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## Podcast on Taking the Complexity Out of PCT

Of potential interest to experienced PCT users, Matthew Bryan, Director of the PCT Legal and User Relations Division of WIPO, was recently interviewed on the "AUTM on the Air" podcast (AUTM is formerly the Association for University Technology Managers). The interview, conducted by US patent attorney Lisa Mueller who hosts the podcast, was wide ranging, touching on PCT history, the work carried out by his Division, and his hopes for the PCT's further development.



Listen to the interview at [Stitcher](#), [Spotify](#) or [Apple Podcasts](#).

## Unavailability of the ePCT System

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a), the International Bureau (IB) informs PCT users of the unavailability of the ePCT system during the following period:

19 October 2022, from 2:30 a.m. to 6:25 a.m. Central European Summer Time.

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations due to this particular unavailability may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions announced in the notification of the IB published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 16 July 2020 (p.155 et seq.).

## Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

### Update of Electronic Filing Notifications by Receiving Offices

The following Offices have updated their e-filing notifications to take into account the change in the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings as from 1 July 2022 (from WIPO Standard ST.25 to ST.26):

- CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
- IL Israel Patent Office

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- MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)
- PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)
- UZ Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The corresponding changes were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 20, 27 October and 10 November 2022 at:

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

### **Languages Accepted for Language-Dependent Free Text in Sequence Listings in accordance with PCT Rule 12.1(d)**

It is recalled that amendments to PCT Rule 12.1(d) relating to language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description of an international application entered into force on 1 July 2022, and a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT prescribing that each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau (IB) of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept.

The following receiving Offices have notified the following information to the IB in accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*):

- **CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property:** English, French or German. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.
- **PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama):** Spanish. The Office does *not* permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.
- **TH Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand):** English. The Office does *not* permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.
- **UZ Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan:** English or Russian. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Russian within a single sequence listing.

### **The Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro): Ceasing of Receiving Office Functions and Closure of National Route – *corrigendum***

Please note that the *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2022 indicated that applicants desiring protection in Montenegro “will no longer be able to enter the national phase in that country” although this was already the case before the Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro) ceased to act as a receiving Office. For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there was no national route before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro).

Additionally, Lithuania should have been included in the list of States which are party to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and which have closed the national route. The list should

therefore have read: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, San Marino and Slovenia.

## **Furnishing of Priority Documents**

### **Update of Offices Issuing Certified Copies of Priority Documents**

It is recalled that, since 23 April 2020, when using ePCT, certified copies of priority documents can be uploaded to the International Bureau (IB) as PDF documents provided that they were issued and digitally signed with the certificate of the issuing Office.

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified the IB that it now issues digitally signed priority documents. For the current list of Offices for which Priority documents in PDF format can be selected for upload to the IB, please refer to:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=838>

It is generally recommended that applicants use the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) allowing priority documents and similar documents to be securely exchanged between participating intellectual property (IP) Offices. A list of the DAS participating Offices is available at:

[www.wipo.int/das/en/participating\\_offices.html](http://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html)

### **WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents**

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 January 2023, it will commence operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS). As a depositing Office, it will deposit, as priority documents, certified copies of patent applications on or after 1 January 2023, which the applicant specifically requests be made available to the service; as an accessing Office it will recognize priority documents available to it through the service for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document has not expired by 1 January 2023.

The corresponding DAS Notification, which contains further information, is available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating\\_offices/details.jsp?id=12645](https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12645)

By using DAS, a PCT applicant can request the IB to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Please be aware that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the Office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

## PCT Information Update

### AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (fees)

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the conditions for exemption of national search and examination fees apply to applications filed on or before 1 January 2017 where an international search report or preliminary examination report has been established for the international application.

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

### CR Costa Rica (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 December 2021:

Transmittal fee:

- online .....	USD	237
- on paper.....	[No change]	

Fee for priority document:.....	USD	32
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CR))

### DZ Algeria (fees)

The Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office has notified the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to it with effect from 1 January 2022. The amount of the fee is DZD 10,000.

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

### MK State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia) (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia) has changed, as follows:

Location: Str. Dame Gruev, No.14,  
1000 Skopje  
North Macedonia

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

### TM State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan has specified, with effect since 4 November 2022, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of

Turkmenistan with the State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan, the EAPO or with the IB, as receiving Office.

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

### **US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB of a change concerning its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. In particular, with effect from 1 December 2022, the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the USPTO are the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the receiving Office of the IB.

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

### **International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)**

On 1 January 2023, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

These changes are reflected in the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/>):

- Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BG, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CL, CN, CR, CV, CY, CZ, DE, DJ, DK, DO, EA, EC, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, HN, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, IQ, IS, IT, JM, JO, JP, KE, KG, KH, KR, KZ, LR, LT, LU, LV, MD, ME, MT, MW, MX, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PG, PH, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SC, SE, SG, SI, SK, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, WS, ZA, ZM, ZW;
- Annex D (International Searching Authorities): All;
- Annex SISA (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): All; and
- Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AT, AU, CA, CL, CN, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, KR, PH, RU, SE, SG, UA, US, XN, XV.

### **Search fee (Korean Intellectual Property Office)**

Further to the specification by the Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) as ISA with effect from 1 December 2022 (published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2022), KIPO has notified the IB that, with effect from that date, the search fee payable to it as ISA 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 Cabo Verde.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (KR))

## **Non-Working Days at the International Bureau and Publication Schedule at the End of this Year**

### **Non-Working Days at the International Bureau**

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2022 and January 2023, in addition to the weekends, will be:

Monday, 26 December 2022

Friday, 30 December 2022 and

Monday, 2 January 2023

The IB will therefore be open for business over the holiday period from Tuesday, 27 December 2022 to Thursday, 29 December 2022, inclusive, and will then be open as usual from Tuesday, 3 January 2023.

The dates of operation of the PCT Information Service, the PCT Operations Customer Support Section (PCT eServices) and the PCT Operations Division, as well as information on the publication schedule, are given below.

### **PCT Information Service**

The PCT Information Service will be closed from Monday, 26 December 2022 to Monday, 2 January 2023, inclusive. It will reopen on Tuesday, 3 January 2023. Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone number: (41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a recorded message providing a telephone number for cases requiring urgent attention.

It is recalled that the PCT Information Service answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT (questions relating to specific applications should be addressed to the PCT Operations Division). For further information, please refer to:

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

### **PCT Operations Customer Support Section (PCT eServices) and PCT Operations Sections**

The schedule for the PCT Operations Customer Support Section and the PCT Operations Sections during the end-of-year holiday period will be as follows:

Monday, 26 December 2022: closed

Tuesday, 27 December  
to Thursday, 29 December 2022: open as usual, from 9:00 to 18:00 CET

Friday, 30 December 2022  
to Monday, 2 January 2022: closed

Tuesday, 3 January 2022, onwards: open as usual, from 9:00 to 18:00 CET

It is recalled that:

- the PCT Operations Customer Support Section responds to inquiries related to services for the purpose of preparing, filing and managing applications electronically: ePCT (<https://pct.wipo.int>), PCT-SAFE (<https://www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/index.html>) and the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (<https://www.wipo.int/das/en/>);
- the PCT Operations Sections answer specific application-related inquiries. Please note that the PCT Operations Sections consist of 10 teams. In order to find out the generic e-mail address and telephone number of the competent team, please either check Form PCT/IB/301 or refer to:

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

### Publication schedule

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications will be published, as usual, on Thursday, 22 December 2022 and on Thursday, 29 December 2022. There will be no changes to the deadlines for receipt of changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication (which will be, respectively, midnight (CET) on Tuesday, 6 December 2022 and Tuesday, 13 December 2022).

### New/updated PCT Resources

#### Request Form

Filled-in samples of the July 2022 version of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) are now available in English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish at, respectively:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/request/filled\\_request.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/request/filled_request.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/request/filled\\_request.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/request/filled_request.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/request/filled\\_request.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/request/filled_request.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/forms/request/filled\\_request.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/forms/request/filled_request.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/request/filled\\_request.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/request/filled_request.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/request/filled\\_request.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/request/filled_request.pdf)

## Demand Form

Filled-in samples of the July 2022 version of the Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) are now available in English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish at, respectively:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/demand/filled\\_demand.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/demand/filled\\_demand.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/demand/filled\\_demand.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/forms/demand/filled\\_demand.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/demand/filled\\_demand.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/demand/filled\\_demand.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/demand/filled_demand.pdf)

## 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 or for the European Patent Administration Certification (EPAC) for patent administrators, the International Bureau, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE and the EPAC Board, has made available on the PCT website a special edition of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* containing individual annexes and the introductions to the “International Phase” and the “National Phase” in both English and French, as of 31 October 2022. Differently from previous years, the PDF files have been replaced by a searchable and comprehensive application that will be available for the EQE. The application is available at:

<https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/eqe/documents.xhtml>

## Learn the PCT Video Series: How to File your International Application

### *Japanese-subtitled version*

All 29 videos of the Japanese-subtitled versions of the Learn the PCT video series (“How to File your International Application”) are now completed. It is recalled that this is a series of 29 short videos (approximately 15 minutes each) presented by Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO, which provides a basic introduction to important aspects and issues in the international phase and national phase of PCT processing.

The Japanese subtitled versions can be selected from the subtitles in the video controls on the original videos at:

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

or you can select Japanese at the top right-hand side of the page for YouTube videos with the Japanese subtitles. The subtitles include references to new or amended PCT Rules which came into force after the videos had been created.



## New webinar recordings

### *Webinar in French*

A recording of the following webinar in French:

- “Exploring the PCT” webinar series: Amendments and rectifications of obvious mistakes (18 October 2022)

as well as the supporting documents, can now be accessed at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/webinars/index.html>

### *Webinar in Russian*

A recording of the following webinar in Russian:

- PCT system: Online Regional Webinars on the PCT System for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): Who Can File a PCT Application; How to Appoint an Agent and Who Can Act as an Agent (11 October 2022);

as well as the supporting documents, can now be accessed at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/seminar/webinars/index.html>

## PATENTSCOPE News

### National Patent collection: Malta

PATENTSCOPE now includes the national patent collection of Malta, with over 3,350 patent documents. The addition of the national PCT collection of Malta brings to 76 the number of national/regional collections available in PATENTSCOPE.

The collection is available at:

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

## Practical Advice

### PCT Training material available from WIPO

*Q: I am a trainee patent attorney at a patent law firm and would like to know if WIPO provides any training courses or material that could be useful, not only to me, but also to fellow trainees, on the role of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) System and how to file international patent applications using ePCT.*

A: WIPO is committed to ensuring that no matter where and regardless of their level of experience with patents, everyone who wishes to protect and benefit from their intellectual property is provided with the necessary knowledge, skills and tools to do so. WIPO strongly believes that the act of fostering and supporting creativity has the ability to impact us all positively and for generations to come.

WIPO provides many forms of training on a wide range of IP-related subjects. In this respect, a wealth of training material is readily available on our website. In addition, WIPO speakers regularly take part in training sessions open to the public, both virtually and in-person. Training

programs tailored to specific training needs are also provided to individual companies, associations and IP Offices.

### **PCT Distance Learning Course**

The Distance Learning Course on the PCT (PCT DL101 Introduction to the PCT) provided by the WIPO Academy is open to any individual wishing to obtain a general understanding of the PCT System and is available in 10 languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish). This free of charge self-study course was developed by WIPO PCT specialists, and consists of 14 modules with self-assessment tools strategically placed throughout to aid students evaluate their own progress. It takes an average of 6-8 hours for students to complete the course following which a certificate of completion is automatically delivered to all those who successfully complete the entire course.

More information and registration for the course can be found at:

[https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=courseCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=PCT\\_101E#plus\\_PCT\\_101E](https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=courseCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=PCT_101E#plus_PCT_101E)

### **Learn the PCT – video series**

This video series on the PCT System currently covers 29 topics relating to both the international and national phases of the international patent application process.

The videos explain how the PCT assists applicants in seeking patent protection for inventions in multiple countries by filing a single “international” application. The videos are available from the WIPO web site in English with optional subtitles for selected videos in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian (and also a Portuguese-subtitled version prepared by INPI Brazil and Arabic-subtitled version prepared by the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)) at:

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

and on You Tube at:

[http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsm\\_LOEppJawGEathiEBhgNEHmuHgZk9C](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsm_LOEppJawGEathiEBhgNEHmuHgZk9C)

### **PCT webinars**

Webinars are used by WIPO to deliver PCT and ePCT information, training and updates virtually to remote audiences. Both the recordings and the documentation of the live sessions are available on the PCT language-specific webinar pages at:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1631> (for ePCT webinar recordings)

In addition, firms, companies and organizations may request tailor-made webinars on specific PCT topics by sending an e-mail to:

[pct.training@wipo.int](mailto:pct.training@wipo.int)

### **PCT seminars**

PCT speakers regularly participate in seminars held worldwide in various languages and open to all members of the public. The list of upcoming seminars is available in the monthly *PCT Newsletter* calendar at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>

Seminar Materials on the PCT can be found at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic\\_1/index.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/index.html)

### **ePCT Video Tutorials for IP Offices and Applicants**

The ePCT video tutorials have been created to provide detailed step-by-step information, to both Offices and applicants, on ePCT and its functionalities. The video tutorials are currently available in English only at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/index\\_epct\\_tutorials.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/index_epct_tutorials.html)

### **PATENTSCOPE training**

Free webinars and video tutorials are also available on the subject of the PATENTSCOPE database. Video tutorials are available in English only at:

<https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/>

### **External PCT training resources**

The recordings of a series of 15 virtual lectures, aired between 8 February and 18 March 2022, on various PCT topics such as docketing, filing and strategic use, organized and delivered by WIPO PCT consultant, Mr. Carl Oppedahl, in collaboration with the law firm Schwegman, Lundberg and Woessner (mostly aimed at a US audience) are available for download at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/training/external-training.html>

### **Other resources**

In addition to training materials, the PCT has made available many useful resources that aid applicants in seeking international patent protection for their inventions, assist IP Offices with their patent granting decisions, and facilitate public access to a wealth of technical information relating to those inventions:

- *PCT Applicant's Guide*

The *PCT Applicant's Guide* (the Guide) consists of general information on the PCT intended for those interested in filing international patent applications, in particular, information on the "international phase" of the PCT procedure and general information on the "national phase" of

the PCT procedure, namely the procedure before the designated (or elected) Offices. It is updated regularly and is supplemented by a number of Annexes containing more detailed information searchable at:

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

Additionally, as of 31 October 2022, in order to assist candidates in the preparation of training materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys or for the European Patent Administration Certification (EPAC) for patent administrators, the International Bureau, with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE and the EPAC Board, has made available a special edition of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* containing individual annexes and the introductions to the International Phase and the National Phase as a new searchable web-application. This can be found at:

<https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/eqe/documents.xhtml>

- *Protecting Your Inventions Abroad: Frequently Asked Questions about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)*

This collection of basic FAQs outlines the PCT procedure from an applicant's perspective:

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

- *FAQs about ePCT*

The PCT eServices HELP page contains a large collection of frequently asked questions and support material about the ePCT system and also Digital Access System (DAS) and the Third Party Observations system, available at:

[https://pct.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/pct\\_wipo\\_accounts\\_faq.html](https://pct.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/pct_wipo_accounts_faq.html)

- *PCT Summary for New Users*

A short video on "The PCT: Seeking Patent Protection Beyond Borders" and a short summary for new users that explains how the PCT System works as part of a strategy to protect one's invention in countries other than one's own, can be found at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/users/summary.html>

- *PCT Highlights*

The WIPO website provides an overview of recent and future developments of the PCT System for business owners or senior patent attorneys at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/highlights/>

- *On-demand training*

Please send an e-mail to [pct.training@wipo.int](mailto:pct.training@wipo.int) or [pct.eservices@wipo.int](mailto:pct.eservices@wipo.int) if your firm is interested in receiving tailor-made training on a particular PCT or ePCT topic.

## PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)  
(situation on 18 November 2022)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
<b>23 – 25 November 2022</b> <b>Düsseldorf (DE)</b>	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 12th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Weiss and Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) 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="https://www.ipforip.com">https://www.ipforip.com</a>

## PCT and PATENTSCOPE Webinars

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
<b>1 December 2022</b> 09:00 – 11:00 CET	Russian (with simultaneous translation from English to Russian)	PCT system: Online Regional Prime Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and WIPO Services: PATENTSCOPE for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC) WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova and Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/8616684075801?pwd=FF6LDDYsS1q1TRTtVZLWoA">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/8616684075801?pwd=FF6LDDYsS1q1TRTtVZLWoA</a>
<b>6 December 2022</b> 17:30 – 18:30 CEST	English	Retrospective of 2022 and plans for 2023 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/WN_en_Qub3TQEOIzWkIpNK6pw">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/WN_en_Qub3TQEOIzWkIpNK6pw</a>
<b>8 December 2022</b> 08:30 – 09:30 CEST	English	Retrospective of 2022 and plans for 2023 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/WN_NzDzQyzOSOaH8HWRpz8Gyg">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/join/WN_NzDzQyzOSOaH8HWRpz8Gyg</a>

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 2022, 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 –	BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona
IA	international application	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYR	Syrian pounds
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	THB	Baht
ISR	international search report	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TJS	Tajik somoni
RO	receiving Office	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
		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
		CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CZK	Czech koruna	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	USD	US dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	UZS	Uzbek sum
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	QAR	Qatari riyal	VND	Vietnamese dong
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZAR	South African rand
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 November 2022, 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 1,437	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,970	22	–	296	444	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	EA EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,305	15	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,437	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 EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 78.40	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CA 305.39	CAD 1,811	20	–	272	408	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> 1,437	eq USD <sup>10</sup> 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY 9,280	100	–	1,390	2,090	CN EP <sup>11</sup>
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	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 1,437	16	–	216	324	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 November 2022, 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 1,305	15	–	196	294	BR EP
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,305	15	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,710	110	–	1,460	2,190	EP SE XN
DO	USD 316	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,437 or EUR 1,305	16 15	– –	216 196	324 294	EA EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 140	EUR 1,305	15	98	196	294	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,132	13	–	170	255	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD <sup>12</sup> 100	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS <sup>13</sup> 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,305	15	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	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 549,600	6,200	–	82,600	124,000	EP XV
IB	CHF <sup>14</sup> 100 or EUR <sup>14</sup> 98 or USD <sup>14</sup> 108	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,305 or USD 1,437	15 15 16	100 98 108	200 196 216	300 294 324	Refer to footnote 15
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 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP
IL	ILS 567	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 <sup>16</sup> INR 17,600 <sup>17</sup> No fee for e-filings	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 185,500	2,100	–	27,900	41,800	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,437	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 <sup>18</sup>	JPY 190,300	2,100	–	–	42,900	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 <sup>19</sup>	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG

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

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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>20</sup> KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – <sup>21</sup>	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,305	15	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP RU
LY	LYD – <sup>21</sup>	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	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 1,305	15	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 <sup>22</sup>	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT CL EP ES KR SE 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 1,437	16	–	216	324	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 13,830	160	–	2,080	3,120	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,208	25	–	332	498	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – <sup>21</sup>	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,437	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	ATAUEGEP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,437	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	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 10.91 (online filing) EUR 21.82 (paper filing)	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,437	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	EG EP US
RO	RON 495	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 <sup>24</sup>	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	CA EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD – <sup>21</sup>	USD 1,437	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 14,650	170	–	2,200	3,300	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,948	22	–	293	439	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP
SK	EUR (paper filings) <sup>6625</sup>	EUR 1,305	15	–	196	294	EP XV
SV	none <sup>26</sup>	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	CL EP ES
SY	SYP 5,000	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT EG EP RU
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

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

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				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
TJ	TJS _ <sup>21</sup>	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	EA EP RU
TM	USD _ <sup>21</sup>	USD 1,437	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 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) <sup>27</sup> 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,437	16	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office	UGX eq USD 1,437	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 216	eq USD 324	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 <sup>28</sup> small entity <sup>29</sup> : 130 <sup>28</sup> micro entity <sup>29</sup> : 65 <sup>28</sup>	USD 1,437	16	108	216	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 <sup>30</sup>	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 23,410	260	–	3,520	5,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,437	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 November 2022, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>								
	EUR	CHF	KRW	SGD	USD	ZAR	EUR	CHF	USD
AT <sup>31</sup>	1,775	1,809	2,465,000	2,495	1,816	30,060			
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,502	CHF 1,485 ZAR 25,560	EUR 1,508	KRW 2,018,000	NZD 2,428	SGD 2,175			
BR <sup>8</sup>	Online: On paper:	BRL 1,685 BRL 2,525	CHF 315 CHF 471	EUR 323 EUR 484	USD 326 USD 488				
CA	CAD 1,628.74	CHF 1,197	EUR 1,196	USD 1,310					
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,852	EUR 1,954						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> :		USD 400	CHF 370	EUR 391				
	In case of filing by a university <sup>32</sup> :		USD 300	CHF 278	EUR 293				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 301	EUR 299	USD 304					
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: RUB 9,000	CHF 136	EUR 157	USD 142					
	For searches carried out in English: RUB 40,000	CHF 605	EUR 697	USD 631					
EG <sup>33</sup>	EGP 4,000	CHF 203	EUR 199	USD 216					
EP <sup>34</sup>	EUR 1,775 JPY 245,500 ZAR 30,060	CHF 1,809 NOK 17,710	DKK 13,200 NZD 2,961	GBP 1,518 SEK 18,000	HUF 680,100 SGD 2,495	ISK 251,800 USD 1,816			
ES <sup>34</sup>	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,809	USD 1,816						
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,809	USD 1,816						
IL	ILS 3,635	CHF 1,024	EUR 1,041	USD 1,065					
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 125	EUR 124	JPY 16,600	USD 126				
	In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 31	EUR 31	JPY 4,200	USD 31				
JP <sup>35</sup>	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 143,000	CHF 999	EUR 1,034	KRW 1,404,000	USD 1,057				
	For IAs in English: JPY 169,000	CHF 1,181	EUR 1,222	SGD 1,743	USD 1,250				

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**Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 November 2022, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
KR <sup>36</sup>	For IAs in Korean:	KRW	450,000	AUD	492	CHF	330	EUR	326	NZD	544	
	SGD	484	USD*	358								
	*(from 1.12.22:	USD	330)									
	For IAs in English:	KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,313	CHF	880	EUR	869	NZD	1,450	
	SGD	1,290	USD*	955								
	*(from 1.12.22:	USD	881)									
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	926	EUR	977						
	Small entity or government <sup>37</sup> :	USD	400	CHF	370	EUR	391					
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	129	EUR	148	USD	134			
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	605	EUR	697	USD	631			
SE	SEK	18,000	CHF	1,809	DKK	13,200	EUR	1,775	ISK	251,800	NOK	17,710
	USD	1,816										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,529	EUR	1,593	JPY	217,300	KRW	2,074,000	USD	1,652
TR	TRY	18,250	CHF	1,809	EUR	1,775	USD	1,816				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	102	USD	102			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	306	USD	306			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	2,018	EUR	2,132	NZD*	3,368	ZAR*	35,440		
	*(from 1.12.22:	ZAR	39,360	NZD	3,820)							
	For small entity <sup>29</sup> :	USD	1,090	CHF	1,009	EUR	1,066	NZD*	1,684	ZAR*	17,720	
	*(from 1.12.22:	ZAR	19,680	NZD	1,910)							
	For micro entity <sup>29</sup> :	USD	545	CHF	505	EUR	533	NZD*	842	ZAR*	8,860*	
	*(from 1.12.22:	ZAR	9,840	NZD	955)							
XN	DKK	13,200	CHF	1,809	EUR	1,775	ISK	251,800	NOK	17,710	SEK	18,000
	USD	1,816										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,809	HUF	680,100	USD	1,816				

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**  
(amounts on 1 November 2022, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 38</sup>
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	CHF 866	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,213
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,732
EP	CHF 1,809 <sup>34</sup>	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,809	CHF 200
RU	CHF 179 286 <sup>39</sup>	CHF 200
SE	CHF 1,809	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,529	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,809
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 50
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 92
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 92
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 71
	– 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 61

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**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 November 2022, unless otherwise indicated)

<b>XN</b>	– for a full search:	<b>CHF</b>	1,809	<b>CHF</b>	200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	<b>CHF</b>	548		
<b>XV</b>	– for a full search:	<b>CHF</b>	1,809	<b>CHF</b>	200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	<b>CHF</b>	560		

**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**

(amounts on 1 November 2022, 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>	196
<b>AU</b>	<b>AUD</b>	590	820 <sup>41</sup>	<b>AUD</b>	296
<b>BR</b>	Online:	<b>BRL</b>	630 <sup>8</sup>	<b>BRL eq CHF</b>	200
	On paper:	<b>BRL</b>	945 <sup>8</sup>		
<b>CA</b>	<b>CAD</b>	814.37		<b>CAD</b>	272
<b>CL</b>	<b>USD</b>	1,500		<b>USD</b>	216
		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>CN</b>	<b>CNY</b>	1,500		<b>CNY</b>	1,390
<b>EA</b>	Examination carried out in Russian:	<b>RUB:</b>	6,750	<b>USD</b>	216
	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>EG</b>	<b>EGP</b>	3,000		<b>USD</b>	216
<b>EP</b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,830 <sup>34</sup>		<b>EUR</b>	196
<b>ES</b>	<b>EUR</b>	595.37 <sup>34</sup>		<b>EUR</b>	196
<b>FI</b>	<b>EUR</b>	600		<b>EUR</b>	196
<b>IL</b>	<b>ILS</b>	1,558		<b>ILS</b>	695
<b>IN</b>	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN:			<b>USD</b>	216
	INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual:	<b>INR</b>	2,500		
	If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN:				
	INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual:	<b>INR</b>	3,000		
<b>JP<sup>35</sup></b>	For IAs in Japanese:	<b>JPY</b>	34,000	<b>JPY</b>	28,600
	For IAs in English:	<b>JPY</b>	69,000		
<b>KR</b>	<b>KRW</b>	450,000		<b>KRW</b>	274,000
<b>PH</b>	<b>USD</b>	500		<b>USD</b>	216
	Small entity or government: <sup>37</sup>	<b>USD</b>	200		
<b>RU</b>	For IAs in Russian:	<b>RUB</b>	4,500 <sup>42</sup> 6,750 <sup>43</sup>	<b>USD</b>	216
	For IAs in English:	<b>RUB</b>	16,000 <sup>42</sup> 24,000 <sup>43</sup>		
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b>	5,000		<b>SEK</b>	2,200
<b>SG</b>	<b>SGD</b>	830		<b>SGD</b>	293
<b>TR</b>	<b>TRY</b>	1,000		<b>CHF</b>	200
<b>UA</b>	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA:			<b>EUR</b>	196
	– 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		

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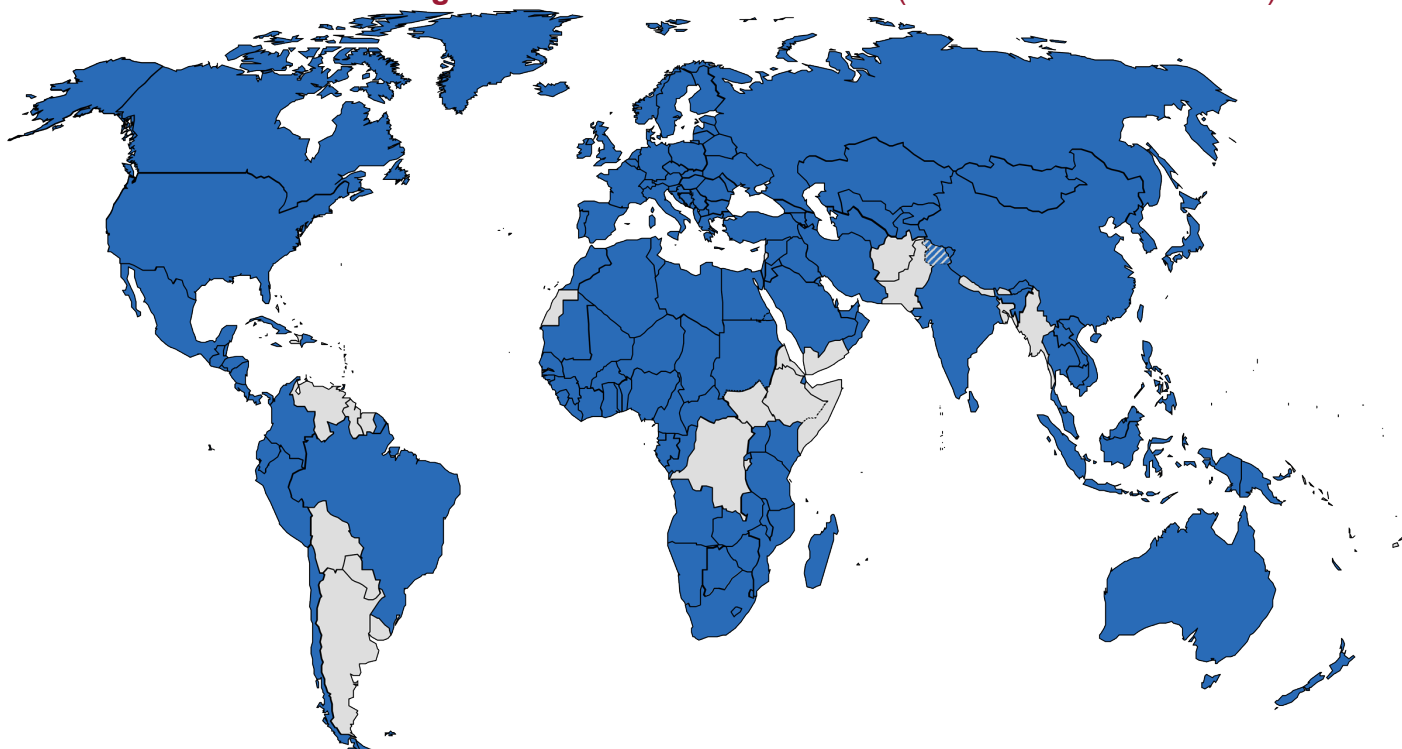
<b>US</b>	<b>USD</b>	640	800 <sup>44</sup>	<b>USD</b>	216
	For small entity <sup>29</sup> :		<b>USD</b> 320 400 <sup>44</sup>		
	For micro entity <sup>29</sup> :		<b>USD</b> 160 200 <sup>44</sup>		
<b>XN</b>	<b>DKK</b>	5,000		<b>DKK</b>	1,460
<b>XV</b>	<b>EUR</b>	900		<b>EUR</b>	196

*[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: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees](http://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 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 (refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: [https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett\\_09.pdf](https://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 (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 for a duration of two years 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\\_364\\_153578.html](https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html)
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 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.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees)
- 15 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).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 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: [www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet\\_e.pdf](http://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf)
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax 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-41 and R-47), respectively, at: [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: <http://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 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, refer to: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees](http://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 footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/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: 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 (156 on 1 November 2022)



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

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.

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.