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## **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU) to Begin Operating as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority**

It is recalled that the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU) was appointed as International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT at the 44th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, which was held in September–October 2013 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2013).

On 28 December 2015, SIPSU notified WIPO that it will begin operating as an ISA and an IPEA, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA), with effect from 5 February 2016.

Furthermore, SIPSU has specified, with effect from 5 February 2016, itself, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as a competent ISA and IPEA for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ukraine with SIPSU (or with the International Bureau (IB)) as receiving Office.

Information on the Office in its capacity as ISA, SISA and IPEA, including the fees payable to those Offices, will be published shortly in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D, SISA and E.

## **Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications**

### **Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia: Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO) and Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) will begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form**

The Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO) and the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia), in their capacities as receiving Offices (RO/BN and RO/ID), have notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they are prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 January 2016.

The Offices accept international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notifications containing the requirements and practices of the Offices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 14 January 2016, at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/officialnotices.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (BN and ID))

The acceptance of ePCT-Filings by the above-mentioned Offices will bring to 34 the total number of receiving Offices which do so<sup>1</sup>.

### Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) no longer accepts PCT-SAFE filings

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2015 concerning the acceptance by the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines), in its capacity as receiving Office, of international applications filed using the ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT Portal with effect from 4 January 2016, the Office has notified the IB that, with effect from that date, it no longer accepts the filing of international applications using PCT-SAFE.

### ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (version 3.2) was deployed on 17 December 2015. Some of the new features are discussed below.

#### ePCT for applicants

The ePCT-Filing function in the ePCT portal includes the following new features:

- default access rights will now be set when you create a new international application (IA);
- it is now possible to download a copy of a draft new IA before it is filed, in the form of either a Zip file containing multiple PDF files, plus XML data, or in the form of a single PDF document;
- the “Clone as new IA” feature now allows you to clone all document content in addition to the bibliographic data; and
- for cases where different fees are payable to the receiving Office in different currencies, it is now possible to indicate multiple currencies on the fees screen.

The new ePCT features include the possibility to make use of the ePCT Action “Rule 92*bis* change request” in ePCT Public Services, provided that the international application concerned has been published.

For further information on the above changes, including relevant screen shots, as well as information on other changes included in this latest release, please see:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct\\_whats\\_new.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_whats_new.pdf)

Furthermore, please note that the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (accessible via the “Shortcuts” on the ePCT Portal) have been revised and published in a more user-friendly format.

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<sup>1</sup> ePCT-Filing is now available for online filing with the following receiving Offices: RO/IB, RO/AT, RO/AU, RO/AZ, RO/BN, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CO, RO/CZ, RO/DK, RO/DZ, RO/EA, RO/EE, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/HU, RO/ID, RO/IN, RO/IS, RO/LV, RO/MX, RO/MY, RO/NO, RO/NZ, RO/PH, RO/PL, RO/QA, RO/RU, RO/SA, RO/SE, RO/SG, RO/TR and RO/ZA.

## **ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities**

For details about the new features for Offices in ePCT version 3.2, please see:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct\\_office\\_whats\\_new.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_whats_new.pdf)

For further information on ePCT in general, including how to get started, please go to:

<https://pct.wipo.int/LoginForms/epct.jsp>

or contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at:

e-mail: [epct@wipo.int](mailto:epct@wipo.int)

telephone: (+41–22) 338 9523

or via the

“contact us” link at: <http://www.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=patentscope&area2=epct>

## **PCT-SAFE Update**

### **Release of new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software**

A new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.072.248, dated 1 January 2016) is now available and can be downloaded at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download\\_client.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html)

Further details on this new version of PCT-SAFE are available in the “Release notes” and “What’s new” document on the above-mentioned web page.

## **Power of Attorney Waiver**

### **Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (Latvian Patent Office)**

The Latvian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney.

For background information on power of attorney waivers, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2004, page 2, at:

[http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct\\_news\\_2004\\_1.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2004/pct_news_2004_1.pdf)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (LV) and of the table “Offices (or Authorities) which have notified WIPO of waiver(s) of the power of attorney requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii)”) )

## **Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program**

### **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and United States Patent and Trademark Office**

A new Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program began on 11 January 2016 between the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) (INPI) and the United States Patent and

Trademark Office (USPTO). Under this pilot, accelerated processing in the national phase in the United States of America is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II), issued by INPI in its capacity as ISA/IPEA. Although accelerated processing can also be requested in the national phase in Brazil, the above-mentioned PCT work products cannot form the basis of such requests, and a number of other restrictions apply. For details, see the websites of INPI and USPTO at, respectively:

<http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-servicos/patente/projeto-piloto-pph>  
(in Portuguese)

<http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/patent-prosecution-highway/patent-prosecution-11>

## World Trade Organization

### Kazakhstan becomes a Member

On 30 November 2015, Kazakhstan (country code: KZ), which is already a Party to the Paris Convention and a member State of the PCT, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), thus bringing the total number of Members to 162. The table of States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO has been updated accordingly at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct\\_paris\\_wto.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf)

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a), it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in, or for, any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in, or for, any Member of the WTO that is not party to that Convention.

## PCT Information Update

### BN Brunei Darussalam (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 January 2016, by the Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

### CR Costa Rica (fees)

The amount of the fee for priority document, payable in fee stamps to the Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica), has changed, as follows:

Fee for priority document, for the first five pages:.....	USD	12.25
and, for each additional page: .....	USD	1.10

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

**DE Germany (requirements concerning agent)**

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the German Patent Office as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, which should now read as follows (the text in italics applies only in respect of the requirements of the receiving Office):

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 practice 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 *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (DE), and National Chapter, Summary (DE))

**FR France (location and mailing address; e-mail address)**

The location and mailing address of the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) has changed, and the Office has notified 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 *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (FR))

**ID Indonesia (electronic filing)**

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 January 2016, by the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

**LV Latvia (fees)**

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Latvian Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2016:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	70.00
Fee for priority document:.....	EUR	10.68

For information on the power of attorney waiver made by the Latvian Patent Office, see “Power of Attorney Waiver”, above.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (LV))

## **MZ Mozambique (furnishing of copies of international applications; requirements concerning agent)**

The Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique) has changed its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is to be furnished to it as designated (or elected) Office – 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.

There has also been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as designated (or elected) Office – any patent attorney or patent agent who is registered to practice before the Office and resident in Mozambique can now act as such.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (MZ))

## **RU Russian Federation (time limit for entry into the national phase)**

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2015, page 4, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has confirmed that the time limit for entry into the national phase is 31 months from the priority date. Where the applicant failed to comply with the time limit, reinstatement, under PCT Rule 49.6, may be requested within 12 months from the expiration of the time limit, provided that the failure to comply occurred in spite of due care and the reinstatement fee is paid.

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

## **TR Turkey (fees)**

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Turkish Patent Institute as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

	<i>Online</i>	<i>On paper</i>
For patent and utility model:		
Filing fee: .....	TRY 600	720
Fee for grant of letters:.....	TRY 280	395
First annual fee: .....	TRY 190	270
Fee for reinstatement of rights:.....	TRY 1,000	1,200

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (TR))

## **UA Ukraine (location; mailing address)**

The location and mailing address of the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU) have changed, as follows:

Location:                   SIPSU, 45, V. Lypkivskoho Street  
                                  Kyiv-35  
                                  03680, Ukraine

Mailing address:           Ukrainsky Instytut Promyslovoi Vlanosti  
 Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute  
 1, Hlazunova Street  
 Kyiv 42  
 01601, Ukraine

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (UA))

**Search fee and other fees related to the international search (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Israel Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))**

As from 1 February 2016, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in EUR for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 March 2016, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

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

The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 March 2016, there will also be a change in the amount payable in ILS for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office. The new amount, as well as the equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR and USD, are indicated in Fee Table I(b). The amounts of other fees will also change, as follows:

Additional search fee: .....	ILS	3,529
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report .....	ILS	43
Late furnishing fee .....	ILS	454

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (BR, CA, IL and RU))

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

As from 1 March 2016, there will be a change in the amounts payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation). The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

**Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Israel Patent Office)**

As from 1 March 2016, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable in ILS to the Israel Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Preliminary examination fee: .....	ILS	1,512
Additional preliminary examination fee: .....	ILS	1,512
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report or contained in the file of the international application .....	ILS	43
Late furnishing fee: .....	ILS	454

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

## United States Patent and Trademark Office: Not Open for Business from 22 to 24 December 2015

On 22 December 2015, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) experienced a major power outage at its headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, resulting in damaged equipment that required the subsequent shutdown of many USPTO online and information technology systems. In light of this emergency situation, the USPTO has therefore considered each day from 22 to 24 December 2015 as not being open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business. 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 that Office fell on any of those 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.

For further information, please see the information published on the USPTO website at:

[http://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/shutdown\\_20151223.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/shutdown_20151223.pdf)

## Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

### New invitations

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO (IB) and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, new invitations have been identified originating from “**OPT – Organization for Patents and Trademarks**” and “**WIPD – Registration of International Patents Intellectual Property Office**”. To view examples of the invitations, as well as the many other examples which have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, see:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct\\_warning.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.html)

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the IB alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their



organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests. In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, please do not hesitate to contact the IB at:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: [pct.legal@wipo.int](mailto:pct.legal@wipo.int)

We would also like to encourage PCT applicants, agents or inventors (PCT users) to take action with their governments or consumer protection associations. A suggested text for making complaints and a list of “Government authorities/consumer protection associations receiving complaints” are available at the above-mentioned web page.

## **New/updated PCT Resources**

### **Materials for the European Qualifying Examination**

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the International Bureau, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the PCT website four PDF files containing the complete contents, as of 31 December 2015, of the “International Phase” and the “National Phase” of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* in English and French. The files are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/eqe/index.html>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/eqe/index.html>

### **More resources available in languages other than English**

The following resources are now available in the languages shown:

- PCT Contracting States list in Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/pct\\_contracting\\_states.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/pct_contracting_states.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/pct\\_contracting\\_states.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/pct_contracting_states.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/pct\\_contracting\\_states.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/pct_contracting_states.html)

- Fees index page in Arabic and Korean, at, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/fees/>

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/ko/fees/>

- International applications and national security considerations in French, German, Japanese and Spanish at, respectively:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/nat\\_sec.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/nat_sec.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/nat\\_sec.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/nat_sec.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/nat\\_sec.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/nat_sec.html)

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/nat\\_sec.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/nat_sec.html)

## **PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (in French)**

The French version of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, as modified with effect from 1 October 2015, is now available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/gdlines.html>

## **PATENTSCOPE search system**

### **National collection of Tunisia**

The national patent collection of Tunisia is now available in the PATENTSCOPE search system at:

<http://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/advancedSearch.jsf>

The collection includes 3,500 bibliographic data records, and brings to 41 the number of national or regional Offices for which data is available in the system.

### **PowerPoint presentations**

Between September and December 2015, the following webinars on the PATENTSCOPE search system were given:

- Result list and analysis tools (September 2015)
- How to search using PATENTSCOPE (October 2015)
- Complex queries in PATENTSCOPE (November 2015)
- Retrospective of 2015 (December 2015)

The PowerPoint slides that were used for those webinars are available at:

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/>

Further webinars on the PATENTSCOPE search system will be taking place in the near future. Please refer to the list of PCT webinars at the end of the PCT Seminar Calendar.

## **WIPO Pearl Update: New Features and Enhanced Database**

WIPO Pearl, WIPO's terminology portal, has been upgraded in line with user feedback to incorporate a number of useful new features, and the terminology database has been enhanced, as explained below.

### **New features:**

- A “picture” icon which allows you to search for images of terms that you have found in Linguistic Search;
- a quick-view “Term” list in Linguistic Search, which lets you see at a glance all the terms that are relevant for your searched term, before you explore the details in the main hitlist;

- statistics have been added to the left-hand filters in Linguistic Search, so you can quickly see how many hits you have per language and subject field;
- you can now click a button to expand a concept map accessed from Linguistic Search so as to show all the concepts in that subfield;
- when viewing a concept map from Linguistic Search, searched terms are now shown in red in order to make it easier to find them; and
- improvements have been made to the underlining of terms in contexts, to better handle plurals, capitals, inflected forms, and so on.

For further information on these new features, please see:

[http://www.wipo.int/reference/en/wipopearl/news/2015/news\\_0004.html](http://www.wipo.int/reference/en/wipopearl/news/2015/news_0004.html)

### Enhanced terminology database

The WIPO Pearl terminology database has been updated with 5,000 new terms, 300 new concepts, and 1,000 new concept relations. The database now contains over 110,000 patent terms and 16,300 patent concepts, all entered and validated by WIPO-PCT language experts (translators and terminologists). More than 10,000 concepts are linked to other concepts in the database, and these relationships can be browsed in the Concept Map Search.

### PCT in the News

A link to the following articles in the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 6/2015) has been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website.

### ŠKODA’s perspective on IP protection

The Intellectual Property Team at ŠKODA AUTO in the Czech Republic discuss the strategic importance of intellectual property (IP) rights to the company and the advantages of using the PCT.

“Given the international reach of the company’s activities – we have manufacturing facilities in China, the Czech Republic, India, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Slovakia and Ukraine, and export to over 100 countries – we take full advantage of WIPO’s Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). The PCT offers us a cost-effective means of protecting our inventions around the world, but it also gives us an opportunity to test the market where necessary before deciding whether or not to go forward with a given patent application,” they note.

### India's IP ecosystem 2.0

Chaitanya Prasad, former Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, India, outlines recent achievements “in putting into place a robust, accessible and transparent electronic service delivery platform” in response to the increasing number of IP applications it is receiving. He explains that since the Indian Patent Office became an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (ISA/IPEA) under the PCT in 2013, Indian companies “now have easier access to local high-quality IP services in addition to those already available from other ISAs.” He notes that “with its own patent database and access to others around the globe, the IPO offers top quality patent search reports at extremely competitive prices.”

The full articles and other extracts from the *WIPO Magazine* are available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct\\_news.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct_news.html)

The *WIPO Magazine*, Issue No. 6/2015 is available at:

[http://www.wipo.int/wipo\\_magazine/en/pdf/2015/wipo\\_pub\\_121\\_2015\\_06.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/pdf/2015/wipo_pub_121_2015_06.pdf)

## Practical Advice

### Best practice for filing requests for recording changes under PCT Rule 92bis

*Q: I am acting as agent for an applicant who filed an international application three months ago. The applicant recently moved, so I would now like to know what is the best way to ensure that the new address is the one which is included in the bibliographic data of the published PCT application?*

*A:* A change of address should be notified by way of a request for recording of a change under PCT Rule 92bis (hereinafter: 92bis request). Although there is nothing to prevent you from sending your 92bis request to the receiving Office, this is not the best practice, as the receiving Office will then only forward it to the IB for recording. Not only does this add an extra step to the process, but also it may take days, or even weeks, before the receiving Office transmits the 92bis request to the IB, noting that the IB must receive it before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (PCT Rule 92bis.1(b)). It is therefore always recommended that you submit the request directly to the IB.

In order to ensure that the new address appears in the published international application it must be received by the IB, at the latest, by midnight on the day before completion of technical preparations for publication (which takes place 15 days before the publication date). It is always better to submit it well in advance of this deadline, however, in case there is a problem with the request. The IB will confirm to you (using Form PCT/IB/306) that the change has been made, sending a copy of this information to the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, any Authorities specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated (or elected) Offices concerned.

Note that even if the completion of technical preparations for publication deadline is missed, the 92bis request would still be processed by the IB (provided that it is received by the IB before the expiration of the 30-month time limit). The application would not be republished, but the applicant's address would be updated accordingly in PATENTSCOPE under the "Biblio. Data" tab of the international application concerned, and would thus be available to third parties. Any 92bis request that is received by the IB after the 30-month time limit would not be recorded by the IB, and it would be up to the applicant to notify each designated or (elected) Office separately of the change.

Please see below the different ways in which 92bis requests can be made before the IB, starting with the best practice and ending with the least recommended way.

#### *ePCT Action in ePCT private services*

The best way to make a 92bis request is to use the corresponding "Action" in ePCT private services. This allows you to fill in a simple web form online that is tailored to 92bis requests, and eliminates the need to prepare a letter. In order to do this, you would need to have access to the particular PCT application in ePCT.

In order to submit the online *92bis* request:

- open the international application and go to the “Actions” tab;
- select from the pull-down list the action “Rule *92bis* change request” and click on “OK”;
- select the party in respect of which the change is requested to be recorded and click on “Edit/Replace existing party”;
- complete the web form to edit the address of the applicant;
- click on “Confirm”
- sign the *92bis* request; and then
- click on “Submit *92bis* Change Request” to send your request to the IB for processing.

A document entitled “ePCT Action: Rule *92bis* change request” will then be transmitted to the IB for processing, and you may consult this document in the contents of the international application under “File View”, even though access to the full contents of the international application may now be suspended, due to confidentiality reasons, pending the processing of the Rule *92bis* change request by the IB.

ePCT actions under ePCT private services will be processed more quickly, accurately and efficiently than other methods of submitting *92bis* changes. Besides the obvious time-saving involved in sending this *92bis* request online direct to the IB, one advantage of using the relevant action in ePCT is that by using the web form provided, you are specifying the changes directly, which eliminates any risk of the IB misinterpreting or mistyping the change. Furthermore, as the action is done directly in the file of a particular international application, there is no risk of the information being applied to the wrong application file. For further information on how to use the *92bis* action in ePCT private services, see the “ePCT User Guide for Applicants and Third Parties”, pages 124 to 130, at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/LoginForms/epct.jsp>

#### *ePCT Action in ePCT public services*

There is also an ePCT Action in ePCT public services, however, as you will presumably be submitting your *92bis* request before publication, this will not apply to you as the ePCT Action for *92bis* requests is only available in public services after an international application has been published.

#### *Document upload under ePCT public services*

If an international application has not yet been published, and if you are not in a position to use the relevant action in ePCT private services, for example, if you do not have access to the application, and need to submit a *92bis* request urgently, the next best practice is to submit a letter via ePCT public services. For this, you need to create a WIPO account (a quick and simple procedure), but do not need to authenticate it with a digital certificate in order to access ePCT public services. The letter containing the *92bis* request would need to be converted to PDF format, and then uploaded to the international application concerned.

This way is faster than sending by mail, and is not subject to the problems of faxes where there is a risk that either the document does not arrive at the IB, or not all of the pages arrive at the IB. Furthermore, it is more reliable as the document is inserted directly into the application file, without having to be manipulated manually. Note, however, that for confidentiality reasons, as

with the *92bis* action under ePCT private services, online access will be automatically suspended pending processing at the IB. For further information on document upload, see the step-by-step guide accessible via the “Shortcuts” on the ePCT Portal at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/LoginForms/epct.jsp>

### *Faxing*

Although *92bis* requests may be sent by fax to the IB, and this mode of transmittal is preferable to sending such requests by mail, it is not particularly recommended due to the risks of failed or incomplete submissions, as stated in the paragraph above. There may also be flaws in the fax printout which may result in mis-spellings of information, such as the applicant’s address.

### *Mailing*

Mailing *92bis* requests is not recommended where the request needs to be submitted quickly, and comes with risks of failure to meet the applicable time limit or loss in the post.

Please note that the IB does not accept *92bis* requests sent by e-mail.

For further information on submitting *92bis* requests in general, please see the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Introduction to the International Phase, paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b> ( <a href="http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf">http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf</a> ) (situation on 15 January 2015)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>28-29 January 2016 Luanda (AO)</b>	Spanish/ Portuguese	PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Pérez Gomes	Angolan Institute of Industrial Property, Ministry of Industry Tel: (244) 923 756 145 or 222 004 991
<b>11-12 February 2016 Bucharest (RO)</b> <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Mihaela Teodorescu) Tel: (40-0) 77 386 7751 Fax: (40-0) 31 436 0665 E-mail: <a href="mailto:office@mteodorescu.ro">office@mteodorescu.ro</a>
<b>29 February 2016 Munich (DE)</b>	German	PCT seminar – “Best Practices” WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ipforip.de">info@ipforip.de</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.ipforip.de">www.ipforip.de</a>
<b>5 March 2016 Istanbul (TR)</b>	English	PCT training workshop in the framework of the Istanbul International Invention Festival (ISIF) (3–6 March 2016) WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	International Federation of Inventors’ Associations (IFIA) (Mr. Bijan Nasiri Azam) E-mail: <a href="mailto:bijan.nasiri@ifia.com">bijan.nasiri@ifia.com</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.ifia.com">http://www.ifia.com</a>
<b>12 April 2016 Frankfurt (DE)</b>	German	PCT seminar – “Recent Developments in the PCT System” WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speaker: Mr. Naumann (formerly European Patent Office)	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ipforip.de">info@ipforip.de</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.ipforip.de">www.ipforip.de</a>
<b>9 May 2016 Istanbul (TR)</b> <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	PCT seminar in the framework of the second year of basic training WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: <a href="mailto:selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr">selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr</a> ; <a href="mailto:alfa@alfapatent.com.tr">alfa@alfapatent.com.tr</a>
<b>11-12 May 2016 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Mr. Henninger	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: <a href="mailto:c.weber@forum-institut.de">c.weber@forum-institut.de</a>
<b>9-10 June 2016 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP-akademin (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ipakademin.se">info@ipakademin.se</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.ipakademin.se">www.ipakademin.se</a>
<b>16-17 June 2016 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT Formalities seminar, including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Weiss	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: <a href="mailto:angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk">angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk</a>

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<b>PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>15 September 2016 Lisbon (PT)</b> <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. João Amaral) Tel: (351) 218 818 100 Fax: (351) 218 878 508 E-mail: jamaral@inpi.pt Internet: www.inpi.pt
<b>6 October 2016 Barcelona (ES)</b> <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Antonio López-Carrasco Comajuncosas) Tel : (34-93) 123 31 01 E-mail: antonio.lopez-carrascocomajuncosas@telefonica.com
<b>12-13 October 2016 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 666 E-mail: c.weber@forum-institut.de
<b>28 October 2016 London (GB)</b>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (27-28 October 2016) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
<b>2-3 November 2016 Munich (DE)</b>	German	PCT update/conference WIPO speaker: to be announced	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (see Munich, above)
<b>18-19 November 2016 Cracow (PL)</b> <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Lukasz Bodgan) Tel: (48) 604 406 432 E-mail: lukasz.bogdan@agh.edu.pl
<b>24-25 November 2016 Dresden (DE)</b>	German	PCT presentation on recent developments in the PCT within the framework of the PAFA-Tagung 2016 conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
<b>1-2 December 2016 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT Formalities seminar, including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Sim and Ms. Weiss	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
<b>6-7 December 2016 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet and Ms Chatel	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Ms. Françoise Chauvin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: fchauvin@inpi.fr
<b>8 December 2016 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (see Paris, above)



<b>PCT Webinars</b>			
<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>19 January 2016</b> 17:30–18:30 CET or <b>21 January 2016</b> 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Overview of the PATENTSCOPE search system WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7327819859415552513">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7327819859415552513</a>
<b>11 February 2016</b> 15:00–16:00 CET (9:00–10:00 New York time)	English	PCT Overview WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/920038716703731969">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/920038716703731969</a>
<b>16 February 2016</b> 17:30–18:30 CET or <b>18 February 2016</b> 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Presentation of the tool CLIR WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6741615235066804993">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6741615235066804993</a>
<b>25 February 2016</b> 15:00–16:00 CET (9:00–10:00 New York time)	English	General Introduction to ePCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8879517739383573505">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8879517739383573505</a>
<b>10 March 2016</b> 15:00–16:00 CET (9:00–10:00 New York time)	English	ePCT-Filing WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1731830141723463681">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1731830141723463681</a>
<b>15 March 2016</b> 17:30–18:30 CET or <b>17 March 2016</b> 08:30–09:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: How to build complex queries in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8798711330682238977">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8798711330682238977</a>
<b>17 March 2016</b> 15:00–16:00 CET (10:00–11:00 New York time)	English	ePCT Actions WIPO speaker: Mr. Sim	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7140008980381588737">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7140008980381588737</a>

<b>PCT Events Without WIPO speakers<sup>1</sup></b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of event</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; Speakers</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>10 March 2016</b> <b>Augsburg (DE)</b>	German	PCT seminar: "PCT Procedure" Speaker: Ms. Huppertz	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ipforip.de">info@ipforip.de</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.ipforip.de">www.ipforip.de</a>

1. Views and opinions of speakers at these events do not necessarily represent the views of WIPO.

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2016, 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—see footnotes 2 and 15. (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	MXN	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		COP	Colombian peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	ZAR	South African rand
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal		
		DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won	RON	New leu		
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won	RSD	Serbian dinar		
		EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUB	Russian rouble		
		EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
		GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
		GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		
		GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht		
		HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2016, 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)	
AG	Information not yet available							CA
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD 1,922	22	–	289	434	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30 <sup>8</sup>	USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	120	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	(from 15.1.16) eq CHF 200	(from 15.1.16) eq CHF 300	AU JP EP
BR	BRL <sup>9</sup>	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	–	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	USD	50	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,782	20	–	268	402	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>10</sup>	130	CLP eq USD <sup>10</sup> 1,363	eq USD <sup>10</sup> 15	–	eq USD 205	eq USD 307	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN

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

(amounts on 1 January 2016, 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>	
CO	COP	865,000 <sup>11</sup>	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CR	USD	250	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK 9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available							
DO	USD	275	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	EP RU
EC	USD <sup>12</sup>	–	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR 1,219	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.99	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP 899	10	–	135	203	EP
GD	Information not yet available							
GE	USD <sup>13</sup>	100	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS <sup>14</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF 380,800	HUF 4,300	–	57,300	85,900	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>15</sup>	100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	See footnote 16
	or EUR <sup>15</sup>	92	or EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	
	or USD <sup>15</sup>	102	or USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	(from 15.1.16 eq CHF 200)	(from 15.1.16 eq CHF 300)	AU EP JP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	551	USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600	USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
	(filing by natural person: 3,250; filing by small entity: 8,800)							
IR	IRR <sup>12</sup>	–	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK	15,000	ISK 172,800	1,900	–	26,000	39,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	10,000 <sup>17</sup>	JPY 164,200	1,900	–	–	37,000	EP JP
KE	USD 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing		USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD	100	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
KN	Information not yet available							
KN	EP							
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>18</sup> KR
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL <sup>12</sup>	–	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR	92	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP RU

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

(amounts on 1 January 2016, 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>	
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD <sup>12</sup> –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 <sup>19</sup>	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 54 <sup>20</sup>	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 <sup>21</sup>	USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	CL EP ES SE SG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) <sup>22</sup> 550 (paper filing) <sup>22</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 11,460	130	–	1,720	2,590	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,094	24	–	315	472	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF <sup>12</sup> –	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
PA	USD 200	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,363	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 20.82	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,363	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 205	eq USD 307	EG EP US
RO	RON 360	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,300 <sup>23</sup>	RSD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
RU	RUB 850	USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,363	15	–	205	307	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD <sup>12</sup> –	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 11,380	130	–	1,710	2,570	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,934	22	–	291	436	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
SK	EUR 66 <sup>24</sup>	EUR 1,219	14	–	183	275	EP
SM	EUR 70	EUR 1,219	14	–	–	–	EP
SV	USD 200	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD <sup>12</sup> –	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR US
TJ	TJS <sup>12</sup> –	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>12</sup> –	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND <sup>12</sup> –	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH or eq EUR or USD <sup>25</sup> 1,300	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU (from 5.2.16: UA)
US	USD 240 <sup>26</sup> small entity <sup>27</sup> : 120 <sup>26</sup> micro entity <sup>27</sup> : 60 <sup>26</sup>	USD 1,363	15	102	205	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU US
UZ	USD <sup>12</sup> –	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 18,540	210	–	2,790	4,180	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,363	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,363	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2016, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR	1,864	CHF	2,034	KRW	2,419,000	SGD	2,960	USD	2,084	ZAR	28,360
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,522	EUR	1,395	KRW	1,810,000	NZD	2,397	SGD	2,210
	USD	1,560	ZAR	21,220								
BR <sup>29</sup>	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	422	EUR*	386	USD	432		
	* (from 1.2.16:		EUR	412)								
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	632	EUR*	579	USD	647		
	* (from 1.2.16:		EUR	617)								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,194	EUR	1,094	USD*	1,223				
	* (from 1.3.16:		USD	1,147)								
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,952	EUR	1,789						
	In case of filing by an natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> :		USD	400	CHF	390	EUR	358				
	In case of filing by a university <sup>30</sup> :		USD	300	CHF	293	EUR	268				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	323	EUR	296	USD	330				
EG <sup>31</sup>	EGP	4,000	CHF	499	EUR	457	USD	511				
EP <sup>32</sup>	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,046	DKK	13,990	GBP	1,384	HUF	585,800	ISK	266,000
	JPY	252,600	NOK	17,640	NZD	3,222	SEK	17,500	SGD	2,980		
	USD	2,097	ZAR	28,530								
ES <sup>32,33</sup>	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,046	USD	2,097						
FI	EUR	1,875	CHF	2,046	USD	2,097						
IL	ILS*	3,554	CHF*	895	EUR*	820	USD*	917				
	* (from 1.3.16:		ILS	3,529	CHF	905	EUR	837	USD	912)		
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	150	EUR	137	USD	154				
	In case of filing by an individual:		INR	2,500	CHF	37	EUR	34	USD	38		
JP <sup>17</sup>	JPY	70,000	CHF	567	EUR	520	KRW	674,000	SGD	825	USD	581
KR	For international applications in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	547	CHF	379	EUR	347	NZD	596	SGD	550
	USD	388										
	For international applications in English:											
KRW	1,300,000	AUD	1,580	CHF	1,093	EUR	1,002	NZD	1,722	SGD	1,590	
USD	1,120											
RU	For international applications in Russian:											
	RUB	6,750	CHF*	102	EUR*	93	HUF	29,100	USD	104		
	* (from 1.3.16:		CHF	92	EUR	85)						
	For international applications in English:											
RUB	28,000	CHF*	422	EUR*	387	HUF	120,900	USD	433			
* (from 1.3.16:		CHF	383	EUR	353)							
SE	SEK	17,500	CHF	2,046	DKK	13,990	EUR	1,875	ISK	266,000	NOK	17,640
	USD	2,097										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,540	EUR	1,411	USD	1,578				
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,030	EUR	1,860	NZD	3,200	ZAR	28,300		
	For small entity <sup>27</sup> :		USD	1,040	CHF	1,015	EUR	930	NZD	1,600	ZAR	14,150
	For micro entity <sup>27</sup> :		USD	520	CHF	508	EUR	465	NZD	800	ZAR	7,080
XN	DKK	13,990	CHF	2,046	EUR	1,875	ISK	266,000	NOK	17,640	SEK	17,500
	USD	2,097										

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2016, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 34</sup>
AT	– for a search of the German-language documentation: CHF 928	CHF 200
	– for a search of the European and North American documentation: CHF 1,299	
	– for a search of the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,855	
EP	CHF 2,046	CHF 200
FI	CHF 2,046	CHF 200
RU	CHF 178 (285) <sup>35</sup> (from 1.3.16: CHF 162 (259)) <sup>35</sup>	CHF 200
SE	CHF 2,046	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,540	CHF 200
XN	– for a full search: CHF 2,046	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 590	

**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 January 2016, unless otherwise indicated)

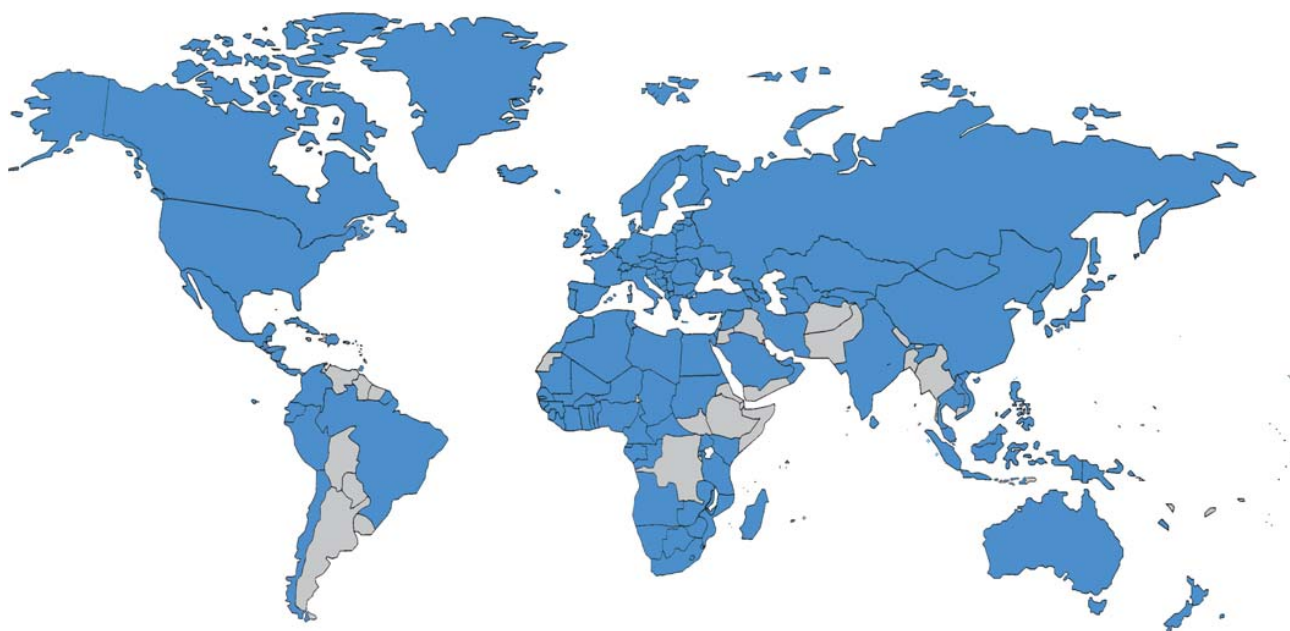
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>36</sup>	Handling fee <sup>2, 36</sup> (CHF 200)
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR 1,749	EUR 183
AU	AUD 590 820 <sup>37</sup>	AUD 289
BR <sup>29</sup>	Online: BRL 630	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL 945	
CA	CAD 800	CAD 268
CL	USD 1,500	USD 205
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> : USD 400	
	in case of filing by a university <sup>30</sup> : USD 300	
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG <sup>31</sup>	EGP 3,000	USD 205
EP <sup>32</sup>	EUR 1,930	EUR 183
ES	EUR 589.49 <sup>33</sup>	EUR 183
FI	EUR 600	EUR 183
IL	ILS 1,523 (from 1.3.16: 1,512)	ILS 794
IN	INR 12,000; in case of filing by an individual: INR 3,000	USD 205
JP	JPY 26,000 <sup>17</sup>	JPY 24,700
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 238,000
RU	For international applications in Russian: RUB 2,700 <sup>38</sup> 4,050 <sup>39</sup>	USD 205
	For international applications in English: RUB 10,500 <sup>38</sup> 15,750 <sup>39</sup>	
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,710
SG	SGD 830	SGD 291
US	USD 600 760 <sup>40</sup>	USD 205
	For small entity <sup>27</sup> : USD 300 380 <sup>40</sup>	
	For micro entity <sup>27</sup> : USD 150 190 <sup>40</sup>	
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,370

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

**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: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: [http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett\\_09.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf)).
- 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 international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.
- 9 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 No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.
- 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 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.
- 12 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 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 international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application 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. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 17 This fee is reduced by two thirds 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 ten years, or a micro enterprise. For further details, see: [http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho\\_keigen.htm](http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm)
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 19 This fee 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 (for the list of States see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>).
- 20 Plus EUR 1.50 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 21 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 22 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% if the international application is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% 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 90%.
- 26 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications 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.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: [http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated\\_rules.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf)
- 28 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).
- 29 This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium enterprise or an academic institution.
- 30 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 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, see: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office 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".
- 32 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP) at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html>
- 33 Public universities in Spain are exempt from paying this fee.
- 34 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 35 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).
- 36 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 39 In all cases where footnote 38 does not apply.
- 40 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—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

## PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (148 on 1 January 2016)



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

<sup>1</sup> Extension of European patent possible.

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

<sup>3</sup> Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

<sup>4</sup> Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2015.

<sup>5</sup> Only international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014 include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent.

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).

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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 2015). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <http://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.