276,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are KRW 2,487,000 and SGD 2,730, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,293
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	97
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	194
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	292

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is ZAR 18,950.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is AUD 194.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 October 2012, as follows:

- (i) Where filing is by electronic means approved by the Commissioner¹: AUD 370
- (ii) Where filing is by means other than (i)¹: AUD 470

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is SGD 2,860.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from **Swiss franc (CHF)** to **euro (EUR)**. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR	1,094
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	EUR	82
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	165
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	247

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

¹ For more information, see www.ipaustralia.gov.au/get-the-right-ip/patents/time-and-costs/fees/

International filing fee:	USD	1,356
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	102
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	102
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	204
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	306

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is NZD 2,580.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 204.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 102
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	USD 51
	Supplement for airmail: USD 10

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Further to the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 August 2012, page 124, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable since 22 August 2012, are CHF 205, EUR 170 and USD 211, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable from 5 October 2012. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows (the amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a "small entity"):

Basic national fee:	USD 390 (195)
Search fee:	
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	[No change]
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	[No change]

- Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: USD 500 (250)
- All other situations: USD 630 (315)

Examination fee:

- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- All other situations: [No change]

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): USD 320 (160)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: [No change]

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: USD 62 (31)

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: USD 460 (230)

Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: [No change]

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 October 2012, and that PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 will apply in respect of international applications filed on or after that date.

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)**

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 October 2012, and that PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 will apply in respect of international applications filed on or after that date.

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IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	Kolkata:	(91-33) 23 67 19 87, (91-33) 23 67 50 91 (PCT Section)
	New Delhi:	(91-11) 28 03 43 10, 28 03 43 17
	Chennai:	(91-44) 22 50 20 80, 22 50 20 60
	Mumbai:	(91-22) 24 15 36 51, 24 14 81 61
Facsimile machine:	Kolkata:	(91-33) 23 67 19 88
	New Delhi:	(91-11) 28 03 43 15
	Chennai:	(91-44) 22 50 20 66
	Mumbai:	(91-22) 24 13 03 87

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 1,621.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is SEK 15,460.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified a late payment fee under PCT Rule 16*bis*.2, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is INR 8,000 (2,000)¹.

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	8,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	90
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK	1,220
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK	1,830

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are SEK 15,460 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Patent Office (India) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/). See also Indian Patents Act, Section 10(4)(d)(ii).		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (66-2) 547 4304, 547 4676

E-mail: onsireen@moc.go.th

Internet: www.ipthailand.go.th

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Panama with the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama), with effect since 17 September 2012.

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IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2013, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 83	USD 107
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR [No change]	USD 53
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR [No change]	USD 11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days – Corrigendum

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2013,
29 March 2013,
1 April 2013,
9 and 20 May 2013,
5 September 2013,
14 October 2013,
25 and 26 December 2013.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

This information supersedes the information published in the Official Notices of 23 August 2012, page 125.

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent).

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified changes to the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This fee is now as follows:

For a patent:	JPY 15,000
For a utility model:	JPY 14,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Nordic Patent Institute** 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 enters into force on 1 January 2013, consists of the addition of Sweden to the States indicated in item (i)(a) of the Annex. 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:
 - (a) Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden;
 - (b) [no change]
- (ii) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/units/rashamhaptentim/pages/default.aspx>

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sweden with the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, with effect from 1 January 2013.

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf.

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US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 29 and 30 October 2012.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 31 October 2012.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the Office, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 December 2012, as follows:

Annual fee for the first year:	SEK	300
Annual fee for the second year:	SEK	450
Annual fee for the third year:	SEK	550

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-third (25th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 1 to 9 October 2012, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2013, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 158 to 160.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2013, as indicated in the table published on pages 161 and 162.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2013, as indicated in the table published on page 163.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RU), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

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E(AU), (BR), (CA), (IL), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the reductions under item 4(a) and (d) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from **Korean won (KRW)** to **Swiss franc (CHF)**, with effect from 1 January 2013. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, will be as stated in the PCT Schedule of Fees, that is:

International filing fee:	CHF	1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CHF	15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CHF	100
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	CHF	300

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2013)

Country/ Regional Office Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 01.10.12	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of item 3	Current amount
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AT - Austria Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
AU - Australia Australian dollar	0.97259338	1'293 1'367	15 15	97 103	194 206	292 308	194 206	Current amount* New amount
BE - Belgium Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
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CA - Canada Canadian dollar	0.95441024	1'445 1'394	16 16	109 105	217 210	326 314	217 210	Current amount New amount
CY - Cyprus Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
DE - Germany Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
DK - Denmark Danish krone	0.16221963	8'150 8'200	90 90	610 620	1'220 1'230	1'840 1'850	1'220 1'230	Current amount New amount
EE - Estonia Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
EP - European Patent Office Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
ES - Spain Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
FI - Finland Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2012.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Brazilian real of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2013)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 01.10.12	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of item 3	
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
FR - France Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
GB - United Kingdom Pound sterling	1.51324959	878 879	10 10	n.a. n.a.	132 132	198 198	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
GR - Greece Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
IB - International Bureau Swiss franc		**	**	**	**	**	**	Current amount* New amount
Euro		**	**	**	**	**	**	
US dollar	0.93755179	**	**	**	**	306 320	**	
IE - Ireland Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
IL - Israel New Israeli sheqel	0.23970023	***	***	***	***	***	824 834	Current amount New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.00757434	174'800 175'600	2'000 2'000	13'100 13'200	26'300 26'400	39'400 39'600	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.01201774	110'300 110'700	1'200 1'200	8'300 8'300	n.a. n.a.	24'900 25'000	16'600 16'600	Current amount New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.00084137	1'609'000 n.a.	18'000 n.a.	121'000 n.a.	n.a. n.a.	363'000 n.a.	242'000 238'000	Current amount* New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2012.

** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar.

*** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated below for the US dollar.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)

(applicable from January 1, 2013)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 01.10.12	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of item 3	
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency	Reference currency Swiss franc	1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
MW - Malawi	0.00313178	238'300 424'700	2'700 4'800	17'900 31'900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NL - Netherlands	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
NO - Norway	0.16362173	8'100 8'130	90 90	n.a. n.a.	1'220 1'220	1'830 1'830	n.a. n.a.	Current amount** New amount
NZ - New Zealand	0.77696821	1'768 1'712	20 19	133 129	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
PT - Portugal	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
SE - Sweden	0.14262010	9'150 9'330	100 110	690 700	1'380 1'400	2'060 2'100	1'380 1'400	Current amount* New amount
SG - Singapore	0.76301094	1'773 1'743	20 20	133 131	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SI - Slovenia	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
SK - Slovakia	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
US - United States of America	0.93755179	1'356 1'419	15 16	102 107	204 213	n.a. n.a.	204 213	Current amount* New amount
ZA - South Africa	0.11223203	11'160 11'850	130 130	840 890	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2012.

** Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2012.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2013)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CN		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI	
	EUR	1785	AUD	2200	BRL	1900	CAD	1600	CNY	2100	EUR	1875	EUR	1875	EUR	1875
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate	
Exchange rates applicable on 01.10.12																
CHF - Swiss franc	1.20954080	2'169 ¹	0.97259338	2'263 ^{1,2}	0.46275772	893 ¹	0.95441024	1'527 ¹	0.14915521	323 ^{1,2}	1.20954080	2'264	1.20954080	2'268 ¹	1.20954080	2'268 ¹
USD - US dollar	0.77513035	2'244 ¹	0.96397097	2'254	2.02807005	955 ¹	0.98233626	1'629 ^{1,2}	6.28574628	329 ¹	0.77513035	2'426	0.77513035	2'426 ¹	0.77513035	2'426 ¹
EUR - Euro		2'303 ¹	1.854 ^{1,2}	1'864	2.61376689	743 ¹	1.26731750	1'154 ¹	8.10927639	263 ¹		2'419		2'419 ¹		2'419 ¹
AUD - Australian dollar			1.24362434	1'769 ¹		727 ¹		1'263 ¹								
DKK - Danish krone																
GBP - Pound sterling																
ISK - Icelandic krona																
JPY - Japanese yen																
KRW - Korean won	0.00069592	2'487'000 ²		2'575'000												
MYR - Malaysian ringgit	2'566'000		0.00066508	2'543'000												
NOK - Norwegian krone																
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.79866232	2'790												
SEK - Swedish krona				2'754												
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.63082695	2'730 ²	0.78451175	2'812												
ZAR - South African rand	0.09278896	18'400	0.11539460	18'950 ²												
		19'240		19'070												

¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

² Amount applicable as from November 1, 2012.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/IL		ISA/JIP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ³		ISA/US		ISA/XN ⁴		
	ILS	3'500	JPY	70'000	KRW	1'300'000	450'000	RUB	6'750	SEK	15'480 ⁶ 15'900	USD	2'080	DKK	13'940 13'980
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate			Exch. rate				Exch. rate			
Exchange rates applicable on 01.10.12															
CHF - Swiss franc	0.23970023	849 ⁵ 839 ⁵	0.01201774	844 ⁵ 841 ⁵	0.00984137	1'075 ⁵ 1'094 ⁵	372 ⁵ 379 ⁵	0.03915765	205 ⁵ 204 ⁵	2'284 ⁵ 2'268 ⁵	2'040 ^{5.6} 1'950 ⁵				Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	3.91135127	864 ^{5.6} 895 ⁵	78.01387669	891 ^{5.6} 897 ⁵	1114.30932932	1'101 ⁵ 1'167 ⁵	381 ⁵ 404 ⁵	31.08635484	211 ⁵ 217 ⁵	2'426 ⁵ 2'419 ⁵					Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	5.04603612	705 ⁵ 694 ⁵	100.64626707	702 ⁵ 696 ⁵	1437.57669055	878 ⁵ 904 ⁵	304 ⁵ 313 ⁵	40.10726022	170 ⁵ 168 ⁵	1'875 ⁵ 1'875 ⁵	1'688 ^{5.6} 1'612 ⁵				Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar					1155.93734719	1'070 1'125	370 389			1'875 ⁵					Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										13'940 13'980					Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling															Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										276'000 ⁶ 299'000					Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen															Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won			0.07001106	1'031'000 1'000'000											Current amount New amount
MWK - Malawian kwacha															Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										14'380 13'860					Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar											2'580 ⁶ 2'510				Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona					923.45077247	1'444 1'408	500 487				0.82972031				Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar															Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand					906.86212482	1'440 1'430	500 500								Current amount New amount
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5 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2013)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN		
Reference currency &	EUR	850 ¹	1'190 ²	1'700 ³	EUR	1'875	EUR	1'875	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	11'800	18'880 ⁵	SEK 15'460 ⁶	DKK 13'940
Amount												SEK 15'900 ⁷	DKK 13'980 ⁸
Exchange rate applicable on 01.10.12	Exch. rate				Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate				
CHF - Swiss franc	1.20954080	1'028	1'439	2'056	1.20954080	2'268	1.20954080	2'268	0.03015765	356	569	2'268 ⁹	2'268 ¹⁰

1 For a search of the German-language documentation.

2 For a search of the European or North American documentation.

3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

6 Amount applicable as from November 1, 2012.

7 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2013.

8 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2013.

9 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2013.

10 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2013.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 22 August 2012, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	RUB	850
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RUB	850
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RUB	400

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) which the applicant receives free of charge together with the international search report – the applicant now receives a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report. The fees charged in other cases remain unchanged.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning the copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2) which the applicant receives free of charge together with the international preliminary examination report – the applicant now receives a copy of each document containing non-patent literature not cited in the international search report. The fees charged in other cases remain unchanged.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 22 August 2012, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RUB	1,650
Examination fee		
– for one invention:	RUB	2,450
– for each invention in excess of one:	RUB	1,950
Annual fee for the third year:	RUB	850

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	RUB	850

Annual fee for the first and the
second year, per year:

RUB 400

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, applicable from 1 January 2013 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 15,900
	CHF 2,268
	DKK 13,980
	ISK 299,000
	NOK 13,860
	USD 2,419

Additional search fee:	SEK 15,900

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2013, is CHF 2,268.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its facsimile number, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 15, rue des Minimes,
92400 Courbevoie

Facsimile machine: (33) 1 56 65 86 00

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in its Internet address for PCT related material, which is now as follows:

www.uspto.gov/go/pct

Further to certain changes to the patent law of the United States of America (under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act), the provision according to which all applicants must be inventors to be entitled to file an international application designating the United States of America has been deleted.

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** 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 entered into force on 1 December 2012, consists of the addition of Singapore to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam and Singapore;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam and Singapore;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam or Singapore:
English;
 - (c) [no change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Further to the above notification by the **Japan Patent Office** that it is acting, since 1 December 2012, as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Singapore, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), an equivalent amount of the search fee have been established in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**. This amount, applicable since the same date, is SGD 1,057.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, with effect since 1 December 2012.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

PH Philippines

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 27/2006, of 6 July 2006, page 19000), the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 April 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

PH Philippines

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 27/2006, of 6 July 2006, page 19000), the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 April 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2013. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ~~ter~~ .1(c) and 13 ~~ter~~ .2)	[No change]
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Part II. [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to the Office as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated (or elected) Office, and applicable from 1 January 2013, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	546
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	86

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the international search report
(PCT Rule 44.3): ILS 43 per document

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the international
preliminary examination report
(PCT Rule 71.2): ILS 43 per document

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the
international application
(PCT Rule 94.2): ILS 43 per document

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

National fee:

Filing fee: ILS 2,000²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office. These requirements are now as follows:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law³ resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany⁴

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 10 million ILS in the last calendar year.

³ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 Munich, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

⁴ In accordance with the provisions of the Legal Services Act (Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG).

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-THIRD (25TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations, as well as the appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 1 to 9 October 2012 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=26257

The said amendments and appointment are outlined below.

Appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 18, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 January 2013 and will apply to any international application the international filing date of which is on or after that date. They are intended to simplify the procedures for applicants from all PCT Contracting States made possible by the enactment of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act by the Government of the United States of America and concern:

(i) PCT Rules 4.15, 53.8 and 90*bis*.5 in relation to the matter of signatures; and

(ii) PCT Rules 51*bis*.1 and 51*bis*.2, with the aim of simplifying the provisions which permit documents containing oaths or declarations of inventorship to be required by the designated Office in certain circumstances, and of limiting the extent to which the designated Office may require further documents or evidence relating to such oaths and declarations furnished during the international phase.

The text of the amendments is reproduced thereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 January 2013)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 to 4.14*bis* [No change]

4.15 *Signature*

The request shall be signed by the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, by all of them.

4.16 to 4.19 [No change]

Rule 51*bis*
Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27

51bis.1 Certain National Requirements Allowed

(a) Subject to Rule 51*bis*.2, the national law applicable by the designated Office may, in accordance with Article 27, require the applicant to furnish, in particular:

(i) to (iii) [no change]

(iv) where the international application designates a State whose national law requires, on October 9, 2012, the furnishing of an oath or declaration of inventorship, any document containing an oath or declaration of inventorship,

(v) to (vii) [no change]

(b) to (f) [No change]

51bis.2 Certain Circumstances in Which Documents or Evidence May Not Be Required

The designated Office shall not, unless it may reasonably doubt the veracity of the indications or declaration concerned, require any document or evidence:

(i) relating to the identity of the inventor (Rule 51*bis*.1(a)(i)) (other than a document containing an oath or declaration of inventorship (Rule 51*bis*.1(a)(iv)), if indications concerning the inventor, in accordance with Rule 4.6, are contained in the request or if a declaration as to the identity of the inventor, in accordance with Rule 4.17(i), is contained in the request or is submitted directly to the designated Office;

(ii) [no change]

(iii) relating to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of an earlier application (Rule 51*bis*.1(a)(iii)), if a declaration as to that matter, in accordance with Rule 4.17(iii), is contained in the request or is submitted directly to the designated Office;

(iv) containing an oath or declaration of inventorship (Rule 51*bis*.1(a)(iv)), if a declaration of inventorship, in accordance with Rule 4.17(iv), is contained in the request or is submitted directly to the designated Office.

51*bis*.3 [No change]

Rule 53 The Demand

53.1 to 53.7 [No change]

53.8 *Signature*

The demand shall be signed by the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, by all applicants making the demand.

53.9 [No change]

Rule 90*bis* Withdrawals

90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4 [No change]

90*bis*.5 *Signature*

Any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4 shall be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, by all of them. An applicant who is considered to be the common representative under Rule 90.2(b) shall not be entitled to sign such a notice on behalf of the other applicants.

90*bis*.6 and 90*bis*.7 [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United States of America is designated (or elected) – these data may now be in the request or may be furnished later; if they are missing at the expiration of the time limit 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.

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 26 November 2012, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2013, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +385 1 6106 103
- by fax at + 385 1 6112 017
- by e-mail at olf@dziv.hr

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept 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 (www.dziv.hr).

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)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified the deletion of its facsimile number.

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Committee of Intellectual Property Rights, National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, and has deleted an Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty (UZMI Kazakstan Respublikasy) – National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Republic of Kazakhstan)
Location and mailing address:	Kazakstan Respublikasy Adilet ministrligi Ziyatkerlik menshik kukygy komiteti, Sol zhagalau, Orynbor 8, Kireberis 13, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (general matters) Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty, Sol zhagalau, Orynbor 8, Kireberis 13 B, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (application processing)
Telephone:	(7-7172) 50 29 15 (7-7172) 50 31 12 (7-7172) 50 29 97
Facsimile machine:	(7-7172) 74 06 26
E-mail:	kazpatent@kazpatent.kz
Internet:	www.intellkaz.kz www.kazpatent.kz

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, applicable since 22 November 2010, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Unit 1-7, Ground Floor, Menara UOA Bangsar, No. 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1, 59000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Telephone:	(603) 2299 8400

Facsimile machine:	(603) 2299 8989

[Updating of Annex B1(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2011, are EUR 72.06 and EUR 28.82, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center (Georgia)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, and has deleted a facsimile number, as follows:

Name of Office:	Intelektualuri Sakutrebis Erovnuli Tsentri – National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)
Location and mailing address:	31, Nino Ramishvili Str., 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia
Telephone:	(995-32) 25 25 33
Facsimile machine:	(995-32) 98 84 26

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Directorate (Luxembourg)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable since 1 January 2011. The consolidated list of the said components should read as follows:

Filing fee:	EUR	20
Third annual fee:	EUR	33

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to paragraphs 2(i-*bis*), 3*bis*, 4*bis*, 38 and 42(ii) of Annex C, and the addition of a new paragraph 3*ter* to Annex C, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 January 2011.

These modifications are intended to further clarify provisions in Annex C dealing with corrections (under PCT Rule 26), rectifications (under PCT Rule 91) and amendments (under PCT Article 34(2)) submitted in relation to sequence listings or sequences contained in the international application as filed.

All modifications are applicable to international applications filed on or after January 1, 2011.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/12) as in force from 1 January 2011 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (as in force from 1 January 2011)

ANNEX C STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. [No change]

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

- (i) [No change]

(i-*bis*) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 3), including any sequence listing or part thereof which is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(b) or (c), which is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b), or which has been corrected under Rule 26, rectified under Rule 91 or amended under Article 34(2); or a sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraphs 3*bis* and 3*ter*);

(i-ter) [no change] the expression “sequence listing not forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but is furnished for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination (as referred to in paragraphs 4 and 4bis);

(ii) to (viii) [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTING FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

3. [No change]

3bis. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed on paper and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed on paper shall be submitted in accordance with Rule 26.4, Rule 91 or Rule 66.8, respectively.

3ter. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed in electronic form and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed in electronic form shall be submitted in the form of a sequence listing in electronic form comprising the entire listing with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. Any such sequence listing:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

4. [No change]

4bis. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed shall be accompanied, for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination, by a sequence listing in electronic form in an electronic document format in accordance with paragraph 39, comprising the entire listing including any such correction, rectification or amendment, whenever this is required by the competent authority, unless such listing in electronic form is already available to that authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. Any such sequence listing in electronic form:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) shall be identical to the corrected, rectified or amended sequence listing and be accompanied by a statement that “the information recorded in electronic form furnished under Rule 13ter is identical to the corrected sequence listing” (or to the “rectified sequence listing” or the “amended sequence listing”, as the case may be).

Where such sequence listing in electronic form and, where applicable, such statement is not available to the competent authority, any such correction, rectification or amendment need only be taken into account by that authority for the purposes of the international search or preliminary examination to the extent that a meaningful search or preliminary examination can be carried out without such sequence listing in electronic form.

5 to 7. [No change]

NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

8 to 15. [No change]

AMINO ACID SEQUENCES

16 to 22. [No change]

OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

23 to 35. [No change]

REPETITION OF FREE TEXT IN MAIN PART OF DESCRIPTION

36. [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTING IN ELECTRONIC FORM

37. [No change]

38. Any sequence listing in electronic form referred to in paragraph 3*ter* shall be in an electronic document format that has been specified by the receiving Office (in the case of a correction) or by the competent authority (in the case of a rectification or an amendment) for the purposes of filing of international applications in electronic form, provided that any such listing shall preferably be in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40. Any such listing shall be filed by a means of transmittal which has been specified by the receiving Office or the competent authority, as applicable, for the purposes of this paragraph; if possible, it shall preferably be filed by a means of transmittal which has been specified by both the receiving Office and the competent authority.

39 to 41. [No change]

PROCEDURE BEFORE DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

42. For the purposes of the procedure before a designated or elected Office before which the processing of an international application which contains the disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences has started (see Rule 13*ter*.3):

(i) [no change]

(ii) any reference to a sequence listing which is included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the application as filed shall be construed to also include any sequence listing included in the application, under the national law applied by the designated or elected Office concerned, by way of a rectification (of an obvious mistake) or amendment of the description in relation to sequences contained in the application as filed;

(iii) and (iv) [no change]

APPENDICES

[No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave – Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office
Telephone:	(355-42) 234 412
Facsimile machine:	(355-42) 234 412
E-mail:	mailinf@alpto.gov.al
Internet:	www.alpto.gov.al

The Office has also notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication, applicable since 1 May 2010. The consolidated provisions read as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

Any international application designating Albania which has been published under PCT Article 21 shall give rise to the same rights as those which the Albanian law provides for the compulsory national publication of unexamined national applications as such. Provisional protection shall be effective as from the date on which an Albanian translation of the claims of the international application is published by the Office. This translation shall be published within three months from the date of its submission to the Office (Article 27, Albanian Industrial Property Law).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent and

(1) the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages: the applicant has the right to seek compensation reasonable in the circumstances for any infringement, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met (see EPC Articles 67 and 153(4));¹ or

¹ For further details on the national law relating to the EPC, see www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html, in particular, "Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication pursuant to EPC Article 93 (EPC Article 67)" and "Translations for obtaining provisional protection".

(2) the international application is published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages (see EPC Article 153(4) and Article 82(1), Albanian Industrial Property Law).

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

ipr@syrecon.org

[Updating of Annex B1(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it would accept Albanian, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed, and that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(c), it would accept English as a language in which a request may be filed, with effect since 1 November 2008.

[Updating of Annex C(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PE Peru

Following the notification by the **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** that it forwarded, pursuant to PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii), international applications filed with it in its capacity as receiving Office to the International Bureau as receiving Office for further processing, with effect since 6 June 2009 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 July 2009, page 126), the Office has notified that it is fully assuming its functions as receiving Office with effect since 14 January 2011.

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 10 December 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified a new time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3). This time limit, applicable since 1 November 2008, is 31 months from the priority date and applies to all international applications for which the previously applicable 30-month time limit had not yet expired on 1 November 2008.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, applicable since 1 November 2008. The required contents now read as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Claims (if amended, as amended only)

Under PCT Article 39(1): Claims (if amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

In addition, the Office has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, applicable since 1 November 2008. The list of consolidated requirements reads as follows:

Appointment of an agent if the applicant does not reside in Albania or is not a legal entity established under Albanian law

Name of the inventor if this has not been indicated in the "Request" part of the international application²

If someone, other than the inventor, applies for a patent, the application shall contain a declaration indicating the applicant's right to the invention²

Any document relating to any transfer or assignment of the right to the application²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee for patents, in **Albanian lek (ALL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 11 September 2009, is ALL 7,000.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** has notified changes in the fees, in **nuevo sol (PEN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The consolidated list of these fees, applicable since 14 January 2011, is as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	PEN 233.35
International filing fee:	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 1,367
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 15
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 103
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	PEN 134.49
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	PEN 191.97

[Updating of Annex C(PE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2011, is EUR 1,461.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 April 2011, as follows:

Basic fee:	ISK	47,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK	3,000
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK	24,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-FIRST (24TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its forty-first (24th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 20 to 29 September 2010 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=20767.

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2011 and concern the following:

(i) the rectification of obvious mistakes authorized by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under PCT Rule 91.1(b)(iii) (amendments to PCT Rules 48.2 and 70.16);

(ii) the filing of amendments of the claims under PCT Article 19 and of amendments of the description, claims or drawings under PCT Article 34, and accompanying letters indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed (amendments to PCT Rules 12.2, 49.5, 53.9, 55.3, 62.1, 62.2, 70.2, 70.16 and 92.2, and deletion of PCT Rule 66.9);

(iii) replacement sheets, letters and other documents which are to be annexed to the international preliminary examination report (amendments to PCT Rule 70.16).

The text of the amendments is reproduced below.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT (to enter into force on 1 July 2011)

Rule 12 Language of the International Application and Translations for the Purposes of International Search and International Publication

12.1 to 12.1^{ter} [No change]

12.2 *Language of Changes in the International Application*

(a) Any amendment of the international application shall, subject to Rules 46.3 and 55.3, be in the language in which the application is filed.

(b) and (c) [No change]

12.3 and 12.4 [No change]

Rule 48
International Publication

48.1 [No change]

48.2 *Contents*

(a) to (h) [No change]

(i) If the authorization by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Bureau of a rectification of an obvious mistake in the international application under Rule 91.1 is received by or, where applicable, given by the International Bureau after completion of the technical preparations for international publication, a statement reflecting all the rectifications shall be published, together with the sheets containing the rectifications, or the replacement sheets and the letter furnished under Rule 91.2, as the case may be, and the front page shall be republished.

(j) and (k) [No change]

48.3 to 48.6 [No change]

Rule 49
Copy, Translation and Fee under Article 22

49.1 to 49.4 [No change]

49.5 *Contents of and Physical Requirements for the Translation*

(a) For the purposes of Article 22, the translation of the international application shall contain the description (subject to paragraph (a-bis)), the claims, any text matter of the drawings and the abstract. If required by the designated Office, the translation shall also, subject to paragraphs (b), (c-bis) and (e),

(i) [no change]

(ii) if the claims have been amended under Article 19, contain both the claims as filed and the claims as amended (the claims as amended shall be furnished in the form of a translation of the complete set of claims furnished under Rule 46.5(a) in replacement of all the claims originally filed), and

(iii) [no change]

(a-bis) to (l) [No change]

49.6 [No change]

Rule 53
The Demand

53.1 to 53.8 [No change]

53.9 *Statement Concerning Amendments*

(a) If amendments under Article 19 have been made, the statement concerning amendments shall indicate whether, for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the applicant wishes those amendments:

(i) to be taken into account, in which case a copy of the amendments and of the letter required under Rule 46.5(b) shall preferably be submitted with the demand; or

(ii) [no change]

(b) and (c) [No change]

Rule 55

Languages (International Preliminary Examination)

55.1 and 55.2 [No change]

55.3 *Language and Translation of Amendments and Letters*

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), if the international application has been filed in a language other than the language in which it is published, any amendment under Article 34, as well as any letter referred to in Rule 66.8(a), Rule 66.8(b) and Rule 46.5(b) as applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c), shall be submitted in the language of publication.

(b) Where a translation of the international application is required under Rule 55.2:

(i) any amendment and any letter referred to in paragraph (a); and

(ii) any amendment under Article 19 which is to be taken into account under Rule 66.1(c) or (d) and any letter referred to in Rule 46.5(b);

shall be in the language of that translation. Where such amendments or letters have been or are submitted in another language, a translation shall also be submitted.

(c) If an amendment or letter is not submitted in a language as required under paragraph (a) or (b), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall invite the applicant to submit the amendment or letter in the required language within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. That time limit shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. It may be extended by the International Preliminary Examining Authority at any time before a decision is taken.

(d) If the applicant fails to comply, within the time limit under paragraph (c), with the invitation to furnish an amendment in the required language, the amendment shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination. If the applicant fails to comply, within the time limit under paragraph (c), with the invitation to furnish a letter referred to in paragraph (a) in the required language, the amendment concerned need not be taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

Rule 62
Copy of the Written Opinion by the International Searching Authority
and of Amendments under Article 19
for the International Preliminary Examining Authority

62.1 *Copy of Written Opinion by International Searching Authority and of Amendments Made before the Demand Is Filed*

Upon receipt of a demand, or a copy thereof, from the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly transmit to that Authority:

(i) a copy of the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1, unless the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as International Searching Authority is also acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority; and

(ii) a copy of any amendment under Article 19, any statement referred to in that Article, and the letter required under Rule 46.5(b), unless that Authority has indicated that it has already received such a copy.

62.2 *Amendments Made after the Demand Is Filed*

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand has already been submitted, the applicant shall preferably, at the same time as he files the amendments with the International Bureau, also file with the International Preliminary Examining Authority a copy of such amendments, any statement referred to in that Article and the letter required under Rule 46.5(b). In any case, the International Bureau shall promptly transmit a copy of such amendments, statement and letter to that Authority.

Rule 66
Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

66.1 to 66.8 [No change]

66.9 *[Deleted]*

Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)

70.1 [No change]

70.2 *Basis of the Report*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(c-*bis*) If the claims, description or drawings have been amended but the replacement sheet or sheets were not accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed, as required under Rule 46.5(b)(iii), Rule 46.5(b)(iii) being applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c), or Rule 66.8(a), as applicable, the report may be established as if the amendment had not been made, in which case the report shall so indicate.

(d) and (e) [No change]

70.3 to 70.15 [No change]

70.16 *Annexes to the Report*

(a) The following replacement sheets and letters shall be annexed to the report:

- (i) each replacement sheet under Rule 66.8 containing amendments under Article 34 and each letter under Rule 66.8(a), Rule 66.8(b) and Rule 46.5(b) as applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c);
- (ii) each replacement sheet under Rule 46.5 containing amendments under Article 19 and each letter under Rule 46.5; and
- (iii) each replacement sheet under Rule 26.4 as applicable by virtue of Rule 91.2 containing a rectification of an obvious mistake authorized by that Authority under Rule 91.1(b)(iii) and each letter under Rule 26.4 as applicable by virtue of Rule 91.2;

unless any such replacement sheet has been superseded or considered reversed by a later replacement sheet or an amendment resulting in the cancellation of an entire sheet under Rule 66.8(b); and

- (iv) where the report contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(e), any sheet and letter relating to a rectification of an obvious mistake which is not taken into account pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), each superseded or reversed replacement sheet referred to in that paragraph and any letter referred to in that paragraph relating to such superseded or reversed sheet shall also be annexed to the report where:

- (i) the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that the relevant superseding or reversing amendment goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed and the report contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(c);
- (ii) the relevant superseding or reversing amendment was not accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed and the report is established as if the amendment had not been made and contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(c-*bis*).

In such a case, the superseded or reversed replacement sheet shall be marked as provided by the Administrative Instructions.

Rule 92

Correspondence

92.1 [No change]

92.2 *Languages*

(a) Subject to Rules 55.1 and 55.3 and to paragraph (b) of this Rule, any letter or document submitted by the applicant to the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where a translation of the international application has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b) or furnished under Rule 55.2, the language of such translation shall be used.

(b) [No change]

(c) *[Remains deleted]*

(d) and (e) [No change]

92.3 and 92.4 [No change]

RECEIVING OFFICES

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 24 January 2011.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified changes in its telephone number and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Telephone: (381-11) 2025 800

E-mail: zis@zis.gov.rs

Internet: www.zis.gov.rs

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2011, is ZAR 14,980.

[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 **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2011, is ZAR 15,730.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2010, as follows:

Transmittal fee: RSD 5,340

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):

RSD 1,280 for the first document
up to 10 pages
plus RSD 320 for each subsequent
document up to 10 pages
plus RSD 30 per page in excess of 10

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): RSD 2,140

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 June 2010, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 5,340
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 530
Examination fee:	RSD 16,030
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 7,480

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 5,340

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified the deletion of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) payable to the Office as receiving Office, with effect from 1 January 2011 for international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its telephone number, which now reads: (502) 232 470 70 (extension 109).

[Updating of Annex B1(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 23bis.3

GT Guatemala

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(ii), the **Registry of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion in addition to the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media in addition to the 3.5 inch diskette: CD-R, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GT Guatemala

Information on the requirements of the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (GT), which is published on the following pages.

NI Nicaragua

Information on the requirements of the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (NI), which is published on the following pages.

OM Oman

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (OM), which is published on the following pages.

SUMMARY

Designated (or elected) Office

SUMMARY

GT REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GT (GUATEMALA)

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Quetzal (GTQ) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ GTQ 2,500 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ GTQ 1,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Guatemala Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ 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 of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

GT REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GT
(GUATEMALA)

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Guatemala

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

NI REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NI (NICARAGUA)

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Córdoba Oro (NIO) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ NIO 200 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ NIO 100
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The national fee is reduced by 75% where the application is filed by a natural person
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Nicaragua Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ 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 of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

NI REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NI
(NICARAGUA)

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Nicaragua

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
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Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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OM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, OM MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Omani rial (OMR) For patent: Filing fee: OMR 300 (200) ² For utility model: Filing fee: OMR 300 (200) ²
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

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OM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, OM MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3, 4}

Declaration justifying the applicant’s right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor^{3, 4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Oman

Power of attorney if an agent is appointed

Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies

Copy of extract from the commercial register where the inventor is a company

Declaration concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty, such as disclosures resulting from abuse, disclosures at certain exhibitions and disclosures by the applicant during a certain period of time^{3, 4}

Who can act as agent?

Any patent agent registered before the Office

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ 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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RECEIVING OFFICES

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 10 March 2011.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2011, is ZAR 16,550.

[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 **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2011, is ZAR 17,380.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Latvian lat (LVL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2011, are LVL 48.80 and LVL 12.20, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Patent Office (India)** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect from 9 April 2011, as follows:

Microbial Culture Collection (MCC)
National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS)
University of Pune Campus, Ganeshkhind
Pune-411007, Maharashtra
India

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its mailing address, in its telephone number and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Szellemi Tulajdon Nemzeti Hivatala – Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 552, 1374 Budapest, Hungary
Telephone:	(36-1) 312 44 00
E-mail:	sztnh@hipo.gov.hu
Internet:	www.hipo.gov.hu

[Updating of Annex B1(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 15 February 2011, are as follows:

	Electronic filing	Paper filing
Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):		
For the first 30 sheets:	MYR 500	MYR 550
Plus, for each sheet in excess of 30:	MYR 60	MYR 70
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		
For the first 5 pages:	MYR 100 per page	
Plus, for each page in excess of 5:	MYR 3 per page	

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, also applicable since 15 February 2011, as follows:

	Electronic filing	Paper filing
Filing fee:	MYR 260	MYR 290
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	MYR 20	MYR 20

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MY), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments entered into force on 10 March 2011. The amended Annex A reads 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:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which now reads as follows:

Government Complex-Daejeon,
189 Cheongsu-ro, Seo-gu,
Daejeon 302-701,
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2011, are EUR 1,785 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2011, are as follows:

CHF	2,376	
KRW	2,166,000	
SGD	3,210	
USD	2,443	
ZAR	15,730	(supersedes the amount published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 February 2011, page 24)

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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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 – Amendment

The **Austrian Patent Office** has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches. The amended Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau of WIPO containing provisions concerning supplementary international search (see Articles 3(4) and 11(3)(iv), Annex C, Parts I and II, and Annex E thereof), as well as further amendments to Parts I and II of Annex C notified in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) and Article 11(4) thereof, as in force since 1 April 2011, is set out below.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,
INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Austrian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Austrian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
- (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Austrian Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, provided that the Republic of Austria, in accordance with its obligations undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation, has concluded with those States an agreement for that purpose;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, Hungarian, Russian.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Austrian Patent Law.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785 ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a))	1,700
– of only European and North American documentation	1,190
– of only German-language documentation	850
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,675 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,675 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	220
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.95

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.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the search fee has not been reduced³ and where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, the search fee shall be refunded to the following extent, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search:

- where the earlier search was carried out by the Authority: refund of 75%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another International Searching Authority: refund of 50%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another Patent Office: refund of 25%.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French and German, noting that the language of correspondence shall be the language in which the international application is filed or translated, as the case may be.

³ 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.

Annex E
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French or German.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
- (ii) European and North American documentation;
- (iii) German-language documentation.

(3) The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

In accordance with Section 102**bis**(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine** as receiving Office has notified that it is prepared to receive, since 1 March 2011, any international application filed under Section 102**bis**(a) with a PCT-EASY request and one of the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2011, is ZAR 17,380.¹

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Chilean peso (CLP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2011, is CLP 130.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	168,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,900

¹ This amount supersedes the amount published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 March 2011, page 39.

Reductions (under PCT Schedule
of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY:	ISK	12,700
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK	25,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK	38,100

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which now reads as follows:

Stauffacherstrasse 65/59g,
3003 Bern,
Switzerland

[Updating of Annex B1(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the deletion of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), with effect since 1 January 2007.

[Updating of Annex C(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile – Corrigendum

The information concerning the currency in which the new amount of the transmittal fee is payable to the **National Industrial Property Institute** as receiving Office, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 April 2011, page 55, was erroneous. This fee is payable in the equivalent in **Chilean peso (CLP)** of **US dollars (USD)** 130.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2011, is USD 477.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

CH Switzerland

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees, applicable since 1 January 2007, is CHF 500.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the deletion of one of the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51bis. The Office no longer requires a declaration of inventorship and concerning the right of the applicant to a patent.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15986), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15988), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3(j)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15988), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 21 December 2010. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.1(g)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 21 December 2010. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) therefore applies since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 21 December 2010. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

HU Hungary

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) and of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51bis.2(c)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.2(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2024), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51*bis*.3(c)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2026), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(a) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.tpe.gov.tr

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 April 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ISK 15,000

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK 4,000

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	ISK 24,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2011, is ISK 24,000.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EG Egypt

Following the notification by the **Egyptian Patent Office** of the possibility of an extension of the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, page 46, and of 25 February 2010, page 54), the Office has notified the withdrawal of this notification of extension. The 30-month time limits applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(1) and Article 39(1)(a) may therefore not be extended.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26*bis*.3

TR Turkey

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Turkish Patent Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

QA Qatar

On 3 May 2011, **Qatar** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 3 August 2011, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 August 2011 will automatically include the designation of Qatar (country code: QA).

Qatar will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 3 August 2011. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Qatar will be entitled, as from 3 August 2011, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Qatar contained a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 April 2011, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2011, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 9.00 am and 2.00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +43 1 53 424 76
- by fax at +43 1 53 424 535
- by e-mail at info@patentamt.at

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

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 (www.patentamt.at).

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)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is USD 2,084.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is USD 1,687.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** 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 13 March 2011, is EGP 7,000. Students are exempt from paying the examination fee.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is ISK 294,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD 114
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	USD 57
	Supplement for airmail:
	USD 11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) 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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 125,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,400
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 9,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 28,200

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 August 2011, is JPY 18,800.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is CHF 1,034.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is ISK 294,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

RW Rwanda

On 31 May 2011, **Rwanda** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 31 August 2011, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 31 August 2011 will automatically include the designation of Rwanda (country code: RW).

Rwanda will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 31 August 2011. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Rwanda will be entitled, as from 31 August 2011, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (*as in force from 1 January 2011*) – Corrigendum

The French versions only of modified paragraphs 2(i-bis) and 3bis of Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT in force from 1 January 2011, as published in the *Notifications officielles (Gazette du PCT)* of 20 January 2011, pages 7 and 8, were incorrect. The corrected versions are being published in the *Notifications officielles (Gazette du PCT)* of 9 June 2011, pages 82 and 83.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are KRW 2,204,000 and ZAR 14,090, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 285.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP 929
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	[No change]
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP 140
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP 209

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,647,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 19,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 124,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 371,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** and **Swiss franc (CHF)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are AUD 1,121 and CHF 1,050, respectively, for international applications filed in English, and AUD 388 and CHF 363, respectively, for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is KRW 248,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2011, is NOK 750.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

A new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is USD 229.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,520
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	114
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	114
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	229

Electronic filing (the request,
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[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** 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 September 2011, are CHF 1,820 and NZD 2,620, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is USD 229.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is ISK 294,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 10,530
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 120
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 790

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the deletion of the maintenance fee component of the national fee for patents payable to it as designated (or elected) Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified changes concerning:

- whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the first-named applicant resides in China, one is required if the first-named applicant is a non-resident;

- its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any of the patent agencies legally incorporated in China can act as such (a list of patent agencies may be obtained from the Office);

- the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1) – they shall consist of the request, the description, the claims, any text matter of drawings and the abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings);

- whether a copy of the international application is required by it as designated (or elected) Office – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20 (the requirement concerning the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has not changed);

- the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – no filing fee or additional filing fee is payable if the international application has been filed with the Office as receiving Office; the examination fee is reduced by 20% where the international search report has been issued by the Japan Patent Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or the European Patent Office; and no examination fee is payable if the international search report and the international preliminary report on patentability have been issued by the Office.

[Updating of Annex C(CN) and of the National Chapter, Summary (CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in its mailing and e-mail addresses, as follows:

Mailing address:	P.O. Box 1140, 00101 Helsinki, Finland
E-mail:	registry@prh.fi

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.vpb.lt/index.php?l=EN

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified changes in its e-mail addresses, which now read as follows:

rospatent@rupto.ru (general)
ro-ru@rupto.ru (as receiving Office)
pct-peo@rupto.ru (as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority)

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified that an agent is no longer required by it as receiving Office

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

RU Russian Federation

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney.

The Office, acting in all of the capacities outlined above, has also indicated the particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required, i.e., 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.

[Updating of Annexes C, D, SISA and E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a change in its mailing address, which now reads as follows:

P.O. Box 1160,
00101 Helsinki,
Finland

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Following the notification by the **Austrian Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 June 2011 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2011, pages 71 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under PCT Schedule
of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	150
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	225

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 1,003.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is BRL 379.

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2011, are ILS 556 and ILS 88, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2011, is ILS 1,064.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** 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 September 2011¹, are CHF 2,182 and ZAR 17,380, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,546
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	116
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	233
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	348

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 1,376.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2011, is CAD 233.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ In the case of the amount in ZAR, this date replaces the date of 1 May 2011 indicated in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 April 2011, page 55.

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish krone (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK	8,120
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK	90
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	DKK	610
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK	1,220
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK	1,830

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR	1,088
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	EUR	82
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	164
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format)	EUR	245

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2011, is EUR 164.

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search, respectively. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are CHF 2,182 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annexes D and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

A new equivalent amount in **Danish krone (DKK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is DKK 1,220.

[Updating of Annex E(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

For a search of the European and
North American documentation only: CHF 1,455

For a search of the German-language
documentation only: CHF 1,039

For a search of the PCT
minimum documentation only: CHF 2,078

[Updating of Annex SISA(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (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 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as an International Searching Authority for the purposes of those receiving Offices which have prescribed the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment for an international search by that Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 184,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 13,800
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 27,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 41,500

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are NZD 1,487 for international applications filed in English and NZD 515 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	8,690
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	100
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	NOK	650

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2011, is CHF 400.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2011, are CHF 280 and CHF 400¹.

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	10,240
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	120
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	770
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,540
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	2,310

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2011, is SEK 1,540.

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD	1,973
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD	22
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SGD	148

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 602 and 607, as well as to paragraphs 2(i-bis), 3bis, 3ter and 4bis of Annex C, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2011.

The modifications to Sections 602 and 607 are consequential to amendments of the Regulations under the PCT (PCT Rules 48.2 and 70.16) which entered into force on 1 July 2011 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 February 2011, pages 17 *et seq.*). The modifications to paragraphs 2(i-bis), 3bis, 3ter and 4bis of Annex C are intended to delete all references in Annex C to sequence listings included in the international application by way of a rectification under PCT Rule 91.

All modifications are applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2011.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/13) as in force from 1 July 2011 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2011)*

Section 602 **Processing of Amendments** **by the International Preliminary Examining Authority**

(a) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall:

(i) and (ii) [no change]

(iii) keep in its files any replaced sheet, any replacement sheet, whether or not superseded, any letter accompanying such sheets and any letter referred to in the last sentence of Rule 66.8(b);

(iv) where any superseded replacement sheet and letter relating to such superseded replacement sheet are to be annexed to the international preliminary examination report under Rule 70.16(b), indelibly mark, in addition to the markings referred to in items (i) and (ii), in the middle of the bottom margin of each superseded replacement sheet and of each letter relating to a superseded replacement sheet, without obscuring the marking made under item (ii), the words “SUPERSEDED REPLACEMENT SHEET (RULE 70.16(b))” or, as applicable, the words “ACCOMPANYING LETTER (RULE 70.16(b))”;

(v) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the International Bureau any replacement sheet and letter as provided for under Rule 70.16;

(vi) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the applicant a copy of each replacement sheet and letter as provided for under Rule 70.16.

(b) to (d) [No change]

Section 607

Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91

(a) Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority authorizes a rectification of an obvious mistake under Rule 91, it shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet, the words "RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91)" or their equivalent in the language of the demand as well as an indication of the International Preliminary Examining Authority as provided for in Section 107(b);

(iii) indelibly mark on the letter containing the rectification or accompanying any replacement sheet the date on which that letter was received;

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the letter containing the rectification or, when the rectification is contained in a replacement sheet, the replaced sheet, a copy of the letter accompanying the replacement sheet and a copy of the replacement sheet;

(v) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the International Bureau any replacement sheet and any letter as provided for under Rule 70.16;

(vi) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the applicant a copy of each replacement sheet and any letter as provided for under Rule 70.16.

(b) Where the rectification of an obvious mistake is not taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*, and the Authority so indicates in the international preliminary examination report in accordance with Rule 70.2(e), it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a), provided that the words "RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91) – NOT CONSIDERED FOR REPORT (RULE 66.4*bis*)" shall be used when marking in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii).

(c) Where the rectification of an obvious mistake is not taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*, and the Authority is not able to so indicate in the international preliminary examination report in accordance with the second sentence of Rule 70.2(e), it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i) to (iv) and forward any replacement sheet and any letter containing the rectification or accompanying any replacement sheet to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will promptly notify the elected Offices accordingly.

ANNEX C
STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION
OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. [No change]

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

- (i) [No change]

(i-*bis*) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 3), including any sequence listing or part thereof which is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(b) or (c), which is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b), or which has been corrected under Rule 26, rectified under Rule 91 or amended under Article 34(2); or a sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraphs 3*bis* and 3*ter*);

- (i-*ter*) [no change]

- (ii) to (viii) [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTINGS

Sequence Listing Forming Part of the International Application

3. [No change]

3*bis*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed on paper and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed on paper shall be submitted in accordance with Rule 26.4, Rule 91 or Rule 66.8, respectively.

3*ter*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed in electronic form and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed in electronic form shall be submitted in the form of a sequence listing in electronic form comprising the entire listing with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. Any such sequence listing:

- (i) to (iii) [No change]

Sequence Listing Not Forming Part of the International Application

4. [No change]

4*bis*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed shall be accompanied, for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination, by a sequence listing in electronic form in an electronic document format in accordance with paragraph 39, comprising the entire listing including any such correction, rectification or amendment, whenever this is required by the competent authority, unless such listing in electronic form is already available to that authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. Any such sequence listing in electronic form:

- (i) to (iii) [No change]
- (iv) shall be identical to the corrected or amended sequence listing and be accompanied by a statement that “the information recorded in electronic form furnished under Rule 13*ter* is identical to the corrected sequence listing” (or to the “amended sequence listing”, as the case may be).

Where such sequence listing in electronic form and, where applicable, such statement is not available to the competent authority, any such correction, rectification or amendment need only be taken into account by that authority for the purposes of the international search or preliminary examination to the extent that a meaningful search or preliminary examination can be carried out without such sequence listing in electronic form.

5 to 42. [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change to the fee for the priority document, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), with effect since 1 June 2011. This fee is now EUR 20, the fee per page component being no longer payable.

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified a change in the currency of payment of certain fees from **Georgian lari (GEL)** to **US dollar (USD)**, with effect since 3 July 2010. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ^{1, 2} :	USD	100

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) ¹ :	USD	30

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the examination and claim fees for a patent are reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2012, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
2 January 2012,
6 and 9 April 2012,
17 and 28 May 2012,
6 September 2012,
25 October 2012,
25, 26 and 31 December 2012.

¹ This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.

² This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant is a student or a pensioner.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified changes in its telephone number and its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (385-1) 6106 100

E-mail: info@dziv.hr

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, applicable for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008 – a published European patent application shall provisionally confer the protection as conferred by a published national patent application under Article 60 of the Patent Law as from the date on which a translation of the published European patent application into the Croatian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Croatia.

[Updating of Annex B1(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the filing fee, the examination fee and the publication and maintenance fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **Croatian kuna (HRK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 5 January 2010, is HRK 300.

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 82
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 41
	Supplement for airmail: [no change]

No fee for the priority document is due where, in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b), this document is prepared for the purposes of an international application, or where the Office is requested to make priority documents available via the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS).

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

QA Qatar

General information on **Qatar** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(QA), which is published on pages 114 and 115.

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QATAR

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General information

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Center
Location and mailing address:	P.O. Box 917, Ministry of Justice, Doha, Qatar
Telephone:	(974) 4494 5263, 4494 5273
Facsimile machine:	(974) 4493 1464
E-mail:	aqayed@mbt.gov.qa
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
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)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Qatar:	Intellectual Property Center or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Qatar is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Center
May Qatar be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Qatar concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Qatar is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Qatar is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. 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 of two months from the date of
receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is NZD 2,975.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP 1,046
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP 12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP 157
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP 236

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are USD 1,233 for international applications filed in English and USD 427 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **new Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 31 December 2010, as follows:

For patent and utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	500
First annual fee:		
For patent:	TRY	135
For utility model:	TRY	135
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	825

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (TR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,699
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	19
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	128
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	256
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	383

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is AUD 256.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 2 August 2011, is COP 812,000¹.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change in the currency used as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount of the international filing fee in **Colombian peso (COP)**, from **US dollar (USD)** to **Swiss franc (CHF)**, applicable since 2 August 2011, as follows:

International filing fee:	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs	1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs	15

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the relevant National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research registered with the Chamber of Commerce.

Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY: Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs 100

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,758
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	20
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	132
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	132
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	264
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	397

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is USD 264.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office under PCT Rule 11.1(b). Two copies must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: G/F, 2/F, 14/F, 16/F
Intellectual Property Center,
World Finance Plaza,
#28 Upper McKinley Road,
McKinley Hill Town Center,
Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City,
1634 Philippines

Telephone: (632) 238-6300

Facsimile machine: (632) 553-9480

[Updating of Annex B1(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a clarification concerning the copies required by it as receiving Office under PCT Rule 11.1(b). When less than the three required paper copies are furnished, the applicant will not be charged copying costs and no penalties will apply for failing to supply the required number of copies.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect since 1 July 2008 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 32/2004, of 5 August 2004, pages 18092 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

However, applicants should note that it is still the case that the Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper and will not prepare a copy of the international application at the request of the applicant.”

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RW Rwanda

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Rwanda deposited, on 24 June 2011, its instrument of accession to the **Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)** and will become bound by that Protocol on 24 September 2011. Thus, any international application filed on or after 24 September 2011 will include the designation of Rwanda for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Moreover, from 24 September 2011, nationals and residents of Rwanda will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Rwanda Development Board or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

For a search of the European and North American documentation only:	CHF 1,348

For a search of the German-language documentation only:	CHF 963

For a search of the PCT minimum documentation only:	CHF 1,925

[Updating of Annex SISA(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2011 and from 1 November 2011, respectively, are EUR 164 and EUR 177.

[Updating of Annex E(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish krone (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK	8,750
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK	100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	DKK	660
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK	1,320
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK	1,970

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, applicable since 1 September 2011, that were published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 July 2011, page 94, apply to a number of receiving Offices other than the European Patent Office (EPO), as indicated by their two-letter codes, below.

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CY), C(CZ), C(DE), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(MT), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI), C(SK) and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR	1,174
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	13
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	EUR	88
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	177
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	265

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CY), C(CZ), C(DE), C(EP), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(MT), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI), C(SK) and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(d)) and the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b)) for an international search and a supplementary international search, respectively, carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2011, are CHF 2,022 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is EUR 177.

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as an International Searching Authority for the purposes of those receiving Offices which have prescribed the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment for an international search by that Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2011 and from 1 November 2011, respectively, are EUR 164 and EUR 177.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2011 and from 1 November 2011, respectively, are EUR 164 and EUR 177.

[Updating of Annex E(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 88	USD 132
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 44	USD 66
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 9	USD 13

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,827,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 21,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 137,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 412,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2011, are CHF 946 for international applications filed in English and CHF 328 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is KRW 275,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

A new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is USD 264.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Danish krone (DKK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is DKK 1,320.

[Updating of Annex E(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 12,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 140
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 920

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Article 11 and Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 15 November 2011. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	2,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	2,000
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– patent document, per page	[No change]
– non-patent document, per page	[No change]
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified a protest fee under PCT Rule 40.2(e) and a protest fee under PCT Rule 68.3(e), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively. The amount of each of the fees, applicable from 15 November 2011, is RUB 2,000.

[Updating of Annexes D(RU) and E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 3 August 2011 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Qatar with the Intellectual Property Center.

RW Rwanda

The **Rwanda Development Board** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 31 August 2011 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Rwanda with the Rwanda Development Board.

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BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in its telephone number, which now reads: (32-2) 277 90 11.

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which now read as follows:

(420) 220 383 111 (operator service)
(420) 220 383 459 (PCT Department)

[Updating of Annex B1(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Romanian leu (ROL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2006, are ROL 360 and ROL 72, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search, respectively. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are CHF 2,022 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annexes D(SE) and SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a "small entity". The new amounts, applicable since 26 September 2011, are as follows:

Basic national fee: USD 380 (190)

Search fee:

- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA: USD 120 (60)
- Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: USD 490 (245)
- All other situations: USD 620 (310)

Examination fee:

- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- All other situations: USD 250 (125)

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): USD 310 (155)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: USD 250 (125)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: USD 60 (30)

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: USD 450 (225)

Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: [No change]

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has replaced the conditions relating to international applications containing information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to Israeli national security, filed with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office by an applicant from Israel, with the following conditions:

Patent applicants are referred to Section 98 of Israel Patents Law, 5727-1967, that states as follows:

“An Israel national, a permanent resident of Israel or any other person who owes allegiance to the State shall not submit any application abroad for a patent for an invention the subject of which is weaponry or ammunition, or which is otherwise of military value, or for an invention with which Section 95 deals, and he shall not – directly or indirectly – cause a said application to be submitted, unless one of the following applies:

- (1) he received written permission from the Minister of Defense in advance;
- (2) he submitted an application in respect of that invention in Israel and within six months after that application was submitted, the Minister of Defense did not make an order on it under Section 94, or he made such an order, but it is no longer in effect.”

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The International Bureau has been notified that the name “**Libya**” shall be used instead of the name “Libyan Arab Jamahiriya”, the two-letter code remaining unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(LY) and C(LY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RW Rwanda

General information on Rwanda as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(RW), which is published on page 145.

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BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Bulgarian lev (BGL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 10 March 2010, is BGL 20.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 20 September 2011, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2011, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm Sunday to Thursday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at (972-2) 5651 707
- by fax at (972-2) 5651 616
- by e-mail at PCT.Customer-serv@justice.gov.il

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- other documents, if any

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)):

Not applicable to filing on a physical medium.

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)):

At this stage no digital certificates are accepted by the Office.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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Information on Contracting States

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General information

Name of Office:	Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda)
Location and mailing address:	Corner Blvd, de l'Umuganda (Airport Rd), Nyarutarama Road, P.O. Box 6239, Kigali, Rwanda
Telephone:	(250) 252 58 03 38
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	blaise.ruhima@rdb.rw louise.kanyonga@rdb.rw
Internet:	www.rdb.rw www.org.rdb.rw
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
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)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Rwanda:	Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ¹ or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Rwanda is designated (or elected):	National protection: Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda) ARIPO protection: ¹ African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (see National Phase)
May Rwanda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: ¹ Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Rwanda concerning international-type search:	Article 33 (Law on the Protection of Intellectual Property)
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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¹ For international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011.

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Information of interest if Rwanda is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Rwanda is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. 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 of two months from the date of the
invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Praça Mauá 7, 3^o Andar, Centro,
CEP 20.081-240,
Rio de Janeiro, RJ,
Brazil

Telephone: (55-21) 3037-3686, 3037-3742,
3037-3318, 3037-3349

Facsimile machine: (55-21) 3037-3319, 3037-3493

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are BRL 200 and BRL 150, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

BG Bulgaria

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) and of the National Chapter, Summary (BG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments, which enter into force on 20 October 2011, consist of the addition of Qatar to the States listed in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads 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:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and, where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now: (56-2) 887 05 50, (56-2) 887 05 51.

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2010, is EUR 50.

[Updating of Annex C(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 20 October 2011, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Qatar with the Intellectual Property Center.

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection no longer exists for provisional patents and now only applies to patents and utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent).

[Updating of Annex B1(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **Armenian dram (AMD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2009, is AMD 10,000.

[Updating of Annex C(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any person who is a resident of Armenia can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(AM) and of the National Chapter, Summary (AM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office. One copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Head Office:	Kneza Domagoja bb, 88000 Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Branch Offices:	Banja Luka: Kralja Petra Prvog Karadjordjevica 83A, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina Sarajevo: Hamdije Ćemerlića 2/9, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Telephone:	Head Office:	[unchanged]
	Branch Offices:	(387-51) 22 68 40 (Banja Luka) [unchanged] (Sarajevo)
Facsimile machine:	Head Office:	[unchanged]
	Branch Offices:	(387-51) 22 68 41 (Banja Luka) [unchanged] (Sarajevo)

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning:

- the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine and by e-mail, and the original of the document must now be furnished in all cases, within 15 days from the date of transmission;

- its requirements as to whether it would accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used – it will now accept such evidence provided that the delivery service is a recognized courier service;

- the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection now applies to patents and consensual patents.

[Updating of Annex B1(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified new amounts of its national fee, in **convertible mark (BAM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2011, as follows:

Filing and publication fee:	BAM	255
– plus for each page of the application over 30:	BAM	2
– plus for each claim over 10:	BAM	10
Publication fee for granted patent:	BAM	40

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The required contents now read as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

In addition, the Office has notified a change in its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – it now requires such a copy.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Name of Office:	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Standartlaşdırma, Metrologiya və Patent üzrə Dövlət Komitəsi State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)
Location and mailing address:	Mardanov gardashlar 124, AZ 1147 Baku, Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(99-412) 440 37 98, 449 99 59
Facsimile machine:	(99-412) 440 52 24, 440 37 98
E-mail:	azs@azstand.gov.az
Internet:	www.azstand.gov.az

[Updating of Annex B1(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PG Papua New Guinea

The **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, in its telephone numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Location:	IPA Haus, 1 st Floor, Munidubu St. (corner of Lawes Road and Champion Parade), Konedobu, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 5053, Boroko, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea P.O. Box 1281, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea

Telephone : (675) 308 4432, 321 7311
E-mail : registrar.ipopng@ipa.gov.pg
Internet : www.ipopng.gov.pg

[Updating of Annex B1(PG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are AZN 10 and AZN 7, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Filing fee (including examination):	AZN	10
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	7
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	AZN	7
Annual fee for the third year:	AZN	5

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows: patlib@patentoffice.ie

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Directorate (Luxembourg)** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its telephone numbers, which now read as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Luxembourg)
Telephone:	(352) 247-84113

[Updating of Annex B1(LU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 October 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	RSD 6,100
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,460 for the first document up to 10 pages
plus	RSD 370 for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
plus	RSD [no change] per page in excess of 10

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 October 2011, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 6,100
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 610
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[no change]
Examination fee:	RSD 18,320
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 8,550

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 6,100
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[no change]

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-second (18th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2011, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2012, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 169 to 171.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2012, as indicated in the table published on pages 172 and 173.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2012, as indicated in the table published on page 174.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KR), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RU), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE) and (XN),

E(AT), (AU), (BR), (CA), (EP), (ES), (FI), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new components of its transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 15 November 2011. This fee is now as follows:

Transmittal fee:

- Basic portion: USD 240
- Non-electronic filing fee portion
for international applications
filed on or after 15 November 2011
other than by the Office
electronic filing system (regular): USD 400
- Non-electronic filing fee portion
for international applications
filed on or after 15 November 2011
other than by the Office
electronic filing system
(small entity): USD 200

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Official Closing

Due to an emergency, the **International Bureau** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 27 and 28 October 2011. The next subsequent day on which the International Bureau was open for business was 31 October 2011.

Consequently:

– pursuant to Article 4C(3) of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, if the priority period of any international application intended to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office on 27 or 28 October 2011 was due to expire on either of those days, that period is extended until 31 October 2011 for the purposes of the international phase, and

– pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the International Bureau fell on 27 or 28 October 2011, that period is extended so as to expire on 31 October 2011.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.11	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	Schedule of fees item 3
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency				100	200	300		Current amount
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15				200	
AT - Austria Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
AU - Australia Australian dollar	0.88279583	1'699 1'507	19 17	128 113	256 227	383 340	256 227	Current amount* New amount
BE - Belgium Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
BR - Brazil Brazilian real	0.48512771	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	379 412	Current amount New amount
CA - Canada Canadian dollar	0.87631813	1'546 1'518	17 17	116 114	233 228	348 342	233 228	Current amount New amount
CY - Cyprus Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
DE - Germany Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
DK - Denmark Danish krone	0.16327903	8'750 8'150	100 90	660 610	1'320 1'220	1'970 1'840	1'320 1'220	Current amount* New amount
EE - Estonia Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
EP - European Patent Office Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
ES - Spain Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
FI - Finland Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
FR - France Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2011.

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Brazilian real of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.11	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	Current amount*
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
GB - United Kingdom Pound sterling	1.41615198	1'046 939	12 11	n.a. n.a.	157 141	236 212	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
GR - Greece Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
IB - International Bureau Swiss franc Euro US dollar	0.91517409	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	397 328	*** *** ***	Current amount* New amount
IE - Ireland Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.00774258	184'200 171'800	2'100 1'900	13'800 12'900	27'700 25'800	41'500 38'700	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.01193647	125'000 111'400	1'400 1'300	9'400 8'400	n.a. n.a.	28'200 25'100	18'800 16'800	Current amount New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.00077486	1'827'000 1'716'000	21'000 19'000	137'000 129'000	n.a. n.a.	412'000 387'000	275'000 258'000	Current amount* New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
MW - Malawi Malawian kwacha	0.00558030	210'800 238'300	2'400 2'700	15'800 17'900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NL - Netherlands Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
NO - Norway Norwegian krone	0.15618294	8'690 8'520	100 100	650 640	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZ - New Zealand New Zealand dollar	0.69761159	1'844 1'907	21 22	139 143	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2011.

** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.11	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	Schedule of fees item 3	Current amount
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)			
Currency									
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	200	Current amount
PT - Portugal Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount	Current amount*
SE - Sweden Swedish krona	0.13344882	10'240 9'970	120 110	770 750	1'540 1'500	2310 2'250	1'540 1'500	Current amount New amount	Current amount New amount
SG - Singapore Singapore dollar	0.69830397	1'973 1'905	22 21	148 143	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount	Current amount New amount
SI - Slovenia Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount	Current amount*
SK - Slovakia Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount	Current amount*
US - United States of America US dollar	0.91517409	1'758 1'453	20 16	132 109	264 219	n.a. n.a.	264 219	Current amount* New amount	Current amount* New amount
ZA - South Africa South African rand	0.11164743	12'200 11'910	140 130	920 900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount	Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2011.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2012)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CN		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI	
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	1785	AUD	1900	BRL	1900	CAD	1600	CNY	2100	EUR	1785	EUR	1785	EUR	1785
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.11</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>		<i>Exch. rate</i>		<i>Exch. rate</i>		<i>Exch. rate</i>		<i>Exch. rate</i>		<i>Exch. rate</i>		<i>Exch. rate</i>		<i>Exch. rate</i>	
CHF - Swiss franc	1.21518640	2'022 ^{1,2} 2'169 ¹	0.88279583	1'787 ¹ 1'677 ¹	0.48512771	1'003 ¹ 922 ¹	0.87631813	1'376 ¹ 1'402 ¹	0.14345995	285 ¹ 301 ¹	1.21518640	2'022 ² 2'169 ¹	1.21518640	2'022 ² 2'169 ¹	1.21518640	2'022 ² 2'169 ¹
USD - US dollar	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹	1.03667095	2'084 1'833	1.88646013	1'122 ¹ 1'007 ¹	1.04434001	1'687 ¹ 1'532 ¹	6.37930019	314 ¹ 329 ¹	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹
EUR - Euro			1.37652032	1'461 ¹ 1'380 ¹	2.50487938	820 ¹ 759 ¹	1.38669549	1'143 ¹ 1'154 ¹	8.47056199	229 ¹ 248 ¹						
AUD - Australian dollar																
DKK - Danish krone																
GBP - Pound sterling											0.13436542	13'310				
ISK - Icelandic krona											1.16537840	1'543				
JPY - Japanese yen											0.00637152	294'000				
KRW - Korean won	2'166'000 2'799'000		0.00083773	2'204'000 2'165'000							0.00982275	280'000				
MWK - Malawian kwacha												377'000				
NOK - Norwegian krone											0.00459214	389'000				
NZD - New Zealand dollar											0.12832591	14'350				
SEK - Swedish krona											0.57407785	3'109				
SGD - Singapore dollar	3'210 3'110										0.10981757	16'250				
ZAR - South African rand	0.57464762 17'380 19'430		0.79022982	2'478 2'404							0.57464762	3'210				
			0.12647028	15'020							0.09187680	17'380				

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

² Amount applicable as from November 1, 2011.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2012)

[continued]

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ³		ISA/US		ISA/XN ⁴	
Reference currency & Amount	JPY	Exch. rate	KRW	Exch. rate	RUB	Exch. rate	SEK	Exch. rate	USD	Exch. rate	DKK	Exch. rate
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.11</i>												
CHF - Swiss franc	1'034 ⁵ 1'158 ⁵	0.01193647	946 ^{5,6} 1'007 ⁵	328 ^{5,6} 349 ⁵	400 ⁵ 380 ⁵	0.02813715	2'022 ^{5,6} 2'169 ⁵	1'820 ⁵ 1'904 ⁵			2'022 ^{5,6} 2'169 ⁵	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	1'163 ⁵ 1'265 ⁵	76.67041311	1'233 ⁶ 1'101 ⁵	427 ⁶ 381 ⁵	477 ⁵ 415 ⁵	32.52547622	2'443 ⁵ 2'370 ⁵				2'443 ⁵ 2'370 ⁵	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	850 ⁵ 953 ⁵	101.80450334	846 ⁵ 829 ⁵	293 ⁵ 287 ⁵	324 ⁵ 313 ⁵	43.18797588	1'785 ⁵ 1'785 ⁵	1'520 ⁵ 1'566 ⁵			1'785 ⁵ 1'785 ⁵	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar			1'121 ⁵ 1'141 ⁵	388 395								Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone							1'310 1'328					Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling												Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona												Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen												Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	1'306'000 1'494'000	0.06491506					294'000 280'000				294'000 280'000	Current amount New amount
MWK - Malawian kwacha												Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone												Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			1'487 1'444	515 500			1'4350 1'3890				1'4350 1'3890	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona			900.31045908						0.76237201			Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar												Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand			901.20401372							0.12199584		Current amount New amount

³ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2012, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2012, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁶ Amount applicable as from November 1, 2011.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN	
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹	1'190 ²	1'700 ³	EUR	1'785	EUR	1'785	Equivalent in CHF of 9450 Russian roubles ⁴	13'500 ⁵	SEK 16'530	DKK 13'310
Exchange rate applicable on 03.10.11												
	Exch. rate				Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate			
CHF - Swiss franc	1.21518640	1'033	1'446	2'066	1.21518640	2'169	1.21518640	2'169	0.02813715	266	380	2'169 ⁸
												2'169 ⁹

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation.

² For a search of the European or North American documentation.

³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

⁴ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

⁵ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

⁶ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2012.

⁷ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2012.

⁸ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2012.

⁹ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2012.

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RECEIVING OFFICES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any natural or legal person resident in Switzerland or having an address for service in Switzerland can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application¹

Address for service in Switzerland or appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Switzerland or Liechtenstein²

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it. These requirements now read as follows:

Where the applicant has neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Switzerland, an address for service in Switzerland must be indicated (Article 13 of the Federal Law on Patents for Inventions (PatG) within the time limit set out in paragraph 1 of Article 124 of the Ordinance on Patents for Inventions (PatV). If no address for service is indicated within that time limit, the Office will allow an extension of two months to do so. The application will be refused in case of non-observation of that time limit.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1); however, continuation of the procedure may be requested in case of failure to observe that time limit. This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

² 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.

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3 AND 49*ter*.2

PG Papua New Guinea

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(PG) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available under the PCT – such protection now applies to utility models instead of or in addition to patents.

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.gov.vc/cipo

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine, and the original of the documents must be furnished in all cases.

[Updating of Annex B1(VC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2012, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 82	USD 109
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 41	USD 55
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 8	USD 11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a 50% reduction in the amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), payable to it as receiving Office, where the international application is filed in fully-electronic form. This reduction is applicable since 1 February 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office, applicable since 1 November 2011. One copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, applicable since 1 January 2009 – after the furnishing of a translation into Danish or, if the international application was filed in Danish, of a copy of the international application as filed, or if the international application is filed in English or translated into English when the claims have been filed in Danish, the applicant is given provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages; these are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act).

[Updating of Annex B1(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), and since 1 May 2008, it accepts Icelandic, in addition to Danish, English, French, German, Norwegian and Swedish, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NO Norway

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 17 November 2011, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 January 2012, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- JFIF (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))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 9.00 am and 15.00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +47 22 38 73 33
- by e-mail at infosenteret@patentstyret.no

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in 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 (www.patentstyret.no).

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-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)), in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2012, is ILS 561.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2012, is ILS 1,075.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

Following the notification by the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 January 2012 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 December 2011, pages 182 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK 1,280
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK 1,920

The Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 2 February 2012

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 January 2010.

These modifications are intended to implement provisions of the PCT Regulations which permit the applicant to request that priority documents be obtained by receiving Offices and the International Bureau from digital libraries rather than having to be supplied directly by the applicant (PCT Rules 17.1(b-*bis*), 17.1(d), 66.7(a) and 91.1(e)).

All modifications will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2010.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/10) as in force from 1 January 2010 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 January 2010)*

Section 715

Availability of Priority Documents from Digital Libraries

(a) For the purposes of Rules 17.1(b-*bis*), 17.1(d) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rules 17.1(c) and 82*ter*.1(b)), 66.7(a) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rule 43*bis*.1(b)) and 91.1(e), a priority document shall be considered to be available from a digital library to the receiving Office, the International Bureau, a designated Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be:

(i) if the Office or Authority concerned has notified the International Bureau, or the International Bureau has declared, as the case may be, that it is prepared to obtain priority documents from that digital library; and

(ii) the priority document concerned is held in that digital library and the applicant has, to the extent required by the procedures for accessing the relevant digital library, authorized the Office or Authority concerned or the International Bureau, as the case may be, to access that priority document.

(b) A notification to the International Bureau under paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents by

(i) the International Bureau; or

(ii) an Office in its capacity as receiving Office, designated Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority,

that it is prepared to obtain priority documents via the Digital Access Service shall be taken as a declaration or notification under paragraph (a)(i) that the International Bureau or Office acting in the relevant capacity will obtain priority documents through the Digital Access Service from any digital library which has been the subject of a notification in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Framework Provisions, including libraries for which such a notification is subsequently made with effect prior to the date on which the Office or Bureau is requested to retrieve the priority document.

(c) An Office or Authority which has given a notification to the International Bureau under paragraph (a)(i) or (b) shall notify the International Bureau of any change in the information so notified.

(d) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification received by it under paragraph (a)(i) or (b) of this Section, any declaration made by it under paragraph (a)(i) or (b), and any change in the information so declared.

(e) The effective date of any change published under paragraph (d) shall be as specified by the Office or Authority concerned or by the International Bureau, as the case may be, provided that any change which restricts the ability of the applicant to request the Office, the Authority or the International Bureau to obtain a priority document from the digital library shall, except in the case where priority documents are no longer held in the digital library, not be effective earlier than two months after the date of publication of the change in the Gazette.

Section 716

Request that Priority Document Be Obtained from a Digital Library under Rule 17.1(b-bis)

(a) Any request under Rule 17.1(b-bis):

(i) shall identify the priority document concerned in accordance with Rule 4.10(a);

(ii) where the priority document is held in connection with another application which relied upon that priority document to support a priority claim and that digital library is to be accessed other than through the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents, and if so required by the receiving Office or the International Bureau, shall indicate the number of that other application; and

(iii) where applicable, shall be accompanied by the fee referred to in Rule 17.1(b-bis).

(b) Where the applicant, in accordance with Rule 17.1(b-bis) and paragraph (a) of this Section, requests the receiving Office or the International Bureau to obtain a priority document which, in accordance with Section 715(a), is considered to be available from a digital library to that Office or the International Bureau, but that Office or the International Bureau finds that the priority document is in fact not available to it, that Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, shall notify the applicant, giving the opportunity to furnish the priority document to it, or to ensure that the document is made available to it from a digital library, within a time limit of not less than two months from the date of the notification or within the time limit specified in Rule 17.1(a), whichever time limit expires later. Where the priority document is furnished or becomes available to the Office or the International Bureau within that time limit, the requirements of Rule 17.1(b-bis) shall be considered to have been met. If the priority document is not so furnished or does not become available within that time limit, the request that the document be obtained from a digital library shall be considered not to have been made.

(c) Where the applicant requests the receiving Office or the International Bureau under Rule 17.1(b-bis) to obtain a priority document from a digital library but that request does not comply with the requirements of that Rule and paragraph (a) of this Section, or the priority document concerned is not considered to be available to that Office or the International Bureau in accordance with Section 715(a), that Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, shall promptly inform the applicant accordingly.

WIPO DIGITAL ACCESS SERVICE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENTS (DAS)

Using DAS with the PCT

With effect since 1 January 2010, and in accordance with Section 715(b)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the International Bureau is able to retrieve priority documents through the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) for use with international applications filed under the PCT. A notification to this effect can be found on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/pdocforum/participating.html.

This means that the applicant can request the International Bureau to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document instead of having to provide a certified copy, as long as:

(i) the document in question has been added to DAS by a participating “depositing Office” (see below); and

(ii) the applicant has indicated that the International Bureau should have access to that document, using the applicant portal at: https://webaccess.wipo.int/priority_documents/en/.

Background

The Offices (“depositing Offices”) which currently allow applicants to make applications available to DAS are: the Australian Patent Office, the International Bureau (for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Several more Offices are expected to join this system in the near future. Details of how to request any particular depositing Office to make a document available to DAS are available from the respective websites of those Offices.

The legal basis for recognition of priority documents retrieved by the International Bureau through DAS is PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis)(ii) in conjunction with Sections 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions.

The service under Rule 17.1(b) whereby the receiving Office will prepare a copy of a priority document which would be issued by it and send it directly to the International Bureau continues to apply and is not affected by the addition of this complementary service.

Using DAS for International Applications under the PCT

The International Bureau will recognize requests to obtain documents from DAS for any international application for which the 16-month time limit under Rule 17.1(b-bis) has not yet expired on 1 January 2010, provided that the applicant has taken all the necessary steps to ensure that the application has been made available to the International Bureau through the Service. Notably, as well as making sure that the document is available to DAS, the applicant needs to check the box in the applicant Web portal indicating that the International Bureau is permitted access to that document. Otherwise, the Bureau cannot retrieve the document.

The International Bureau does not charge any fee for this service, though the depositing Office may charge a fee for making the priority document available to the system in the first place.

Making the Request

A request for the International Bureau to obtain a priority document from DAS can be made in the following ways:

Paper applications

Tick the relevant box(es) in item 6 of the request form PCT/RO/101, as in force since 1 January 2010, available from: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/request/ed_request_2010.pdf.

Electronic applications and PCT-EASY filings

Pending the implementation of equivalent check-boxes in PCT-SAFE, include a letter to the International Bureau, clearly requesting that some or all of the priority documents be retrieved using DAS. The content of the letter should preferably be as follows, with no other matters dealt with in the letter:

“The International Bureau is requested to retrieve the priority documents for this international application using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents.”

If only certain of the documents are available through this system, the letter should specify which priority documents are to be retrieved that way and that the other documents will either be forwarded by the receiving Office or else provided as certified copies in the conventional way.

Such a letter can be included in an application prepared using PCT-SAFE as follows:

- (i) In the “Contents” tab, select “Accompanying Items”.
- (ii) Select “Other” from the drop-down list of item types and type “p-doc retrieval” into the box to describe the item.
- (iii)(a) If filing a fully electronic application using PCT-SAFE, double-click on the item which appears in the Content Details list to open a dialog box allowing the file containing the letter to be attached (this should preferably be in PDF format where this is accepted by the relevant receiving Office or JPEG or TIFF otherwise).
- (b) If filing a PCT-EASY or PCT EASY/EFS Web application, double-click on the item and indicate that the document is enclosed.

International applications which have already been filed

Send a letter, which must reach the International Bureau prior to 16 months from the priority date, quoting the international application number and clearly requesting that some or all of the priority documents be retrieved using DAS. The content of the letter should preferably be as follows and be clearly marked as a separate section if any other issues are dealt with.

“The International Bureau is requested to retrieve [the priority documents] [the following priority documents] for international application PCT/XXyyyy/nnnnnn using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents.”

Help

Support is available from the PCT-SAFE Help Desk (pctsafe.help@wipo.int), which acts as focal point for DAS related issues as well as for PCT-SAFE.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

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 – Amendment to Annex C

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2010. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,700 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,700 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,675 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,675 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2010, are EUR 1,700 for each of the fees. They are 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 specified on the home page of the Office (see www.patentamt.at/Media/Infoblatt_Gebuehren.pdf).

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2010, are EUR 1,675 for each of the fees. They are 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 specified on the home page of the Office (see www.patentamt.at/Media/Infoblatt_Gebuehren.pdf).

[Updating of Annex E(AT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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 specified on the home page of the Office (see www.patentamt.at/Media/Infoblatt_Gebuehren.pdf).

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 March 2010, is ZAR 11,060.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTIETH (17TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations and other changes affecting the PCT system were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its fortieth (17th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=18653.

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2010 and provide for:

(i) clarification as to the different types of limitations and conditions which an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority may wish to set in the applicable agreement under PCT Article 16(3)(b) with regard to its preparedness to carry out supplementary searches, as to the conditions of refund of the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee, and as to the currency and the inclusion in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations of the fees referred to in PCT Rule 45*bis*.2 (amendments to PCT Rules 45*bis*.1, 45*bis*.2, 45*bis*.3, 45*bis*.5, 45*bis*.6, 45*bis*.9 and 96.1);

(ii) the obligation for applicants, when making amendments to the description, claims or drawings, to indicate the basis for those amendments in the application as filed (PCT Rules 46.5 and 66.8, and new PCT Rule 70.2(c-*bis*));

(iii) amendments of the procedure of the establishment of equivalent amounts of the search fee, the supplementary search fee, the international filing fee and the handling fee (PCT Rules 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 16.1, 16*bis*.1, 19.4, 57.2, 57.4, 57.5 and 57.6).

The text of the amendments to the PCT Regulations is reproduced below. Other changes affecting the PCT system will be the subject of later publication.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT *(to enter into force on 1 July 2010)*

Rule 15 **The International Filing Fee**

15.1 [No change]

15.2 *Amount*

(a) [No change]

(b) The international filing fee shall be payable in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by the receiving Office (“prescribed currency”).

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the Swiss franc, the receiving Office shall promptly transfer the said fee to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is a currency other than the Swiss franc and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Director General shall establish, for each receiving Office which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the international filing fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall promptly be transferred by the receiving Office to the International Bureau;

(ii) is not freely convertible into Swiss francs, the receiving Office shall be responsible for the conversion of the international filing fee from the prescribed currency into Swiss francs and shall promptly transfer that fee in Swiss francs, in the amount set out in the Schedule of Fees, to the International Bureau. Alternatively, if the receiving Office so wishes, it may convert the international filing fee from the prescribed currency into euros or US dollars and promptly transfer the equivalent amount of that fee in euros or US dollars, as established by the Director General according to directives given by the Assembly as referred to in item (i), to the International Bureau.

15.3 *Time Limit for Payment; Amount Payable*

The international filing fee shall be paid to the receiving Office within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. The amount payable shall be the amount applicable on that date of receipt.

15.4 *Refund*

The receiving Office shall refund the international filing fee to the applicant:

(i) if the determination under Article 11(1) is negative,

(ii) if, before the transmittal of the record copy to the International Bureau, the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or

(iii) if, due to prescriptions concerning national security, the international application is not treated as such.

Rule 16 **The Search Fee**

16.1 *Right to Ask for a Fee*

(a) [No change]

(b) The search fee shall be collected by the receiving Office. The said fee shall be payable in the currency prescribed by that Office (“prescribed currency”).

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed the said fee (“fixed currency”), the receiving Office shall promptly transfer the said fee to that Authority in that currency.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is not the fixed currency and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into the fixed currency, the Director General shall establish, for each receiving Office which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the search fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall promptly be transferred by the receiving Office to the International Searching Authority;

(ii) is not freely convertible into the fixed currency, the receiving Office shall be responsible for the conversion of the search fee from the prescribed currency into the fixed currency and shall promptly transfer that fee in the fixed currency, in the amount fixed by the International Searching Authority, to the International Searching Authority.

(e) Where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency, other than the fixed currency, the amount actually received under paragraph (d)(i) of this Rule by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it, the difference will be paid to the International Searching Authority by the International Bureau, whereas, if the amount actually received is more, the difference will belong to the International Bureau.

(f) As to the time limit for payment of the search fee and the amount payable, the provisions of Rule 15.3 relating to the international filing fee shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

16.2 and 16.3 [No change]

Rule 16bis **Extension of Time Limits for Payment of Fees**

16bis.1 Invitation by the Receiving Office

(a) Where, by the time they are due under Rules 14.1(c), 15.3 and 16.1(f), the receiving Office finds that no fees were paid to it, or that the amount paid to it is insufficient to cover the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee, the receiving Office shall, subject to paragraph (d), invite the applicant to pay to it the amount required to cover those fees, together with, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 16bis.2, within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation.

(b) and (c) [No change]

(d) Any payment received by the receiving Office before that Office sends the invitation under paragraph (a) shall be considered to have been received before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 14.1(c), 15.3 or 16.1(f), as the case may be.

(e) [No change]

16bis.2 [No change]

Rule 19
The Competent Receiving Office

19.1 to 19.3 [No change]

19.4 *Transmittal to the International Bureau as Receiving Office*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) For the purposes of Rules 14.1(c), 15.3 and 16.1(f), where the international application was transmitted to the International Bureau under paragraph (b), the date of receipt of the international application shall be considered to be the date on which the international application was actually received by the International Bureau. For the purposes of this paragraph, the last sentence of paragraph (b) shall not apply.

Rule 45bis
Supplementary International Searches

45bis.1 *Supplementary Search Request*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Where the International Searching Authority has found that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention, the supplementary search request may contain an indication of the wish of the applicant to restrict the supplementary international search to one of the inventions as identified by the International Searching Authority other than the main invention referred to in Article 17(3)(a).

(e) [No change]

45bis.2 *Supplementary Search Handling Fee*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) The International Bureau shall refund the supplementary search handling fee to the applicant if, before the documents referred to in Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv) are transmitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search, the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45bis.1(e).

45bis.3 *Supplementary Search Fee*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) The International Bureau shall refund the supplementary search fee to the applicant if, before the documents referred to in Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv) are transmitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search, the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or is considered not to have been submitted under Rules 45bis.1(e) or 45bis.4(d).

(e) The Authority specified for supplementary search shall, to the extent and under the conditions provided for in the applicable agreement under Article 16(3)(b), refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45bis.5(g).

45bis.4 Checking of Supplementary Search Request; Correction of Defects; Late Payment of Fees; Transmittal to Authority Specified for Supplementary Search

(a) to (f) [No change]

45bis.5 Start, Basis and Scope of Supplementary International Search

(a) [No change]

(b) The supplementary international search shall be carried out on the basis of the international application as filed or of a translation referred to in Rule 45bis.1(b)(iii) or 45bis.1(c)(i), taking due account of the international search report and the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1 where they are available to the Authority specified for supplementary search before it starts the search. Where the supplementary search request contains an indication under Rule 45bis.1(d), the supplementary international search may be restricted to the invention specified by the applicant under Rule 45bis.1(d) and those parts of the international application which relate to that invention.

(c) to (f) [No change]

(g) If the Authority specified for supplementary search finds that carrying out the search is entirely excluded by a limitation or condition referred to in Rule 45bis.9(a), other than a limitation under Article 17(2) as applicable by virtue of Rule 45bis.5(c), the supplementary search request shall be considered not to have been submitted, and the Authority shall so declare and shall promptly notify the applicant and the International Bureau accordingly.

(h) The Authority specified for supplementary search may, in accordance with a limitation or condition referred to in Rule 45bis.9(a), decide to restrict the search to certain claims only, in which case the supplementary international search report shall so indicate.

45bis.6 Unity of Invention

(a) to (e) [No change]

(f) Paragraphs (a) to (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* where the Authority specified for supplementary search decides to restrict the supplementary international search in accordance with the second sentence of Rule 45bis.5(b) or with Rule 45bis.5(h), provided that any reference in the said paragraphs to the “international application” shall be construed as a reference to those parts of the international application which relate to the invention specified by the applicant under Rule 45bis.1(d) or which relate to the claims and those parts of the international application for which the Authority will carry out a supplementary international search, respectively.

45bis.7 and 45bis.8 [No change]

45bis.9 *International Searching Authorities Competent to Carry Out Supplementary International Search*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) The limitations referred to in paragraph (a) may, for example, include limitations as to the subject matter for which supplementary international searches will be carried out, other than limitations under Article 17(2) as applicable by virtue of Rule 45bis.5(c), limitations as to the total number of supplementary international searches which will be carried out in a given period, and limitations to the effect that the supplementary international searches will not extend to any claim beyond a certain number of claims.

Rule 46
Amendment of Claims before the International Bureau

46.1 to 46.4 [No change]

46.5 *Form of Amendments*

(a) [No change]

(b) The replacement sheet or sheets shall be accompanied by a letter which:

(i) [no change]

(ii) shall identify the claims originally filed which, on account of the amendments, are cancelled;

(iii) shall indicate the basis for the amendments in the application as filed.

Rule 57
The Handling Fee

57.1 [No change]

57.2 *Amount*

(a) [No change]

(b) The handling fee shall be payable in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (“prescribed currency”).

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the Swiss franc, the Authority shall promptly transfer the said fee to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is a currency other than the Swiss franc and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Director General shall establish, for each Authority which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the handling fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall promptly be transferred by the Authority to the International Bureau;

(ii) is not freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Authority shall be responsible for the conversion of the handling fee from the prescribed currency into Swiss francs and shall promptly transfer that fee in Swiss francs, in the amount set out in the Schedule of Fees, to the International Bureau. Alternatively, if the Authority so wishes, it may convert the handling fee from the prescribed currency into euros or US dollars and promptly transfer the equivalent amount of that fee in euros or US dollars, as established by the Director General according to directives given by the Assembly as referred to in item (i), to the International Bureau.

57.3 [No change]

57.4 *Refund*

The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall refund the handling fee to the applicant:

(i) if the demand is withdrawn before the demand has been sent by that Authority to the International Bureau, or

(ii) if the demand is considered, under Rule 54.4 or 54bis.1(b), not to have been submitted.

Rule 66

Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

66.1 to 66.7 [No change]

66.8 *Form of Amendments*

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), when amending the description or the drawings, the applicant shall be required to submit a replacement sheet for every sheet of the international application which, on account of an amendment, differs from the sheet previously filed. The replacement sheet or sheets shall be accompanied by a letter which shall draw attention to the differences between the replaced sheets and the replacement sheets, shall indicate the basis for the amendment in the application as filed and shall preferably also explain the reasons for the amendment.

(b) and (c) [No change]

66.9 [No change]

Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)

70.1 [No change]

70.2 *Basis of the Report*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(c-bis) If the claims, description or drawings have been amended but the replacement sheet or sheets were not accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed, as required under Rule 46.5(b)(iii) as applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c), or Rule 66.8(a), as applicable, the report may be established as if the amendment had not been made, in which case the report shall so indicate.

(d) and (e) [No change]

70.3 to 70.17 [No change]

Rule 96
The Schedule of Fees

96.1 *Schedule of Fees Annexed to Regulations*

The amounts of the fees referred to in Rules 15, 45bis.2 and 57 shall be expressed in Swiss currency. They shall be specified in the Schedule of Fees which is annexed to these Regulations and forms an integral part thereof.

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)**

FI Finland

Information on the requirements of the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) is given in Annex SISA(FI), which is published on pages 20 and 21.

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes concerning:

- the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine, by e-mail and in electronic form on diskette, CD or DVD;

- the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection now applies to patents and short-term patents;

- the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – the publication of the translation into Moldovan of the international application gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages (see Art. 43(3) and Art. 19 of the Law on the Protection of Patents for Inventions); international patent applications shall be published before the expiry of a time limit of six months from the date on which the national phase was entered (see Art. 49(4) of the Law on the Protection of Patents for Inventions);

- its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Republic of Moldova is designated (or elected) – if the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit 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.

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TH Thailand

General information on **Thailand** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Department of Intellectual Property (DPI)** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(TH) and C(TH), which are published on pages 22 to 25.

US United States of America

Because of weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 21 December 2009.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) fell on 21 December 2009, that period was extended so as to expire on 22 December 2009.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82.2.

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)¹	SISA
FI	NATIONAL BOARD OF PATENTS AND REGISTRATION OF FINLAND	FI

Fees payable to the International Bureau:² Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³ Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2): Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF) CHF 2,574 CHF 200 CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority: Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	Currency: Euro (EUR) The applicant receives, together with the supplementary international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. The fee for a second set of copies is EUR 20.
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where the Authority benefits from an earlier national search, international search, supplementary international search or international-type search already carried out by the Authority, a Nordic patent authority or the European Patent Office on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of EUR 300 The Authority shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, Finnish and Swedish
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Finnish patent law

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¹ Supplementary international search is available only for international applications for which the 19-month time limit expires on or after 1 January 2010.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)⁴	SISA
FI	NATIONAL BOARD OF PATENTS AND REGISTRATION OF FINLAND	FI

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Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents held in its search collection in: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority has no current limitations on its supplementary international search services.
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

⁴ See footnote 1.

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THAILAND General information

Name of Office:	Department of Intellectual Property (DIP)
Location and mailing address:	44/100 Nonthaburi 1 Road, Bangkasor, Muang, 11000 Nonthaburi, Thailand
Telephone:	(66-2) 547 4304
Facsimile machine:	(66-2) 547 4304
E-mail:	verasakm@moc.go.th
Internet:	www.ipthailand.org
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send advance copies of notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Thailand:	Department of Intellectual Property or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Thailand is designated (or elected):	Department of Intellectual Property
May Thailand be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, petty patents
Provisions of the law of Thailand concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Thailand is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Thailand is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. 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 of three months from the date of
receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes

C	Receiving Offices	C
TH	DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (DIP)	TH

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Thailand
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Thai ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ³ Korean Intellectual Property Office, State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China or United States Patent and Trademark Office ³
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Baht (THB)
Transmittal fee:	THB 3,000
International filing fee: ⁴	Equivalent in THB of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	Equivalent in THB of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	Equivalent in THB of Swiss francs 100

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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 This Authority is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by it.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C	Receiving Offices	C
TH	DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (DIP)	TH

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Fees payable to the receiving Office
(*cont'd*):

Currency: Baht (THB)

See Annex (CN), (EP), (KR) or (US)

Search fee:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):

THB 50

Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

None

Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted?

No



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 January 2010, page 7, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2010, are CHF 2,574, KRW 2,951,000, SGD 3,550, ZAR 18,560 and USD 2,515, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 14 October 2009, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including examination and publication):	EUR	50	(online)
	EUR	100	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR	50	(online)
	EUR	100	(on paper)
Examination fee:	EUR	75	(online)
	EUR	150	(on paper)

In addition, the time limit within which the applicant may still pay the national fee if this fee has not been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) has changed from two months to one month, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee, also with effect since 14 October 2009.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property** has notified a reduction of 70% of the national filing fee for a patent, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, where the application is filed by an inventor who is a natural person, by a small or medium-sized enterprise, by a public academic institution or by a public sector scientific and technological research institute. This reduction has been applicable since 25 April 2008.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the definition of a small entity to which the reduced amounts of the national filing fee for a patent and for a utility model are applicable, as follows:

A small entity is any natural or legal person whose assets are worth 100,000,000 Philippine pesos (PHP) or less, or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, State universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTIETH (17TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In addition to the amendments to the PCT Regulations published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 January 2010, pages 10 *et seq.*, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, a number of other changes affecting the PCT system. The said changes are outlined below.

Modifications of the Directives of the Assembly Relating to the Establishment of Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees

These modifications will enter into force on 1 July 2010 and concern the procedure of the establishment of equivalent amounts of the search fee, the supplementary search fee, the international filing fee and the handling fee.

The text of the modified Directives is reproduced on pages 30 to 32.

Amendments of Article 11 of the agreements under PCT Article 16(3) between the International Bureau and Offices in relation to their functioning as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities

These amendments will be included in the applicable agreements with effect from a date to be agreed upon by each Authority and the Director General, and concern the time limit within which Authorities would have to notify the International Bureau of any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges, any addition of fees or charges, or any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions thereof.

The text of amended Article 11 of the agreements is reproduced on page 32.

Appointment of two new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities

The Assembly:

- appointed the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement with the International Bureau until December 31, 2017, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau,

- appointed the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement with the International Bureau until December 31, 2017, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau,

bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 17.

The text of the Agreement between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau was signed on 30 September 2009, further to the adoption of the draft Agreement by the Assembly, and is reproduced as such on pages 33 to 38.

The text of the draft Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau is reproduced on pages 39 to 45.

**MODIFIED DIRECTIVES OF THE ASSEMBLY RELATING TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUIVALENT AMOUNTS OF CERTAIN FEES**
(to enter into force on 1 July 2010)

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the handling fee, the search fee and the supplementary search fee (see Rules 15.2(d)(i), 16.1(d)(i), 45bis.3(b) and 57.2(d)(i)), it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

Establishment of Equivalent Amounts

(1) The equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the handling fee in any currency other than Swiss franc, and of the search fee and the supplementary search fee in any currency other than the fixed currency, shall be established by the Director General, in the case of:

- (i) the international filing fee, after consultation with each receiving Office which prescribes payment of that fee in such currency;
- (ii) the search fee, after consultation with each receiving Office which prescribes payment of that fee in such currency;
- (iii) the handling fee, after consultation with each International Preliminary Examining Authority which prescribes payment of that fee in such currency.

In the case of the international filing fee, the search fee and the handling fee, the equivalent amounts shall be established according to the exchange rates prevailing on the day preceding the day on which the consultations are initiated by the Director General. In the case of the supplementary search fee, the equivalent amounts shall be established according to the exchange rates prevailing on the day on which the Director General receives the notification of the amount of the supplementary search fee or prevailing on the day two months prior to the entry into force of the supplementary search fee, whichever is the later.

- (2) The amounts so established shall be the equivalent, in round figures,
- (i) of the amount of the international filing fee and of the handling fee, respectively, in Swiss franc set out in the Schedule of Fees;
 - (ii) of the amount of the search fee and the supplementary search fee (if applicable) established by the International Searching Authority in the fixed currency.

They shall be notified by the International Bureau to each receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as applicable, prescribing payment or establishing fees in the currency concerned and shall be published in the Gazette.

Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts Consequential on Changes in the Amount of the Fee Concerned

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* where the amount of the international filing fee, the handling fee, the search fee or the supplementary search fee is changed. The new equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies shall be applied from the same date as the changed amount of the international filing fee or of the handling fee set out in the amended Schedule of Fees, or from the same date as the changed amount of the search fee or the supplementary search fee in the fixed currency.

Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts Consequential on Changes in Exchange Rates

(4) In the month of October of each year, the Director General shall, where applicable, after consultations with the Offices or Authorities referred to in paragraph (1), establish new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the handling fee, the search fee and the supplementary search fee according to the exchange rates prevailing on the first Monday in the

month of October. Unless otherwise decided by the Director General, any adjustment under this paragraph shall enter into force on the first day of the subsequent calendar year.

(5) Where, for more than four consecutive Fridays (midday, Geneva time), the exchange rate between Swiss franc (in the case of the international filing fee and the handling fee) or the fixed currency (in the case of the search fee and the supplementary search fee) and any applicable prescribed currency is by at least 5% higher, or by at least 5% lower, than the last exchange rate applied, the Director General shall, where applicable, after consultations with the Offices or Authorities referred to in paragraph (1), establish new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and/or the handling fee, as applicable, according to the exchange rate prevailing on the first Monday following the expiration of the period referred to in the first sentence of this paragraph. The newly established amount shall become applicable two months after the date of its publication in the Gazette, provided that the receiving Offices or the International Preliminary Examining Authorities concerned, as applicable, and the Director General may agree on a date falling during the said two-month period, in which case the said amount shall become applicable from that date.

**AMENDED ARTICLE 11 OF THE AGREEMENTS UNDER PCT ARTICLE 16(3)
BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AND OFFICES
IN RELATION TO THEIR FUNCTIONING AS INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING
AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGY
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

in relation to the functioning of the Egyptian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
- (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Egyptian Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this thirtieth day of September two thousand and nine, in two originals in the Arabic and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Egyptian Academy of Scientific
Research and Technology by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
any Contracting State;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) Arabic or English for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for any member of the League of Arab States or any African State;
 - (b) Arabic for international applications filed with any other receiving Office.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Egyptian national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Egyptian pounds)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,600
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58bis]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,760
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	1,600
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	8

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search taken into account in accordance with Rule 4.12, [50%] of the search fee paid shall be refunded [upon request by the applicant].

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Arabic and/or English.

**DRAFT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

in relation to the functioning of the Israel Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
- (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Israel Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Government of Israel gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Israel written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], which corresponds to [date] of the Jewish year [...] in two originals in the English and Hebrew languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government of Israel by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following State for which it will act:
Israel;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Israeli national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israeli new sheqel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[...]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[...]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58bis]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[...]
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	[...]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[...]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search taken into account in accordance with Rule 4.12, [50%] of the search fee paid shall be refunded [upon request by the applicant].

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:

English.



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EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 1 February 2010, the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1)(a) may be extended up to 33 months from the priority date, provided that such extension will be deemed a late filing and involve the payment of a late filing fee, in **Egyptian pounds (EGP)**, as follows:

Between 30 and 31 months from the priority date: 1,500 EGP

Between 31 and 32 months from the priority date: 3,000 EGP

Between 32 and 33 months from the priority date: 4,500 EGP

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89bis.1.

On 25 January 2010, the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2010, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +354 580 9400
- by fax at +354 580 9401
- by e-mail at postur@els.is

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

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 (www.els.is).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- Icelandic CA (http://skilriki.is/media/skjol/Stefnumarkandi_krofur_1_0.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC)
Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
No. 1, West Beichen Road
Chaoyang District
Beijing 100101
China

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

ME Montenegro

EP European Patent Organisation

Montenegro has concluded, on 13 February 2009, an agreement with the European Patent Organisation which provides for the extension of the effects of European patent applications and patents to Montenegro. The agreement enters into force on 1 March 2010. Under the agreement, it is possible to obtain patent protection in Montenegro by requesting the extension of a European patent to Montenegro. The extension procedure is also available, if the necessary requirements are met, via the PCT.

Montenegro (country code: ME) is not party to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and cannot be designated for a European patent (EP).

The extension of a European patent to Montenegro via the PCT is available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 March 2010. A request for the extension of a European patent to Montenegro may be made if the designation of all PCT Contracting States under PCT Rule 4.9(a) in the international application is not withdrawn with respect to Montenegro under PCT Rule 90bis.2, and if the international filing fee is paid.

When, within 31 months (Chapter I or Chapter II of the PCT Regulations) from the priority date, the applicant enters the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) and pays to the EPO the European extension fee for the extension of the European patent to Montenegro, a request for the extension of the European patent is deemed to have been made (no special indication concerning the extension should be made in the PCT request). If, however, the 31-month time limit has been missed, the extension fee may still be validly paid, with a surcharge of 50%, within a grace period of two months. The request for extension will be considered withdrawn if, upon entry into the regional phase before the EPO, the European extension fee is not paid within the applicable time limit.

The extension procedure is not available for international applications filed prior to 1 March 2010, or for any European patents resulting from such applications. For these older applications and patents, comparable effects may however be available under the cooperation and extension agreement between the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the EPO which entered into force on 1 November 2004.

Further information about the extension of European patent applications and patents to Montenegro will be published in the EPO brochure “National law relating to the EPC” as soon as it is available.

[Updating of Annexes B1(ME), B2(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 8 to 11 February 2010, inclusive.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on any of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 12 February 2010.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the Office, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82.2.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), as well as a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts of these fees, applicable from 1 April 2010, are GBP 75 and GBP 150, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in one of the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51bis. The appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Portugal is no longer required if an e-mail address or facsimile number is furnished.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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IS Iceland

Following the notification by the **Icelandic Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2010 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, pages 46 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 24,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 36,100

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in addition to the extension of the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1)(a) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, page 46), and with effect since 1 February 2010, an extension of the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(1) of up to 33 months from the priority date, provided that such extension will be deemed a late filing and involve the payment of a late filing fee, in **Egyptian pounds (EGP)**, as follows:

Between 30 and 31 months from the priority date:	1,500 EGP
Between 31 and 32 months from the priority date:	3,000 EGP
Between 32 and 33 months from the priority date:	4,500 EGP

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU **Australia**

IB **International Bureau**

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2010, is EUR 1,024.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Organisation (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,760 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,760 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	
– for international applications still pending on 13 December 2007	1,180
– for international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007	790
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	210
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.75

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)).

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785 ⁴
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785 ⁴
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

⁴ 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”.

FI Finland

Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment to Annex C

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a))	1,785
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	600
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45bis.7(c) and 71.2(b))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 May 2010, is EUR 1,119.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR 1,785
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR 1,785
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):	For applicants: [No change] For designated Offices: EUR 0.75 per page
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	
– for international applications still pending on 13 December 2007:	EUR 1,180
– for international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:	EUR 790
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EUR 210

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

CHF	2,628
DKK	13,290
GBP	1,557
ISK	317,000
JPY	225,200
MWK	359,000
NOK	14,590
NZD	3,506
SEK	18,060
SGD	3,510
USD	2,485
ZAR	18,620

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR 1,760
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR 1,760

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):	For applicants: [No change] For elected Offices: EUR 0.75 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	Per A4 page or smaller (delivery charge should be added if the copies are to be sent by airmail): EUR 0.75 per page
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	
– for international applications still pending on 13 December 2007:	EUR 1,180
– for international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:	EUR 790
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EUR 210

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are EUR 1,785 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	[No change] plus EUR 70 per document for a patent or EUR 50 per document for a utility model

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR 1,785
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR 1,785

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR 600

Additional preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 68.3(a)): EUR 600

[Updating of Annex E(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

National fee:

Basic fee: EUR 450

Basic fee for an electronically filed
application: EUR 350

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: EUR 40

Additional fee for late furnishing
of translation or copy: EUR 125

Annual fees for the first three years: EUR 200

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2010, is CHF 2,628.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom – Corrigendum

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified an inaccuracy relating to the date of entry into force of the new amount of the transmittal fee and of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to it as receiving Office, published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 February 2010, page 52. These fees are applicable from 6 April 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, and of new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable from 1 April 2010 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK	18,060
	CHF	2,628
	DKK	13,290
	EUR	1,785
	ISK	317,000
	NOK	14,590
	USD	2,485

Additional search fee: SEK 18,060

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2010, is CHF 2,628.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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LR Liberia

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Liberia deposited, on 24 December 2009, its instrument of accession to the **Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)** and will become bound by that Protocol on 24 March 2010. Thus, from 24 March 2010, it will be possible for applicants to designate Liberia in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining an ARIPO patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, from 24 March 2010, nationals and residents of Liberia will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Archives, Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright (Liberia) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(LR), B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2010, is EUR 782.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2010, is EUR 1,534.

[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 to the **Nordic Patent Institute** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are DKK 13,290 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, (i) on 22 December 2009, of the introduction of an Internet version of its electronic filing software JPO PAS, in addition to the ISDN version, with effect from 1 January 2010, and (ii) on 18 January 2010, of the withdrawal of the ISDN version with effect from 1 April 2010. Consequently, the following notification will replace the previous notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 50/2006, pages 19184 *et seq.*, and in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 92, with effect from 1 April 2010.

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
 - (a) JISX 0208
 - (b) Shift-JIS
 - (c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (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)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- JPO PAS (Internet version)

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

- text string signature (see Annex F, section 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)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. 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)).

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

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As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The following means of payment are accepted, provided that the acceptable means depend on the kind of fees: (i) payment by JPO's deposit account, (ii) payment by patent revenue stamps, (iii) payment to the Japan's national treasury with the evidence to certify the payment, or (iv) payment by bank transfers.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

The task of this support center is to answer questions from users of the service for the online filing of patents, and to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

For PCT-SAFE software:

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9 am until 8 pm, and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at +81 (0)3 5575 5004

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9 am until 8 pm, and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- by fax, at +81 (0)3 3582 0510

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept no filing of documents in 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 electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information on its website (www.jpo.go.jp) concerning the availability of online filing systems.

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)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau
(www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- The Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ca.jcci.or.jp/index.html)
- Japan Certification Services, Inc. (www.jcsinc.co.jp)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- ChudenCTI Co., Ltd. (repository.cti.co.jp)

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau
(www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- The Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ca.jcci.or.jp/index.html)
- Japan Certification Services, Inc. (www.jcsinc.co.jp)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- ChudenCTI Co., Ltd. (repository.cti.co.jp)
- Shikoku Electric Power Co., Inc. (www.yonden.co.jp/business/ninsho/index.html)
- Nippon Denshi Ninsho Co., Ltd. (www.ninsho.co.jp/aosign/index.html)
- Miroku Jyoho Service Co., Ltd. (ca.mjs.co.jp)
- Teikoku Databank, Ltd. (www.tdb.co.jp/typeA/index.html)
- e-Probatio CA (www.e-probatio.com)
- Japannet Corporation (www.japannet.jp/ca/index.html)
- Tohoku Information Systems Co., Inc. (<https://www.toinx.net/ebs/info.html>)
- JPKI (www.jpki.go.jp)
- GPKI (www.gpki.go.jp)
- LGPKI (www.lgpki.jp)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49.6(f)**

GB United Kingdom

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 January 2005. PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) therefore applies with effect from that date.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ST Sao Tome and Principe

The **Industrial Property National Service (SENAPI)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which now read as follows:

Telephone:	(239) 222 28 03, 222 68 10
Facsimile machine:	(239) 222 18 43, 222 24 27, 222 41 79

[Updating of Annex B1(ST) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	115
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	45
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	580

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2010. The consolidated list of the said components should read as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 105
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 190

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36 th and each subsequent page:	EUR	13

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:	EUR	525

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro or Serbia):	EUR	102
Claims fee:		
– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR	210
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	525
Search fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	800
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,105
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:	50% of the relevant fee	
– other cases:	EUR	225
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	210
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,645
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,645
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,480
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR	420

The Office has also notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2010, is EUR 940, and applies to international applications filed up to and including 30 June 2013, where the fee for the supplementary European search is paid on or after 1 April 2010.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,453,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 16,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 109,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 328,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits with CNCM can be made under the Budapest Treaty or, as far as the deposits of cell cultures, mycoplasma and rickettsiae are concerned, under a bilateral agreement with the EPO.

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Rule 33(1) of the European Patent Convention (EPC) only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester (EPC Rule 32(1)), the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application. Such a statement must be separate from the description and the claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro134.pdf.

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with EPC Rule 31(1)(d). Applicants are reminded that these indications (the name and address of the depositor, and the statement) must be furnished to the International Bureau within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 13bis.4, that is, within 16 months from the priority date of the international application (this period is deemed to have been met if these indications are furnished before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed) or, if the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), up to the date on which such a request is made. The failure to meet this time limit cannot be remedied upon entry into the European phase neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under EPC Article 97(2) in the course of examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure (EPC Article 83).

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Lady Mary Fairfax CellBank Australia (CBA)
214 Hawkesbury Rd
Westmead, NSW 2145
Australia

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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Albania deposited, on 11 February 2010, its instrument of accession to the **European Patent Convention (EPC)** and will become bound by that Convention on 1 May 2010. Thus, from 1 May 2010, it will be possible for applicants to designate Albania in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, from 1 May 2010, nationals and residents of Albania will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the Albanian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(AL), B2(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

Due to the automation of its documents system, the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 29 to 31 March 2010, inclusive.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on any of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, that is, on 5 April 2010.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above reason, of documents or letters addressed to the Office, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82.2.



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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DPI)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property (DPI) as receiving Office, with effect from 15 April 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments enter into force on 15 April 2010. The amended Annex A reads 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:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Thailand;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Thailand;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines or Thailand:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.



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AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2010, is CHF 1,553.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2010, is EUR 788.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2010, is CHF 1,666.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2010, are as follows:

For international applications filed in English: EUR 834

For international applications filed in Korean: EUR 290

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,370
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	AUD 103
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 206
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 309

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD 1,278
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 14
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	CAD 96
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD 192
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD 288

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

The **Intellectual Property and Commerce Office** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda with the Intellectual Property and Commerce Office as receiving Office, with effect since 14 April 2010.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change in one of the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The Office may require the address, nationality and residence of the applicant if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26*bis*.3

IS Iceland

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is ISK 20,000.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean 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 July 2010, is KRW 2,601,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2010, is NZD 2,062.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the PCT Applicant's Guide]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches. The amended Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of WIPO containing provisions concerning supplementary international search (see Articles 3(4) and 11(3)(iv), Annex C, Parts I and II, and Annex E thereof), as well as amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) notified in accordance with Article 11(1) thereof, will enter into force on 1 July 2010 and is set out on pages 89 to 97.

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

EP European Patent Organisation

Following the statement by the **European Patent Office (EPO)** of its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches (see above), and under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the Office has informed the International Bureau that, in its capacity as Authority competent to carry out supplementary international searches, it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, with effect from 1 July 2010.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

The Office, acting in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority competent to carry out supplementary international searches and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has also indicated particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required, applicable from 1 July 2010, as follows:

- if a procedural act is performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative;
- if there is doubt as to whether the agent or common representative is entitled to act.

[Updating of Annexes C, D and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;

- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the European Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement, that such application is not an application of a kind specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement, that such application is not an application of a kind specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on December 13, 2007.

Article 10

Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the European Patent Organisation gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the European Patent Organisation written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

Annex A
Languages and Kinds of Application

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, and, where the receiving Office is the industrial property Office of Belgium or the Netherlands, Dutch;
- (ii) the following kinds of application for which it will not act:
 - (a) as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications filed by a national or resident of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office, where such applications contain one or more claims relating to the field of business methods, as defined by the following International Patent Classification units:
 - G06Q:
Data processing systems or methods, specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes; Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not otherwise provided for
 - G06Q 10/00:
Administration, e.g. office automation or reservations; Management, e.g. resource or project management
 - G06Q 30/00:
Commerce, e.g. marketing, shopping, billing, auctions or e-commerce
 - G06Q 40/00:
Finance, e.g. banking, investment or tax processing; Insurance, e.g. risk analysis or pensions
 - G06Q 50/00:
Systems or methods specially adapted for a specific business sector, e.g. health care, utilities, tourism or legal services
 - G06Q 90/00:
Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not involving significant data processing
 - G06Q 99/00:
Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass
 - (b) as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications where the international search is to be, or has been, performed by an International Searching Authority other than the European Patent Office or the industrial property Office of a State party to the European Patent Convention.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the European patent grant procedure in application of the equivalent provisions of the European Patent Convention.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785 ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,785
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,760 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,760 ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	
– for international applications still pending on December 13, 2007	1,180
– for international applications filed on or after December 13, 2007	790
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	790
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	210

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall, upon request, be fully refunded.

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)).

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search (including a privately commissioned “standard” search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded, to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.²

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority may provide further refunds of the international preliminary examination fee under the conditions and to the extent laid down by it.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(8) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex D

Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French or German, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex E

Supplementary International Search:

Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French or German.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover the documents held in the search collection of the Authority, including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34.

² *Editor's Note:* See *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of March 26, 2009, page 62.

(3) The Authority will not act for the kinds of application mentioned in Annex A, item (ii)(a) to this Agreement.

(4) Where applicable, the Authority shall start the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a) only if a copy of a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is furnished under Rule 45*bis*.1(c)(ii) and thereafter transmitted to it under Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(iii).

(5) The Authority will conduct a maximum of 700 supplementary international searches per year.

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RU Russian Federation

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **euro (EUR)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the euro (EUR) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the euro (EUR) is not the official currency. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2010, is EUR 344.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2

IS Iceland

Under PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee is ISK 20,000.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2010, is SGD 3,160.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2010, is EUR 1,123.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2010, is CHF 1,192.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for international applications filed in English and in Korean, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2010, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (for international applications filed in English):	CHF 1,262
Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (for international applications filed in Korean):	CHF 437

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2010, is KRW 1,151,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2010, is CHF 2,381.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from August 15, 2010, is KRW 206,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

OM Oman

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Oman with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 17 June 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments enter into force on 17 June 2010. The amended Annex A reads 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:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a new amount, in **euro (EUR)**, of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office, which will change from a page-dependent fee to a flat-rate fee. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2010, is EUR 100.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the document fee (*Schriftengebühr*) for patents and for utility models, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2010, is EUR 50.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Moreover, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is USD 2,094.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is EUR 1,210.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is EUR 249.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 August 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK 7,060
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK 80
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	DKK 530
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK 1,060
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK 1,590

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is SGD 3,070.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD1,633
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 18
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	SGD 123

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is CHF 2,411.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments enter into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments enter into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 411 and 613 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2010.

The modifications to Section 411 are in line with the modifications to the Administrative Instructions to implement PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) allowing the applicant to request that priority documents be obtained by receiving Offices and the International Bureau from digital libraries, which entered into force on 1 January 2010 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 January 2010, pages 2 *et seq.*). The modifications to Section 613 are consequential to amendments of the Regulations under the PCT (renumbering of PCT Rule 57.6, which became PCT Rule 57.4) which enter into force on July 1, 2010 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 January 2010, pages 10 *et seq.*).

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/11) as in force from 1 July 2010 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_11.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2010)*

Section 411 **Receipt of Priority Document**

(a) The International Bureau shall, in respect of any priority document received or obtained by it, record the date on which the priority document has been received or obtained by it, and notify the applicant and the designated Offices accordingly. The notification should indicate whether the priority document was or was not submitted, transmitted or obtained in compliance with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-*bis*), and with respect to the designated Offices, should preferably be made together with the notification under Rule 47.1(a-*bis*).

(b) Where the priority document has been submitted, transmitted or obtained but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-*bis*), the International Bureau shall, in the notification under paragraph (a) of this Section, direct the attention of the applicant and the designated Offices to the provisions of Rule 17.1(c).

Section 613 **Invitation to Submit a Request for Refund of Fees under Rule 57.4 or 58.3**

The International Preliminary Examining Authority may, before making a refund under Rule 57.4 or 58.3, first invite the applicant to submit a request for the refund.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

A new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is CAD 185.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR 950
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 11
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	EUR 71
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 143
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 214

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CZ), C(DE), C(EP), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI), and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is NZD 3,305.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqalim (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office,

respectively. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2010, are ILS 534 and ILS 1,024, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), 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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 104,900
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,200
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 7,900
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 23,700

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are CHF 1,230 and EUR 878, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes with relation to the transmittal fee and to the national fee, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These fees are subject to a national tax of 16% since 2 January 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) and of the National Chapter, Summary (MX), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,147
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	13
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	86
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	86
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	173
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	259

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is EUR 1,736.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

EP European Patent Organisation

Information on the requirements of the **European Patent Office (EPO)** as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) is given in Annex SISA(EP), which is published on pages 119 to 121.

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)	SISA
EP	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)	EP

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹ Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ² Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2): Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF) CHF 2,628 CHF 200 CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority: Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)): Late furnishing fee (PCT Rules 13ter.1(c) and 45bis.5(c)):	Currency: Euro (EUR) EUR 790 EUR 210
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under PCT Rule 45bis.5(g). The Authority shall refund this fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in PCT Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or of the supplementary search request.
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched under the European patent grant procedure
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include the documents held in its search collection.

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)	SISA
EP	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)	EP

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Limitations on supplementary international search:

The Authority will not search international applications filed by a national or a resident of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office where such applications contain one or more claims relating to business methods.³

Where applicable, the Authority shall start the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45*bis*.5(a) only if a copy of a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is furnished under PCT Rule 45*bis*.1(c)(ii) and thereafter transmitted to it under PCT Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(iii).

The Authority will conduct a maximum of 700 supplementary international searches per year.

Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

CD-ROM (type: ISO/IEC 10149:1995, 120 mm CD-ROM; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

CD-R (type: 120 mm CD-Recordable Disk; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

DVD (type: ISO/IEC 16448:1999, 120 mm DVD—Read-Only Disk; format: 4.7 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

DVD-R (type: Standard ECMA-279, 120 mm (3.95 GB per side)—DVD-Recordable; format: 3.95 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

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³ The relevant field of business methods is defined in the International Patent Classification subclasses set out in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 6 May 2010, page 94 or OJ EPO 5/2010, pages 311 and 312.

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)	SISA
EP	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)	EP

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

⁴ 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 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is CHF 351.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 15 September 2010, are ISK 278,000, JPY 195,800 and USD 2,185, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is USD 2,185.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is USD 2,185.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is USD 2,185.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute
IB International Bureau

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute** for the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is USD 2,185.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2010, are AUD 1,900 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is EUR 869.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is ZAR 16,600.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 1 April 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

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 – Amendment to Article 11

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 August 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,900
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,900
Preliminary Examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[No change]
– in other cases	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁴ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.⁵ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf.

⁵ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁶ – Amendment to Article 11

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.⁷ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

⁶ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

⁷ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

FI Finland

Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁸ – Amendment to Article 11

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.⁹ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

⁸ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

⁹ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

SE Sweden

Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹⁰ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.¹¹ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

¹⁰ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_se.pdf.

¹¹ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹² – Amendment to Article 11

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.¹³ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

¹² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

¹³ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

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IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	151,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,700
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ISK	11,400
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK	22,800
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK	34,200

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is KRW 1,295,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

A new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is USD 175.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, which now read as follows:

Telephone: (44-1633) 81 45 86 (for international applications)
(44-1633) 81 40 00 (operator service)
(44-3000) 20 00 15 (Minicom number for deaf or hard of hearing)

E-mail: pct@ipo.gov.uk (for PCT enquiries only)
information@ipo.gov.uk (for general enquiries only)

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

EP European Patent Organisation

Serbia deposited, on 15 July 2010, its instrument of accession to the **European Patent Convention (EPC)** and will become bound by that Convention on 1 October 2010. Thus, from 1 October 2010, it will be possible for applicants to designate Serbia in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, from 1 October 2010, nationals and residents of Serbia will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(RS), B2(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is ZAR 15,730.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Further to the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 July 2010, page 126, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable since 1 August 2010, are CHF 1,730, EUR 1,311, KRW 1,970,000, NZD 2,334, SGD 2,240, USD 1,605 and ZAR 12,300, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 71	USD 86
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	EUR 36	USD 43
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR [No change]	USD 9

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is ISK 278,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 8,990
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 100
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 680

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 Article 11

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

“Article 11 Amendment

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits with CNCM can be made under the Budapest Treaty or, as far as the deposits of cell cultures, mycoplasma and rickettsiae are concerned, under a bilateral agreement with the EPO.

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Rule 33(1) of the European Patent Convention (EPC) only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester (EPC Rule 32(1)), the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application where such publication takes place in one of the EPO official languages, i.e., English, French or German. Such a statement must be separate from the description and the claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro134.pdf.

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the

deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with EPC Rule 31(1)(d). Applicants are reminded that these indications (the name and address of the depositor, and the statement) must be furnished to the International Bureau within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 13*bis*.4, that is, within 16 months from the priority date of the international application (this period is deemed to have been met if these indications are furnished before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed) or, if the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), up to the date on which such a request is made. The failure to meet this time limit cannot be remedied upon entry into the European phase neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under EPC Article 97(2) in the course of examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure (EPC Article 83).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2010, are CHF 2,375 and SEK 16,830.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

A new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is USD 175.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

“Article 11 Amendment

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.⁴ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

“Article 11 Amendment

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf.

⁴ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the following e-mail address: info@dpma.de.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent and the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages, the applicant may claim compensation appropriate to the circumstances, on condition that the national requirements (that a translation of the claims in the application be published or transmitted to a possible user) have been met (see Article II, Sections 1 and 2, of the Law on International Patent Treaties).

[Updating of Annex B1(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-ROM or DVD.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material – the provisions relating to the time (if any) earlier than 16 months from the priority date by which the applicant must furnish the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) are now contained in Sections 1(1), No. 3, and 3(2) of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material [*BioMatHintV*].

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD1,737
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 20
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	SGD 131

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,277
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 14
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 96
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD 96
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 192
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 288

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving

Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2010, is CHF 2,166.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2010, is USD 192.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is EUR 1,629.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which now read as follows:

Telephone:	(503) 22 618 608, 22 618 464, 22 618 657
Facsimile machine:	(503) 22 607 748, 22 610 813

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if El Salvador is designated (or elected) – if they have not been given within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement.

[Updating of Annex B1(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 October 2009, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:

- up to 10 claims:	EUR	60
- for each additional claim:	EUR	30

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2009, are as follows:

For patent:

Fee for request for examination:	KRW 130,000 plus KRW 40,000 for each claim
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 15,000 plus KRW 13,000 for each claim

For utility model:

Fee for request for examination:	KRW 65,000 plus
	KRW 17,000 for each claim
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 12,000 plus
	KRW [unchanged] for each claim

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

A new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2010, is USD 192.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, and a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, applicable from 1 October 2010 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 16,830
	CHF 2,375
Additional search fee:	SEK 16,830

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,277
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 14
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 96
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD 96

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	192
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	288

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC)
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
Tietotie 2
Espoo
Finland

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)**

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, page 15986), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 October 2010. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply from that date.

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2010, is AUD 340.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that it carries out supplementary international searches with effect since 1 August 2010.

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), the **Austrian Patent Office** as Authority specified for supplementary search (see above) has notified the following amounts of the supplementary search fee, established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, applicable since 1 August 2010:

For a search of the European and North American documentation only:	CHF 1,667

For a search of the German-language documentation only:	CHF 1,190

For a search of the PCT minimum documentation only:	CHF 2,381

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as an International Searching Authority for the purposes of those receiving Offices which have prescribed the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment for an international search by that Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2010, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD 96
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	USD 48
	Supplement for airmail: USD 10

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3

DO Dominican Republic

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the **National Office of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its telephone number, which now reads: (809) 567 74 74 (extensions 3451, 3454).

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning:

- the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection now applies to patents of invention and utility models;
- its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Dominican Republic is designated (or elected) – if the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HN Honduras

General information on **Honduras** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(HN) and C(HN), which are published on pages 165 to 168.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

Information on the requirements of the **National Office of Industrial Property** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (DO), which is published on pages 169 and 170.

SV El Salvador

Information on the requirements of the **National Center of Registries** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (SV), which is published on page 171.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Directorate General of Intellectual Property with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/) and with any depositary institution recognized by the Office.		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Information on Contracting States

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HONDURAS

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General information

Name of Office:	Dirección General de Propiedad Intelectual Directorate General of Intellectual Property
Location and mailing address:	Edificio anexo San José, Boulevard Kuwait, 3er piso, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Telephone:	(504) 235 52 79, 235 52 97
Facsimile machine:	(504) 239 72 90
E-mail:	digepih@gmail.com
Internet:	www.digepih.webs.com
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine or electronic mail
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 or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Honduras:	Directorate General of Intellectual Property or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Honduras is designated (or elected):	Directorate General of Intellectual Property
May Honduras be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Honduras concerning international-type search:	Decree No. 12-99E of the Industrial Property Law of 18 December 1999 and Decree No. 16-2006 of the Implementation of Free Trade Treaty Law of 15 March 2006
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information on Contracting States

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Information of interest if Honduras is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Honduras 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 of
two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

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HN	DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	HN

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Honduras
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-ROM, DVD
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 200
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,147 (1,277) ⁴
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 13 (14) ⁴
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	USD 86 (96) ⁴
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (ES)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 50

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¹ Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (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 This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 November 2010.

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Receiving Offices

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

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Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

Yes

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Honduras

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a separate power of
attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a copy of a general
power of attorney be submitted?

No

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Designated (or elected) Office

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DO

NATIONAL OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

DO

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Dominican peso (DOP) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ DOP 8,002 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ DOP 6,060
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The fees are reduced by up to 90% where the applicant is the inventor and he provides a declaration indicating that his economic situation prevents him from paying the full amount of the fees.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2, 3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2, 3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2, 3} Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Dominican Republic Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ 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 of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**NATIONAL OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY**

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Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in the Dominican Republic

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

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Designated (or elected) Office

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NATIONAL CENTER OF REGISTRIES

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: US dollar (USD) Filing fee: ¹ USD 57.14
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2, 3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in El Salvador Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in El Salvador
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter.2</i>)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria.

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ 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 of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

CR Costa Rica

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Registry of Industrial Property**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(CR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows:

www.rnp.go.cr/propiedad_industrial/propiedad_industrial_informacion_general.htm

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Costa Rica is designated (or elected) – if not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property** has notified changes concerning:

- the reduction of the national filing fee for a patent, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, where the application is filed by an inventor who is a natural person, by a small or medium-sized enterprise, by a public academic institution or by a public sector scientific and technological research institute – this reduction now amounts to 30%;

- the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – refunds of up to 50% may be possible (see Article 14 of the Regulations, Law No. 6867).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the following changes to its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.*), applicable from 15 October 2010:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)
- ASCII (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office’s website (www.oepm.es). Applicants wishing to use this facility should refer to the Office’s website for further details prior to entering payment information into the PCT-SAFE software.”

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, page 15988), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 October 2010. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

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DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(i), the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following notification, which will replace the notification published in PCT Gazette No. 49/1996, page 21263, with effect from 1 January 2011:

“In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(iv), where an invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the time of filing the international application, the following additional matter should be indicated by any applicant willing to enter the regional phase before the EPO as designated or elected Office:

1. to the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material should be mentioned (see EPC Rule 31(1)(b)); and

2. where the biological material has been deposited by a person other than the applicant with a recognized depository institution (see EPC Rule 31(1)(d)),

(a) the name and the address of the depositor should be stated in the application, and

(b) a statement that the depositor has authorised the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with EPC Rule 33 should be included in the submission.

These indications must be submitted within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 13*bis*.4 (that is, generally, within 16 months from the priority date). Upon entry into the European phase, that time limit will usually already have expired while the failure to meet this time limit cannot be remedied neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under EPC Article 97(2) in the course of the examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure under EPC Article 83.

The requirement under item 2 applies when the depositor is not applicant for the EPO, for instance where the depositor is applicant-inventor for the United States of America only.

It follows that applicants are strongly recommended to file of their own motion a completed Form PCT/RO/134 as well as the deposit receipt with the International Bureau before expiry of the applicable time limit. Where the deposit was made by a person other than the applicant, this should be indicated under point C of Form PCT/RO/134 and a ‘statement of authorisation and consent’ should be filed in addition within the applicable time limit.

For any further details, reference is made to the Notice from the EPO dated 7 July 2010 concerning inventions which involve the use of or concern biological material (OJ EPO 10/2010, 498) and to the EPO Chapter in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – International Phase – Annex L.”

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified an additional telephone number, as follows:

0300 300 2000 (within the United Kingdom)

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NA Namibia

The **Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia)** has notified a change in its mailing address, which now reads as follows:

Private Bag 13340, Windhoek, Namibia

[Updating of Annex B1(NA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority since 1 October 2010 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Industrial Property Institute.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments entered into force on 19 October 2010. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines,
Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

- (ii) [no change]”

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PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

atm@inpi.pt

In addition, the Office has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

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 supplementary international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

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 supplementary international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 13 July 2010, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication
and examination):

EUR	100	(online)
EUR	200	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee (including publication):	EUR	100	(online)
	EUR	200	(on paper)
Examination fee:	[unchanged]		

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits with CNCM can be made under the Budapest Treaty or, as far as the deposits of cell cultures, mycoplasma and rickettsiae are concerned, under a bilateral agreement with the EPO.

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Rule 33(1) of the European Patent Convention (EPC) only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester (EPC Rule 32(1)), the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application where such publication takes place in one of the EPO official languages, i.e., English, French or German. Such a statement must be separate from the description and the claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro134.pdf.

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with EPC Rule 31(1)(d). If any of these indications (the name and address of the depositor, and the statement) is not included in a reference to deposited biological material in the international application as filed, it may still be furnished to the International Bureau within a period of 16 months after the date of filing of the international patent application or, if priority is claimed, after the priority date; this time limit is deemed to have been met if the indication reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (PCT Rule 13bis.4(a)). Where the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), the indications must be furnished to the International Bureau at the latest before the completion of the technical preparations

for international publication (PCT Rule 13*bis*.4(c)). The failure to meet this time limit cannot be remedied upon entry into the European phase neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under EPC Article 97(2) in the course of examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure (EPC Article 83).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-first (24th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 20 to 29 September 2010, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2011, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 190 and 191.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2011, as indicated in the table published on pages 192 and 193.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2011, as indicated in the table published on page 194.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of Annexes C, D, SISA and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 75	USD 103
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	EUR 38	USD 51
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 8	USD [No change]

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, and of new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable from 1 January 2011 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 16,530
	CHF 2,376
	DKK 13,310
	ISK 275,000
	NOK 14,350
	USD 2,443

Additional search fee:	SEK 16,530

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b)), in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2011, is CHF 2,376.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2011)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 04.10.10	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 3	
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency								
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AT - Austria Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
AU - Australia Australian dollar	0.9406	1'370 1'414	15 16	103 106	206 213	309 319	224 213	Current amount New amount
BE - Belgium Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
BR - Brazil Brazilian real	0.5746	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	353 348	Current amount New amount
CA - Canada Canadian dollar	0.9511	1'278 1'398	14 16	96 105	192 210	288 315	185 210	Current amount New amount
CY - Cyprus Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
DE - Germany Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	143 150	214 225	132 150	Current amount New amount
DK - Denmark Danish krone	0.1786	7'060 7'450	80 80	530 560	1'060 1'120	1'590 1'680	980 1'120	Current amount New amount
EP - European Patent Office Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	143 150	214 225	132 150	Current amount New amount
ES - Spain Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	143 150	214 225	132 150	Current amount New amount
FI - Finland Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	143 150	214 225	132 150	Current amount New amount
FR - France Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	143 150	214 225	132 150	Current amount New amount
GB - United Kingdom Pound sterling	1.5399	794 864	9 10	n.a. n.a.	119 130	179 195	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
GR - Greece Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
IB - International Bureau Swiss franc Euro US dollar	0.9728	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** 259 308	*** *** ***	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Brazilian real of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2011)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 04.10.10	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 3	
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency								
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
IE - Ireland Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.0086	151'800 153'800	1'700 1'700	11'400 11'600	22'800 23'100	34'200 34'700	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.0117	104'900 114'000	1'200 1'300	7'900 8'600	n.a. n.a.	23'700 25'700	17'800 17'100	Current amount New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.0009	1'453'000 1'535'000	16'000 17'000	109'000 115'000	n.a. n.a.	328'000 346'000	206'000 231'000	Current amount New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
MW - Malawi Malawian kwacha	0.0063	181'900 210'800	2'100 2'400	13'700 15'800	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NL - Netherlands Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	143 150	214 225	132 150	Current amount New amount
NO - Norway Norwegian krone	0.1656	7'580 8'030	90 90	570 600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZ - New Zealand New Zealand dollar	0.7211	1'802 1'844	20 21	135 139	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
PT - Portugal Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
SE - Sweden Swedish krona	0.1438	8'840 9'250	100 100	660 700	1'330 1'390	1'990 2'090	1'330 1'390	Current amount New amount
SG - Singapore Singapore dollar	0.7401	1'737 1'797	20 20	131 135	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
US - United States of America US dollar	0.9728	1'277 1'367	14 15	96 103	192 206	n.a. n.a.	192 206	Current amount New amount
ZA - South Africa South African rand	0.1390	8'990 9'570	100 110	680 720	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2011)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CN		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI		
	EUR	1'700	AUD	1'900	BRL	1'900	CAD	1'600	CNY	2'100	EUR	1'785	EUR	1'785	EUR	1'785	
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate				Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		
Exchange rates applicable on 04.10.10																	
CHF - Swiss franc	1.3312	2'381 ¹ 2'263¹	0.9406	1'730 ¹ 1'787¹	0.5746	1'192 ¹ 1'092¹	0.9511	1'666 ¹ 1'522¹	0.1454	351 ¹ 305¹	1.3312	2'375 ¹ 2'376¹	1.3312	2'375 ¹ 2'376¹	1.3312	2'375 ¹ 2'376¹	
USD - US dollar	0.7308	2'094 ¹ 2'326¹	1.0342	1'605 ¹ 1'837¹	1.6930	1'052 ¹ 1'122¹	1.0228	1'498 ¹ 1'564¹	6.6923	307 ¹ 314¹	0.7308	2'185 ¹ 2'443¹	0.7308	2'185 ¹ 2'443¹	0.7308	2'185 ¹ 2'443¹	
EUR - Euro			1.4152	1'311 ¹ 1'343¹	2.3166	869 ¹ 820¹	1.3996	1'210 ¹ 1'143¹	9.1574	249 ¹ 229¹							
AUD - Australian dollar																	
DKK - Danish krone											0.1341	13'290 13'310					
GBP - Pound sterling											1.1568	1'557 1'543					
ISK - Icelandic krona											0.0065	278'000 275'000					
JPY - Japanese yen											0.0088	195'800 203'700					
KRW - Korean won	0.0007	2'601'000 2'613'000	0.0009	1'970'000 2'063'000													
MMWK - Malawian kwacha											0.0047	359'000 377'000					
NOK - Norwegian krone											0.1244	14'590 14'350					
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.7666	2'334 2'478							0.5417	3'305 3'295					
SEK - Swedish krona											0.1080	16'830 16'530					
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.5559	3'160 3'060	0.7868	2'240 2'410							0.5559	3'070 3'210					
ZAR - South African rand	0.1044	15'730 16'280	0.1478	12'300 12'860							0.1044	16'600 17'090					

¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2011)

International Searching Authority	ISA/IP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ²		ISA/US		ISA/XN ³	
	JPY	Exch. rate	KRW	Exch. rate	RUB	Exch. rate	SEK	Exch. rate	USD	Exch. rate	DKK	Exch. rate
Reference currency & Amount	97'000		1'300'000	450'000	13'500		16'830		2'080		13'290	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 04.10.10</i>												
CHF - Swiss franc	1'230 ⁴ 1'132⁴	0.0117	1262 ⁴ 1'126⁴	437 ⁴ 390⁴	459 ⁴ 431⁴		2'375 ⁴ 2'376⁴		2'166 ⁴ 2'023⁴		2'375 ⁴ 2'376⁴	
USD - US dollar	1'065 ⁴ 1'163⁴	83.3895	1092 ⁴ 1'157⁴	373 ⁴ 401⁴	449 ⁴ 443⁴		2'185 ⁴ 2'443⁴				2'185 ⁴ 2'443⁴	
EUR - Euro	878 ⁴ 850⁴	114.1064	834 ⁴ 846⁴	290 ⁴ 293⁴	344 ⁴ 324⁴		1'785 ⁴ 1'785⁴		1'629 ⁴ 1'520⁴		1'785 ⁴ 1'785⁴	
AUD - Australian dollar			1'085.9519	1'197 ⁴ 414								
DKK - Danish krone							13'290 13'310					
GBP - Pound sterling												
ISK - Icelandic krona							278'000 275'000				278'000 275'000	
JPY - Japanese yen												
KRW - Korean won	1'295'000 1'306'000	0.0742										
MWK - Malawian kwacha												
NOK - Norwegian krone							14'590 14'350				14'590 14'350	
NZD - New Zealand dollar			1464 1'562	517 541					2'880 2'810			
SEK - Swedish krona												
SGD - Singapore dollar			1530 1'520	530 530								
ZAR - South African rand									15'350 14'550			

2 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2011, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

3 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2011, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

4 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2011)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT			ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN		
	EUR	850 ¹	1'190 ²	1'700 ³	EUR	1'785	EUR	1'785	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	13'500 ⁵	SEK	16'830	DKK	13'290
Reference currency & Amount	EUR													
Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.10	Exch. rate				Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate	0.0319				
	1.3312	1'132	1'584	2'263	1.3312	2'376	1.3312	2'376						
CHF - Swiss franc														

1 For a search of the German-language documentation.

2 For a search of the European or North American documentation.

3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

6 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2011.

7 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2011.

8 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2011.

9 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2011.

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RECEIVING OFFICES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority since 16 September 2010 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property.

[Updating of Annex C(GT) 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 C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2011. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	566.49
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	566.49
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of certain fees from **Estonian kroon (EEK)** to **euro (EUR)**, with effect from 1 January 2011. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, will be as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 115.04

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 15.97

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change in the currency of payment of the national fee from **Estonian kroon (EEK)** to **euro (EUR)**, also with effect from 1 January 2011. The amounts of the main components of these fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will be as follows:

For patent:

Basic fee: EUR 223.69

Claim fee for each claim
in excess of 10: EUR 12.78

Additional fee for late furnishing
of translation or copy: EUR 31.95

Annual fees for the first three years: EUR 115.03

For utility model:

Filing fee: EUR 102.25

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2011, are EUR 566.49 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a new amount of the basic fee component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 30 June 2010, is EUR 170.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media in addition to the 3.5 inch diskette: CD, DVD.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 6 April 2010, are as follows:

Search fee:

- where a search has already been made
by an International Searching Authority
in accordance with the PCT: GBP 120
- in other cases: GBP 150

Substantive examination fee: GBP 100

The above fees are reduced by GBP 20 where the request for search or substantive examination is filed in electronic form using a method of electronic communication accepted by the Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GB), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office. The requirements now read as follows:

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or another Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 95 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT, United Kingdom.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) and of the National Chapter, Summary (GB), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
3 January 2011,
22 and 25 April 2011,
2 and 13 June 2011,
8 September 2011,
7 November 2011,
26, 27 and 30 December 2011.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2011, are ILS 546 and ILS 86, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2011, is ILS 1,046.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

AT Austria

Information on the requirements of the Austrian Patent Office as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) is given in Annex SISA(AT), which is published on the following pages.

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Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²		Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)	
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³		– for a search of only the German-language documentation:	CHF 1,190 (1,132) ⁴
		– for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 2,381 (2,263) ⁴
		– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,667 (1,584) ⁴
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF	200	
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF	100	
Fees payable to the Authority:		Currency: Euro (EUR)	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	0.95 per page	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%		
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German		
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter searched under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Austrian patent law		
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	Three scopes of documentation are offered, at the choice of the applicant (see “Fees payable to the International Bureau”)		
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources.		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13ter.1 and 45bis.5(c))?	Yes		
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	Diskette, CD-ROM, DVD		

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¹ Supplementary international search is available only for international applications for which the 19-month time limit expires on or after 1 August 2010.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2011.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ 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 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).