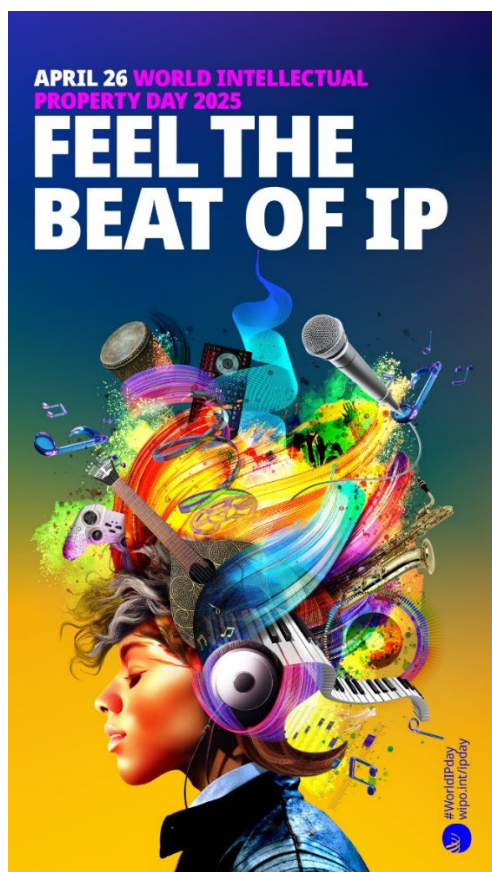


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## World Intellectual Property Day, 26 April 2025 – Reminder

As already mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2025, World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day) will be held on 26 April 2025. This year's theme, "IP and music: Feel the beat of IP", highlights how creativity and innovation, backed by IP rights, keep the music scene thriving and benefitting everyone, everywhere.

To publicize all World IP Day events, please share the details of World IP Day events you are organizing on the World IP Day events calendar at:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/events-calendar>

Also, don't forget to review the winners of the Youth Video Competition and the People's Choice Prize at:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2025/video-competition>

More information on World Intellectual Property Day 2025 is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2025/index>

## Change to PCT Publication Schedule

### Publication of 29 May 2025

Due to the fact that Thursday, 29 May 2025 will be a non-working day at WIPO, PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 30 May 2025. The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will remain unchanged, and any changes that should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight (Central European Summer Time (CEST)) on Tuesday, 13 May 2025.

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

## ePCT Update

A new version of the ePCT system was deployed on 19 March 2025 (version 4.15). This latest version brings numerous advantages to both applicants and Offices, including a new notification method, new 'Actions', and more automations of processes.

For full details on the new features of ePCT version 4.15 for both applicants and for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities, please refer, respectively, to:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipportal-support/epct-user-guide/faq?id=7080304> and

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipportal-support/epct-Office-user-guide/faq?id=6985170>

### What's new in ePCT for applicants?

- New notification method – ePCT

In addition to the existing "Email with PDF attachment" method of notification for correspondence purposes with applicants, "ePCT" has been introduced as a new method of communication for notifications from the International Bureau (IB) and, when applicable, from other PCT authorities. The new "ePCT" method provides a direct link to view and download relevant forms and documents in ePCT.

- Automation of the 'Action' for recording a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*

The online action for "Rule 92*bis* change request" is now almost fully automated. Form PCT/IB/306 is issued shortly after submitting the request, except in a few cases where manual examination is required. The process for completing and submitting this action remains unchanged, with the only difference being that Form PCT/IB/306 now includes the request submitted through the action as an attachment.

- New standalone 'Action' for declaration of inventorship

The Declaration of Inventorship (only for the purposes of the USA) is now available as a separate online action in the 'Actions' section of a filed International Application (IA). As a result, the Declaration of Inventorship is no longer included in the "Declarations under Rule 4.17" action, which now contains only the other four types of declarations.

- Improvements to other features also include:

- DOCX format is now set as default for the specification when creating a new international application, when the selected receiving Office accepts this format. Another format can still be selected if preferred.
- An Enhanced Document Download feature has been added for users experiencing difficulties downloading TIFF-based PDFs for large files in ePCT. Users can now download a ZIP file containing the PDF file and the TIFF images under "More".
- Access to XML versions of ISR/WOSA documents in XML format has been extended to include unpublished applications. Links to these XML documents are available in the IA Header section (under the PCT application number), "Data" section (under "International Search") and "Documents" section (under "More").

- New Disclaimers:

1) “Rule 92*bis* Change Request” Action – when a PCT Rule 92*bis* change request action is submitted after the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, a disclaimer appears in ePCT informing users that the changes will not be reflected in the international publication.

2) “Obtain Priority Document from DAS” Action – when performing the “Obtain priority document from DAS” action on or after the publication date, a disclaimer now appears in ePCT, informing users that while the IB will retrieve the priority document from DAS, it will not be considered compliant with PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*).

### What’s new in ePCT for Offices?

In this version of ePCT, improvements have been implemented for the following features:

- RO:

- A new notification method (ePCT) allows applicants to choose to receive PCT Forms issued by IB/Offices as notifications containing links to the issued Forms accessible in ePCT;
- Improvement of the upload feature for downloading TIFF-based PDFs for large files in ePCT;
- Access to the XML versions of ISR/WOSA documents has been expanded to include unpublished IAs;

- ISA:

- Improvement of the upload IPC feature allows users to attach a CSV file to upload IPC codes;
- Improvement of the interface for adding specific categories (D, P, O, and &) for cited documents in the ISR;
- ISA users can now upload XML versions of the International Search Report, Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority and Article 17(2)(a) to the IB;
- Improvement of the ‘Start international search’ task so that it is now automatically closed if the ISR/WOSA is received by the IB. This covers reports generated in ePCT as well as reports uploaded through ePCT or transmitted to IB via EDI;

- IPEA:

- A new ePCT action is now available for IPEAs to create form PCT/IPEA/407 (currently available only in English and Chinese, and all other publication languages available in the future);
- A new ePCT action is now available for IPEAs to create form PCT/IPEA/440 (currently available only in English and Chinese, and all other publication languages will be available in the future);

- Submission of IPEA Forms issued in ePCT will now be sent to the Chapter II agent (if present) instead of the Chapter I agent;
- DO:
  - Improvement of national phase entry (NPE) data – when multiple divisional applications are transmitted to the IB via ePCT, M2M, or EDI for a specific IA, they are now all retained in the database. Each event is displayed separately. To maintain consistency, the display of NPE data in ePCT has also been aligned with PATENTSCOPE display.

As usual, Offices are encouraged to provide their feedback and to discuss their needs with the PCT International Cooperation Division at: [pcticd@wipo.int](mailto:pcticd@wipo.int).

Questions about the current ePCT system can be sent to the PCT eServices Help Desk via the 'Contact Us' link at:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipportal-support/epct-user-guide/faq>

### Issues relating to the deployment of version 4.15

While the new version of ePCT contains a number of valuable new features and improvements designed to streamline your PCT journey, a few technical issues occurred during the initial days after its deployment. These issues have since been resolved, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Applicants who may have experienced delays in meeting time limits - particularly those who may have missed the priority period, as a result of these technical problems - are invited to contact the International Bureau to explore any possible relief measures available. You may contact either the Operations Team responsible for your application (<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipportal-support/epct-user-guide/faq>) or the PCT eServices Helpdesk ([pct.eservices@wipo.int](mailto:pct.eservices@wipo.int)).

### European Patent Office – Updated PCT-EPO Guidelines

The European Patent Office (EPO) has announced that the Guidelines for Search and Examination at the EPO as PCT Authority (PCT-EPO Guidelines) have been amended with effect from 1 April 2025. These Guidelines relate to the practice and procedure to be followed in the various aspects of the handling of international applications before the EPO as ISA and IPEA.

The major changes to the PCT-EPO Guidelines relate to the MyEPO Portfolio service, electronic notification and the decommissioning of fax and web-form filing. In addition, there is clarification of time-limit calculations and electronic fee-payment methods. Also, relevant content from the Euro-PCT Guide has been incorporated into the PCT-EPO Guidelines.

For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2025/01/a5.html>

The updated PCT-EPO Guidelines have been published as a complete April 2025 edition that supersedes the March 2024 edition, available in English, French and German at:

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/guidelines-pct>

The latest amendments can be viewed by selecting the “show modifications” box in the HTML version or the dedicated PDF version highlighting them.

## **Validation of European Patents in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic**

A new agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the Government of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on the validation of European patents entered into force on 1 April 2025. As from that date, it is possible to validate European patents and European patent applications (including PCT applications containing a designation for a European patent) in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. European patents and applications validated in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic will confer the same rights and legal effects as national applications and patents in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

For further information, please see:

<https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/validation-agreement-laos-takes-effect>

<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2025/03/a23.html>

## **Exceptional Non-working Days**

### **Korean Intellectual Property Office**

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it will not be open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 3 June 2025 due to the designation of that day as a temporary national holiday.

This information updates the list of closed dates, as furnished to the IB by the Office, which is available at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

It is recalled that, 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 an Office falls on a day on which the Office is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent business day.

## **PCT Information Update**

### **EP European Patent Organisation (location; fees)**

The location of the Berlin Office of the European Patent Office (EPO) has changed to the following:

Location: Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 14  
10178 Berlin  
Germany

Additionally, the EPO has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2025, the fee for validating a European patent in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office for international applications filed on or after that date, is EUR 180.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B (EP) and National Chapter, Summary (EP))

**SE Sweden (fees; corrigendum)**

As from 1 June 2025, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SEK to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in SEK of the fee reduction listed under item 4(c) of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

Additionally, reference is made to the change in the amount of the third year annual fee for patent applications and patents, payable to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as designated (or elected) Office, which was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2025, on page 6. Please note that the correct amount of the fee, applicable since 15 March 2025, is SEK 1,600.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (SE))

**Handling fee (Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV))**

As from 1 June 2025, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in SEK to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The new amount will be SEK 2,280.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (SE))

**Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (various Offices)**

As from 1 May 2025, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) .....CHF, EUR

Federal Service for Intellectual  
Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) .....CHF, EUR

As from 1 June 2025, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office .....EUR, SGD

Austrian Patent Office .....KRW

Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) .....USD

European Patent Office (EPO) .....NZD

Federal Service for Intellectual  
Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) .....USD

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore .....KRW

Japan Patent Office .....KRW

Korean Intellectual Property Office .....EUR, SGD

The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU, EA, EP, JP, KR, RU and SG))



## **Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))**

As from 1 May 2025, there will be a change in the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation). The new amount is indicated in Fee Table I(c).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (RU))

## **PCT in the Media**

A link to the following articles in the WIPO Magazine has been added to the “PCT in the Media” page of the PCT website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct-media.html>

### **Tantrum pending: how one father took his pacifier from patent to market – and weaned his daughter off her dummy**

Inspired by his young daughter Amber, Matt Chiu, who holds a PhD from the Singapore University of Technology and Design, has created a new kind of pacifier designed to be both beautiful and hygienic. In 2023, he became the first Singaporean participant of the Inventor Assistance Program (IAP) to submit a patent application and, having also filed a PCT application, he now hopes to launch a worldwide Kickstarter campaign “to attract attention to the product and to look for distributors internationally.”

The full article is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/web/wipo-magazine/articles/tantrum-pending-how-one-father-took-his-pacifier-from-patent-to-market-and-weaned-his-daughter-off-her-dummy-72431>

### **Unlocking the power of intellectual property in medical technology**

Medical technology companies, such as the Turkish startup PONS Teknoloji, are revolutionizing health care and highlighting the critical role intellectual property (IP) plays in bringing such advances to market. Seeking patent protection through the PCT System ensures that their technology is protected internationally as it enters new markets.

The full article is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/web/wipo-magazine/articles/unlocking-the-power-of-intellectual-property-in-medical-technology-71322>

The WIPO Magazine is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/web/wipo-magazine>

## SME Support Series

### PCT SME Support Series (No. 1): How to begin the process of seeking patent protection for your invention internationally using the PCT

*Q: I am an engineer working in a hi-tech start-up and have developed an idea for a new product. After refining the concept and building a prototype, I believe my invention has technical and commercial advantages over existing products. I've heard about the PCT and the possibility of using it to apply for patent protection throughout the world. How do I go about this? Where do I start and what are the steps to take? How can I find out about the costs, time limits, and options available to me if I choose this path so that I can develop a long-term strategy?*

A: The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) is an efficient and flexible tool for seeking international patent protection. With a single application filed in one place and in one language, you can have up to 30 months to evaluate your chances of and options for seeking patent protection in nearly all countries globally. Watch this [3 minute video](#) and refer to the [list of PCT Contracting States](#) to discover the advantages of using the PCT.

In addition to the time you have, the PCT provides valuable information, in the form of an international search report and a written opinion, to evaluate your invention's potential patentability. Once WIPO has published your PCT application, usually after 18 months, this information can help attract investment in your invention.

#### *Getting started on intellectual property (IP)*

Before filing a patent application, you should assess the necessity of IP protection. The [WIPO IP Diagnostics tool](#) can help you evaluate your invention's patentability and potential commercial value. It is also useful to conduct a basic state-of-the-art search in a patent database (for example, [PATENTSCOPE](#)) to determine if your invention is new.

Developing a long-term vision and strategic plan for IP protection is also crucial. [WIPO's Guide to IP for Startups \("Enterprising Ideas"\)](#) provides valuable insights and guidance on this matter. Local [Technology and Innovation Support Centers \(TISCs\)](#) can assist you with this before incurring further costs on filing. Before you file the first application for your invention, it is essential that you keep your invention secret using confidentiality agreements where necessary.

#### *Preparing to file a national patent application*

For cost and strategic reasons, the vast majority of users first file a national or regional patent application before filing a PCT application. To do this, it is best to get advice from a local patent professional (attorney/agent). While many national Offices can provide you with information and assistance, using a patent professional is recommended to avoid potential difficulties or costs associated with amending or correcting an application after filing. Please consult our web page for the [list of national and regional IP offices](#) and their contact details. The local Office may be able to provide you with a list of registered IP professionals in their country and recommend programs that could assist you (for example, the [WIPO Inventors Assistance Program](#)) and any other pro bono support available at a national or international level. National government and business associations might also provide further assistance or funding for patent protection.

#### *Evaluating your readiness for the PCT*

It is important to ensure your invention and technical documents are at an advanced stage – having to file a new PCT application due to changes in your invention can be expensive. Later



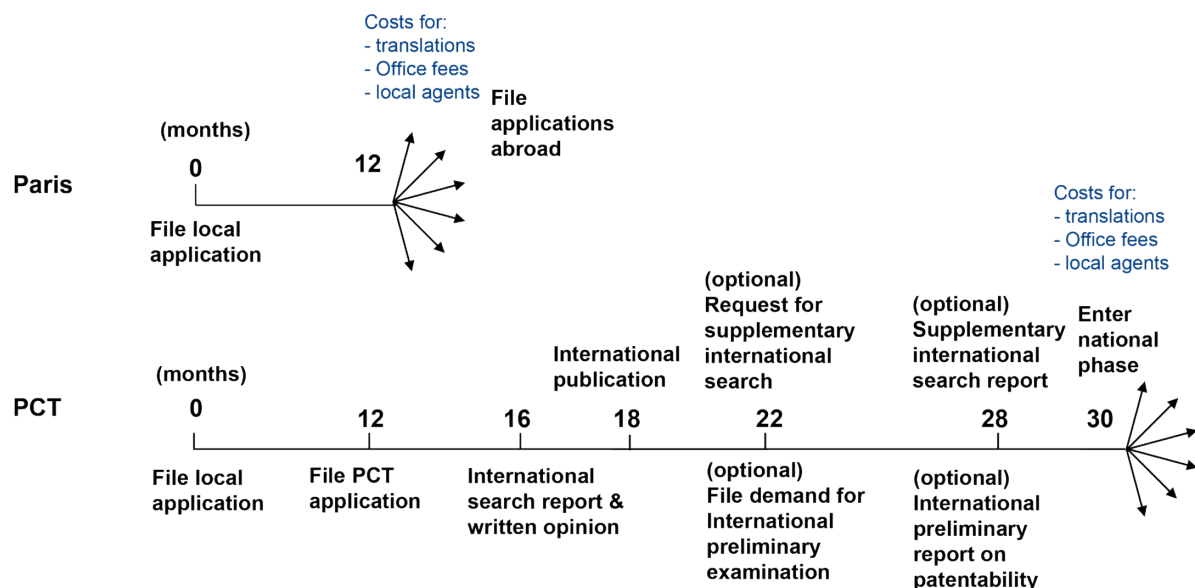
corrections and amendments may only be possible in certain circumstances and may require professional assistance.

### *The PCT Application Process*

Once your first national or regional application is filed, you have up to 12 months to file a PCT application, using the filing date of your earliest national or regional application as the date from which you can claim priority (maintaining your rights as if the PCT application had been filed on the same date as your national/regional filing). After this time, it is not possible to file a further PCT application with the same priority and you cannot add new matter to a previously-filed PCT application.

The PCT application process consists of two main phases:

- The international phase:  
You can submit your application to the International Bureau (IB) of WIPO or a national or regional patent Office. An International Searching Authority (ISA) will conduct a search on the state of the art, also known as the prior art. This will give you important information on the probability of patentability and an indication of the potential scope of patent protection of your invention. 18 months after the priority date, WIPO will publish the patent application and the search report.
- The national phase:  
Generally, within 30 months from the priority date, you will need to initiate the national phase in the specific countries where you want patent protection. You will need to submit translations and engage local representatives where necessary. The responsible patent Office will examine your application and grant the patent if appropriate. The information from the international phase is non-binding on national Offices but may be the best information on patentability available.



### *Advantages of a PCT Application*

- A single application and central management of formalities:  
You only need to submit application documents once and in a single language, saving costs and effort for up to 30 months.

- Scope of coverage:  
Your PCT application is recognized by all 158 Contracting States of the PCT, thereby keeping a maximum number of options open to you.
- Flexibility:  
You have 30 months to decide in which countries you want to seek patent protection and when to enter the national phase. This can be accelerated in some countries via the [Patent Prosecution Highway \(PPH\)](#).
- Fee reductions:  
While application filing and search fees in the PCT can be significant, fee reductions are available for individual inventors and applicants from developing and least developed countries. More information on fees relating to PCT applications can be found here:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html>

#### *Recommended Next Steps:*

- Consult a patent attorney: a patent attorney can provide guidance on the patent application process and help you navigate the complexities of the PCT.
- Prepare your application: gather all the necessary documents, including technical drawings and a detailed description of your invention.
- Submit your application: following the advice of your patent professional, submit your application to your national patent office or PCT receiving Office.
- If you file nationally first: monitor the 12-month priority period from your first application so that you don't miss the time limit to file a PCT application and preserve your priority date.

#### *Further Reading:*

- [Inventing the Future, An Introduction to Patents for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises](#)
- [Short summary of the PCT for New Users](#)

Stay tuned for future editions of the PCT SME Support Series for valuable insights and advice tailored to your needs. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the [PCT Information Service](#).

## **Practical Advice**

### **Correcting elements or parts of an international application on or after the filing date**

*Q: I submitted a PCT application and, after reviewing the submission, realized that I had submitted the wrong set of drawings. Do I need to withdraw and re-file the application? And what could I do if I only noticed such a mistake the day after filing?*

A: Given that no fees have been paid yet, you may consider submitting a new PCT application provided that there is still time left in the day, while the already filed PCT application can be withdrawn at a later stage.

Alternatively, and provided there is still time left in the day, you may consider the possibility of completing or correcting your application (including replacing erroneously filed pages) in

accordance with PCT Rule 20.5bis(b) or (c). As you noticed the mistake on the same day the application was filed, if you filed the PCT application using ePCT, there is a specific functionality for such corrections. The “same day correction” functionality enables you to add documents that were omitted or to replace already submitted documents up until midnight in the time zone of the receiving Office and still be accorded the same day as the international filing date. Once that deadline has passed, the same day correction functionality will no longer be available.

For details about the “same day correction” function, please consult the “Practical Advice” published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2019 at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/practical\\_advice/pa\\_072019.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/practical_advice/pa_072019.html)

It is important to note that a few receiving Offices do not provide this technical facility<sup>1</sup>.

If you only noticed the mistake after the international filing date, you would have the following options:

#### *Correcting erroneously filed elements or parts with incorporation by reference*

If the correct drawings are included in the priority application, you could attempt to incorporate them by reference provided you meet the conditions under PCT Rules 20.5bis(d) and 20.6. In such a case, the original international filing date will be maintained, but you can only add the correct drawings and not remove the mistakenly filed ones, with the result that you will have two sets of drawings in the PCT application. Incorporation by reference could be useful if you are outside the priority period as correcting the international filing date to the date of receipt of a correct element under PCT Rule 20.5bis(c) could result in loss of priority. Moreover, a few designated Offices have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility of these provisions with their national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b-bis). Any elements or parts incorporated by reference will not be considered as being part of the PCT application in the national phase before these designated Offices (a list of these Offices can be found on WIPO’s website at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html).)

Furthermore, a few receiving Offices have outstanding notifications of incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis) and do not process requests for incorporation by reference. However, for these receiving Offices, the applicant may request the receiving Office to transmit the international application to the receiving Office of the International Bureau under PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii), which does process requests for incorporation by reference.

For further details on incorporation by reference, please refer to:

“Correction of incorrectly submitted parts of an international application”, available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/practical\\_advice/pa\\_102024.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/practical_advice/pa_102024.html)

#### *Correcting erroneously filed elements or parts without incorporation by reference*

If the correct drawings are not contained in the priority application, or if your international application did not claim any priority at all, or if you would accept a later international filing date, for example because you are still within the priority period, the procedure for correcting

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the same day correction function in ePCT is not available for the receiving Offices of Canada, Israel and the United States of America; although it is possible to prepare a .zip file using ePCT-Filing for upload to the e-filing system of those Offices, it is not possible to use ePCT to submit applications online to them.

international applications containing erroneously filed pages under PCT Rule 20.5*bis(c)*, available to all applicants with all receiving Offices, might be the better option as it would allow you to add the correct drawings and remove the erroneously filed drawings. Although in this case the international filing date will be changed to the date on which the receiving Office receives all the correct elements or parts, this saves applicants from withdrawing the application and filing it again. The time limit for doing this, under PCT Rule 20.7, is two months from the date on which the application was first filed at the receiving Office or, if it is the receiving Office that notices the mistake and invites the applicant to correct it, two months from the invitation by the receiving Office.

If the time limit has expired, you would have to file a new PCT application to correct the mistake completely. Whether you should withdraw the PCT application previously filed would depend on whether fees had been paid for that application and if yes, whether you are still able to get some refund of the fees paid. That said, if you noticed the mistake outside the priority period, but still within two months after the expiration of the priority period, you could still file a new application again and request restoration of the right of priority. However, the chances of obtaining a positive finding to have the priority right restored would, under these circumstances, be slim<sup>2</sup>. You are therefore advised to think twice before deciding to file a new application to correct the mistake.

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<sup>2</sup> For details on the restoration of the right of priority, refer to paragraphs 166A to 166T of the Receiving Office Guidelines.

## PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>)  
(situation on 24 April 2025)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
<b>12 – 14 November 2025</b> Berlin (DE)	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT and the Madrid System within the framework of the 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>PAFA-Tagung</i> conference (hybrid) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ipforip.de">info@ipforip.de</a> Internet: <a href="https://www.ipforip.com/15-pafa-tagung/">https://www.ipforip.com/15-pafa-tagung/</a>

## PCT Webinars

(<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html>)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
<b>29 April 2025</b> 10:00 – 13:00 CET	Russian	PCT System: Requirements for list of consequences: Regional webinar for students from Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC) WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov and Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: Ms. Darina and Mr. Zontov (Rospatent)	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/9417382375716/WN_kqgFLD15QLiPEc2PtaMIQ">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/9417382375716/WN_kqgFLD15QLiPEc2PtaMIQ</a>
<b>27 May 2025</b> 10:00 – 13:40 CET	Russian	PCT System: Unity of Invention: Regional webinar for CACEEC WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov and Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: Mr. Ezhov (Eurasian Patent Office) and Ms. Senchikhina (Rospatent)	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3317382376403/WN_YQbyHIQ6Qt-1SlwxRUFY8A">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3317382376403/WN_YQbyHIQ6Qt-1SlwxRUFY8A</a>

## PATENTSCOPE Webinars

(<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/patentscope/webinar/index>)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
<b>1 May 2025</b> 8:30 – 9:15 CET	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_--YfsF-zQ6yokb0R194uZA">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_--YfsF-zQ6yokb0R194uZA</a>

### Other IP events

#### World IP Day, 26 April 2025

World IP Day is celebrated globally. For information visit:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2025/index>

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

### Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	SYP	Syrian pounds
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	THB	Baht
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TRY	Turkish lira
ISR	international search report	CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	USD	US dollar

### Currencies:

ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	UZS	Uzbek sum
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	VND	Vietnamese dong
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAR	Saudi riyal	ZAR	South African rand
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SAT	Samoan tala	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 April 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup> (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
					Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
AU	AUD	none	AUD 2,289	26	–	344	516	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	EA EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,417	16	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL <sup>8</sup> online: 175 on paper: <sup>9</sup> 260		BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN	102.90	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	434.30	CAD 2,112	24	–	318	476	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>10</sup>	130	CLP eq USD <sup>10</sup> 1,456	eq USD <sup>10</sup> 16	–	eq USD <sup>10</sup> 219	eq USD <sup>10</sup> 328	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	none	CNY 10,990	120	–	1,650	2,480	CN EP <sup>11</sup>
CO	COP online: 326,000 on paper: 431,000		COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 237 on paper: 289		USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	CL EP ES

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 April 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – <sup>12</sup>	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,417	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,560	120	–	1,590	2,380	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,456 or EUR 1,417	16 16	– –	219 213	328 320	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 150	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,189	13	–	179	268	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GED eq USD <sup>13</sup> 100	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS <sup>14</sup> 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 570,800	6,400	–	85,800	128,800	EP XV
IB	CHF <sup>15</sup> 100 or EUR <sup>15</sup> 107 or USD <sup>15</sup> 109	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,417 or USD 1,456	15 16 16	100 107 109	200 213 219	300 320 328	Refer to footnote 16
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
IL	ILS 640	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 <sup>17</sup> INR 17,600 <sup>18</sup> No fee for e-filings	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	IRR 500,000 (natural persons) IRR 2,500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq USD 1,456	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 20,300	ISK 210,400	2,400	–	31,600	47,500	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,456	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 <sup>19</sup>	JPY 230,500	2,600	–	–	52,000	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 <sup>20</sup>	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 April 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP <sup>21</sup> KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – <sup>12</sup>	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,417	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
LY	LYD – <sup>12</sup>	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,417	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87 <sup>22</sup>	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT CL EP ES KR SE
	(natural persons) USD 375.50 <sup>22</sup> (legal persons)						SG US
MY	MYR 550 <sup>23</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 16,520	190	–	2,480	3,730	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,529	29	–	380	571	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – <sup>12</sup>	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,456	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,456	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR online: 12.31 on paper: 24.60	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,456	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON 498	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP RU
RS	RSD 9,920 <sup>24</sup>	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP XV
RU	RUB 2,000	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	SAR 5,619	63	–	845	1,267	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	USD – <sup>12</sup>	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 16,110	180	–	2,420	3,630	EP SE XN
		(from 1.6.25: 15,140)	(170)	(–)	(2,280)	(3,410)	
SG	SGD 150	SGD 2,026	23	–	305	457	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 66 <sup>25</sup>	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP XV
SV	none <sup>26</sup>	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	CL EP ES
SY	SYP 5,000	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT EG EP RU

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 April 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS — <sup>12</sup>	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	EA EP RU
TM	USD — <sup>12</sup>	USD 1,456	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
TN	TND 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) <sup>27</sup> 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,456	16	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office	UGX eq USD 1,456	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD 285 <sup>28</sup>  small entity <sup>29</sup> : 114 <sup>28</sup> micro entity <sup>29</sup> : 57 <sup>28</sup>	USD 1,456	16	109	219	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	UYU eq USD 100	UYU eq USD 1,456	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 328	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	UZS 245,000 <sup>30</sup>	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 27,050	310	–	4,070	6,100	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,456	16	–	219	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,456	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 April 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>							
AT <sup>31</sup>	EUR 1,845	CHF 1,732	KRW* 2,713,000	SGD 2,639	USD 1,905	ZAR 35,240		
	*(from 1.6.25: KRW 2,929,000)							
AU	AUD 2,200	CHF 1,278	EUR* 1,362	KRW 2,000,000	NZD 2,431	SGD* 1,947		
	USD 1,383	ZAR 26,000						
	*(from 1.6.25: EUR 1,271 SGD 1,852)							
BR <sup>8</sup>	Online: BRL 1,685	CHF* 246	EUR* 262	USD 277				
	*(from 1.5.25: CHF 264	EUR 280)						
	On paper: BRL 2,525	CHF* 368	EUR* 392	USD 415				
	*(from 1.5.25: CHF 395	EUR 420)						
CA	CAD 2,317.68	CHF 1,459	EUR 1,555	USD 1,603				
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,710	EUR 1,822					
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> :			USD 400	CHF 342	EUR 364		
	In case of filing by a university <sup>32</sup> :			USD 300	CHF 257	EUR 273		
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 254	EUR 271	USD 297				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:							
	RUB 9,000	CHF* 80	EUR* 85	USD** 98				
	*(from 1.5.25: CHF 90	EUR 94)						
	** (from 1.6.25: USD 105)							
	For searches carried out in English:							
	RUB 40,000	CHF* 356	EUR* 379	USD** 437				
	*(from 1.5.25: CHF 398	EUR 418)						
	** (from 1.6.25: USD 465)							
EG <sup>33</sup>	EGP 4,000	CHF 71	EUR 75	USD 83				
EP <sup>34</sup>	EUR 1,845	CHF 1,732	CNY 14,310	DKK 13,760	GBP 1,548	HUF 744,000		
	ISK 274,100	JPY 300,000	NOK 21,510	NZD* 3,294	SEK 20,980	SGD 2,639		
	USD 1,905	ZAR 35,240						
	*(from 1.6.25: NZD 3,511)							
ES <sup>34</sup>	EUR 1,845	CHF 1,732	USD 1,905					
FI	EUR 1,845	CHF 1,732	USD 1,905					

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**Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 April 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
IL	ILS	4,101	CHF	1,020	EUR	1,085	USD	1,118				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	102	EUR	108	JPY	17,600	USD	119		
	In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	25	EUR	27	JPY	4,400	USD	30		
JP <sup>35</sup>	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	143,000	CHF	825	EUR	879	KRW*	1,289,000	USD	909		
	*(from 1.6.25: KRW 1,393,000)											
	For IAs in English:											
	JPY	169,000	CHF	975	EUR	1,039	SGD	1,486	USD	1,075		
KR <sup>36</sup>	For IAs in Korean:		KRW	450,000	AUD	496	CHF	288	EUR*	307	NZD	548
	SGD*	439	USD	309								
	*(from 1.6.25:											
	SGD	410)								EUR	283	
	For IAs in English:		KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,322	CHF	768	EUR*	818	NZD	1,460
	SGD*	1,170	USD	825								
	*(from 1.6.25:											
	SGD	1,092)								EUR	755	
PH	USD	600	CHF	513	EUR	547						
	Small entity or government <sup>37</sup> :											
					USD	200	CHF	171	EUR	182		
RU	For searches carried out in Russian:				RUB	9,000	CHF*	80	EUR*	85	USD**	98
	*(from 1.5.25:											
	***(from 1.6.25:											
					USD 105)							
	For searches carried out in English:				RUB	45,000	CHF*	401	EUR*	427	USD**	491
	*(from 1.5.25:											
	***(from 1.6.25:											
					USD 523)							
SA	SAR	1,000	CHF	244	EUR	243	USD	267				
SE	SEK	20,980	CHF	1,732	DKK	13,760	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,100	NOK	21,510
	USD	1,905										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,470	EUR	1,566	JPY	254,800	KRW*	2,286,000	USD	1,719
	*(from 1.6.25: KRW2,462,000)											
TR	TRY	69,360	CHF	1,732	EUR	1,845	USD	1,905				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	94	USD	104		
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	282	USD	311		
US	USD	2,400	CHF	2,137	EUR	2,290	NZD	4,104	ZAR	43,370		
	For small entity <sup>29</sup> :		USD	960	CHF	855	EUR	916	NZD	1,642	ZAR	17,350
	For micro entity <sup>29</sup> :		USD	480	CHF	427	EUR	458	NZD	821	ZAR	8,670
XN	DKK	13,760	CHF	1,732	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,100	NOK	21,510	SEK	20,980
	USD	1,905										
XV	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,732	HUF	744,000	USD	1,905				

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**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**

(amounts on 1 April 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 38</sup>
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 798 – for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,117 – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,596	CHF 200
EP	CHF 1,732 <sup>34</sup>	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,732	CHF 200
RU	CHF 107 (from 1.5.25: CHF 119) CHF 169 <sup>39</sup> (from 1.5.25: CHF 189)	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,732	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,470	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,732 – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 12	CHF 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 84 – for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 84 – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 66 – for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv): CHF 56	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,732 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 503	CHF 200
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,666 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 516	CHF 200

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**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**

(amounts on 1 April 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

<b>IPEA</b>	<b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>40</sup></b>		<b>Handling fee<sup>2, 40</sup> (CHF 200)</b>
<b>AT</b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,749 <sup>31</sup>	<b>EUR</b> 213
<b>AU</b>	<b>AUD</b>	590 820 <sup>41</sup>	<b>AUD</b> 344
<b>BR</b>	Online: <b>BRL</b> 630 <sup>8</sup> On paper: <b>BRL</b> 945 <sup>9, 9</sup>		<b>BRL eq CHF</b> 200
<b>CA</b>	<b>CAD</b>	1,158.84	<b>CAD</b> 318
<b>CL</b>	<b>USD</b> 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> : <b>USD</b> 400 in case of filing by a university <sup>32</sup> : <b>USD</b> 300		<b>USD</b> 219
<b>CN</b>	<b>CNY</b>	1,500	<b>CNY</b> 1,650
<b>EA</b>	Examination carried out in Russian: <b>RUB</b> 6,750 Examination carried out in English: <b>RUB</b> 24,000 Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office: Examination carried out in Russian: <b>RUB</b> 4,500 Examination carried out in English: <b>RUB</b> 16,000		<b>USD</b> 219
<b>EG</b>	<b>EGP</b>	3,000	<b>USD</b> 219
<b>EP</b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,915 <sup>34</sup>	<b>EUR</b> 213
<b>ES</b>	<b>EUR</b>	595.37 <sup>34</sup>	<b>EUR</b> 213
<b>FI</b>	<b>EUR</b>	650	<b>EUR</b> 213
<b>IL</b>	<b>ILS</b>	1,758	<b>ILS</b> 812
<b>IN</b>	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: <b>INR</b> 10,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: <b>INR</b> 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: <b>INR</b> 12,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: <b>INR</b> 3,000		<b>USD</b> 219
<b>JP<sup>35</sup></b>	For IAs in Japanese: <b>JPY</b> 34,000 For IAs in English: <b>JPY</b> 69,000		<b>JPY</b> 34,700
<b>KR</b>	<b>KRW</b>	450,000	<b>KRW</b> 313,000
<b>PH</b>	<b>USD</b> 300 Small entity or government <sup>37</sup> : <b>USD</b> 150		<b>USD</b> 219
<b>RU</b>	For examination carried out in Russian: <b>RUB</b> 4,500 <sup>42</sup> 6,750 <sup>43</sup> For examination carried out in English: <b>RUB</b> 16,000 <sup>42</sup> 24,000 <sup>43</sup>		<b>USD</b> 219
<b>SA</b>	<b>SAR</b>	600	<b>SAR</b> 845
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b>	5,000	<b>SEK</b> 2,420 (from 1.6.25: <b>SEK</b> 2,280)
<b>SG</b>	<b>SGD</b>	830	<b>SGD</b> 305
<b>TR</b>	<b>TRY</b>	1,000	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>UA</b>	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: <b>EUR</b> 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: <b>EUR</b> 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: <b>EUR</b> 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: <b>EUR</b> 70		<b>EUR</b> 213
<b>US</b>	<b>USD</b> 705 880 <sup>44</sup> For small entity <sup>29</sup> : <b>USD</b> 282 352 <sup>44</sup> For micro entity <sup>29</sup> : <b>USD</b> 141 176 <sup>44</sup>		<b>USD</b> 219
<b>XN</b>	<b>DKK</b>	5,000	<b>DKK</b> 1,590
<b>XV</b>	<b>EUR</b>	900	<b>EUR</b> 213

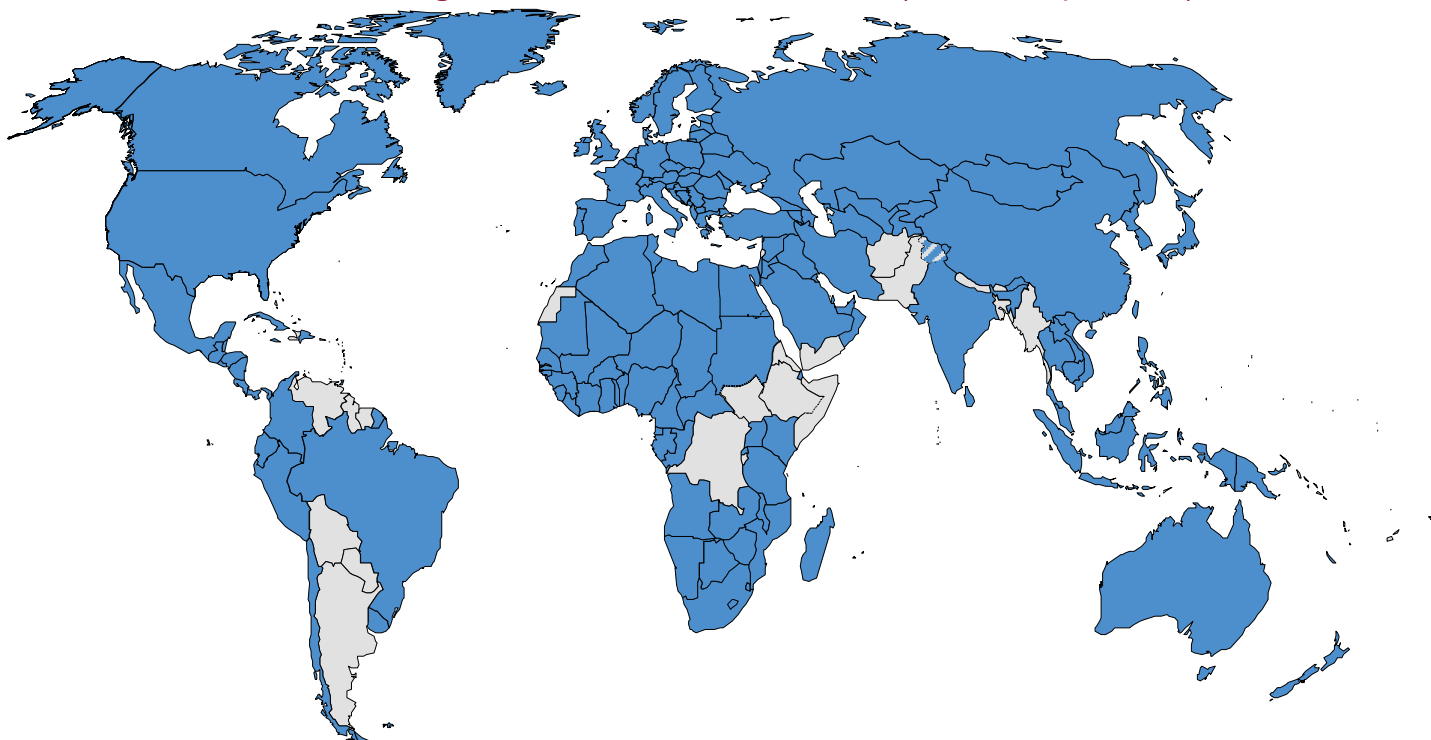
[footnotes to fee tables follow]



**Footnotes to fee tables:**

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction 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.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4(a)(ii-bis)).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA 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, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: [https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art\\_53\\_153571.html](https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_53_153571.html). The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-cnipa-joint-communique-chinese-applicants-may-continue-designate-epo-isa-0> and to the CNIPA's website at: [https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art\\_53\\_187971.html](https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art_53_187971.html)
- 12 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 13 This fee is 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, a pupil or pensioner.
- 14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
- 18 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
- 19 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. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: [https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet\\_e.pdf](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf)
- 20 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/mailling costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 21 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 22 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
- 23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-51 and R-59), respectively, at: [http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated\\_rules.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf)
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 The 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 (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable 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. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>.
- 33 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".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant notes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details refer to: [https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet\\_e.pdf](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf)
- 36 This fee is 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: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable 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.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 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).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

## PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (158 on 1 April 2025)



AE United Arab Emirates	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AL Albania (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>3</sup>	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DJ Djibouti	JM Jamaica	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SM San Marino (EP) <sup>2</sup>
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	JO Jordan	MU Mauritius	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	EC Ecuador	KH Cambodia <sup>4</sup>	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Eswatini (AP) <sup>2</sup>
BB Barbados	EE Estonia (EP)	KM Comoros (OA) <sup>2</sup>	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	EG Egypt	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	ES Spain (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	KW Kuwait	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic <sup>4</sup>	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia <sup>4</sup>
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NZ New Zealand	TR Türkiye (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia <sup>4</sup>	LK Sri Lanka	PA Panama	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PE Peru	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LT Lithuania (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LV Latvia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PL Poland (EP)	UY Uruguay <sup>6</sup>
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GR Greece (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	MA Morocco <sup>4</sup>	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MD Republic of Moldova <sup>4</sup>	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HR Croatia (EP)	ME Montenegro (EP) <sup>2,5</sup>	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MG Madagascar	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>		SC Seychelles (AP)	
CU Cuba	IL Israel		SD Sudan (AP)	
CV Cabo Verde (AP)	IN India		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IQ Iraq		SG Singapore	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

2 May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

3 Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

4 Validation of European patent possible.

5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.

6 This Office has made a declaration under PCT Article 64(1)(a) and is not bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

**Important:** This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2022). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.