

What's New for Applicants in ePCT

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Q&A Report

No.	Questions	Answers
1	To indicate in the request there is a sequence listing (SL) in the International Application but not to upload the SL in ePCT, is this only in case of US or IL as receiving Office?	Yes, correct. For US and IL PCT applications, the specification and any other document making up the International Application including any sequence listing should be uploaded to the RO's website.
2	How to proceed when the DAS was not given upon filing on ePCT because the provisional was not accessible? The access was granted recently and we have a new DAS.	After filing the PCT application, if you have access to the PCT application in ePCT, you can use the ePCT Action " Obtain priority document from DAS " provided that the earlier application was filed with a DAS participating Office.
3	Could you please explain the uploading of pre-conversion files?	Please refer to our FAQ article Documents in pre-conversion format .
4	I understand that pre-conversion files cannot be uploaded to USPTO. Can you confirm?	The information is included in "Notifications concerning requirements and practices for electronic filing under Section 710(a)" in the Filing Methods section in ePCT Office Profile when it is available to the IB. However, for RO/US, the IB does not have such information. Please check with the USPTO directly.
5	It is possible for an authorized signatory to sign directly indicating him/herself as 'Signatory' using someone else's account.	Yes, all documents submitted in ePCT including the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) should be signed by an authorized person regardless of the WIPO Account used to submit the documents.
6	Can amendments under PCT Article 19 be filed only through ePCT or can it also be filed through the RO (particularly RO/IL)?	Amendments under PCT Article 19 should be submitted to the IB and not to the RO as the IB is the competent Authority to process the amendments. See also PCT Rule 46 .
7	Can you use the WIPO Pay to pay additional search fee for EPO as ISA?	No, additional search fees should be paid directly to the ISA concerned. ePCT can only be used to pay the filing related fees when you file a PCT application with RO/IB.

8	Is generating an eOwnership code at the time of filing mandatory, if I'm using ePCT to file the draft application?	Generating an eOwnership code at the time of filing is only to be used if you use eOLF or JPO PAS. When using ePCT to file your application, eOwnership is automatic. No further steps are required.
9	Can the Push Notification application be installed on different mobile devices connected to only one WIPO Account?	No, it's only possible to register one Push Notification per WIPO Account. However, several App for one-time password can be associated with one WIPO Account.
10	Where can I go and watch a walk through on how to file a PCT application through ePCT with a RO being US?	We have given a webinar on how to file an application using ePCT in combination with EFS-Web. The webinar was recorded and is available on our PCT webinars website Filing with RO/US: ePCT, Filing with RO/US in combination with EFS-Web (5 August 2021), Q&A Report, PPT . The FAQ article is also available at Filing at RO/US using ePCT in combination with EFS-Web .
11	If we use US as RO, can we continue to use the PCT-SAFE? I am worry the fee schedule will not be correct. Is there a good video for a first time ePCT user?	<p>The USPTO and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) are the only two remaining receiving Offices that have not yet formally notified the IB of their intention to stop accepting PCT-SAFE filings. However, while PCT applicants may be able to continue to prepare and file PCT applications using existing versions of the PCT-SAFE software, the IB specifically advises against doing so. Filers who use PCT-SAFE as from 1 July 2022 will do so at their own risk. Any remaining PCT-SAFE users are strongly advised to transition to ePCT-Filing as soon as possible.</p> <p>RO/US and RO/KR accept ePCT filings.</p> <p>Please refer to the recordings of our webinars dedicated to new ePCT users below, and more instructions on ePCT FAQs:</p> <p>ePCT for New users (Part I) (8 & 10 March 2022), PDF, Q&A Report</p> <p>ePCT for New users (Part II) (15 & 17 March 2022), PDF, Q&A Report</p>
12	What would you suggest to use when ePCT is down?	It should be very rare that ePCT is not available as it is monitored 24x7 and has backup servers. In case it happens, you can use the Contingency Upload Service (FAQs) to upload PDF documents, including new international applications and/or post-filing documents, without having to create or sign in to a WIPO account.