# PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

Explanatory Notes

INVENTORY OF PATENT and utility model DOCUMENTS   
ACCORDING TO PCT RULE 34.1 (effective from 2026 onwardS)

The following information relates to the inventory of patent documentsforming the PCT minimum documentation according to PCT Rule 34.1, effective from January 1, 2026.

There are six columns defined within the table provided linked in paragraph 2:

1. The first column specifies the Issuing Office or Organization;
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Reference should be made to Annex H of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT which sets out the technical requirements and procedures for inclusion of patent and utility model documentation and non-patent literature in the PCT minimum documentation.

## Inventory of patent and utility model documents

The full inventory of patent and utility model documents for every patent Office or Organization is available on the WIPO website:

**[Part 4.1 Inventory Table](https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/part07/part_04-1.html)**

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