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## **New PCT Contracting State**

### **Cabo Verde (country code: CV)**

On 6 April 2022, Cabo Verde deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, thus becoming the 156<sup>th</sup> Contracting State of the PCT, and on 6 July 2022, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 6 July 2022 will automatically include the designation of Cabo Verde. Also, because Cabo Verde will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 6 July 2022.

Furthermore, nationals and residents of Cabo Verde will be entitled, as from 6 July 2022, to file international applications under the PCT.

## **Paris Convention**

### **Accession by Cabo Verde**

On 6 April 2022, Cabo Verde (country code: CV) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, thus bringing the total number of States party to that Convention to 179. Cabo Verde will become bound by the Paris Convention on 6 July 2022.

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 or in, or for, any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention. Cabo Verde is already a member of the WTO.

## **Budapest Treaty**

### **Accession by Malaysia**

Malaysia deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure on 31 March 2022, bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 86. The Budapest

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Treaty will enter into force with respect to Malaysia on 30 June 2022. For further information, please refer to Budapest Notification No. 349 at:

[https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty\\_budapest\\_349.html](https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_349.html)

### *Information about the Budapest Treaty*

A document containing a summary of the Budapest Treaty and Regulations, as well as an explanation of the main advantages of the Treaty (WO/INF/12 Rev.28), is available in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

[https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/wo\\_inf\\_12.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/treaties/fr/registration/budapest/pdf/wo\\_inf\\_12.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/treaties/fr/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/treaties/es/registration/budapest/pdf/wo\\_inf\\_12.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/treaties/es/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf)

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

### **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom) to stop accepting international applications filed using PCT-SAFE**

The Intellectual Property Office<sup>1</sup> (United Kingdom) (which already accepts international applications via alternative methods, such as eOLF) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 July 2022, it will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

The Intellectual Property Office is in the process of implementing ePCT-Filing as a replacement for PCT-SAFE and is looking to accept filings via this system as of 1 July 2022. For further information please refer to the announcement by the Office at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/filing-pct-applications-via-pct-safe>

### **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form**

The Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), that, with effect from 15 June 2022, it will accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly at:

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

## ePCT Update

### Push notifications now available as a strong authentication option for ePCT

Using push notifications generated by the ForgeRock authenticator app on your mobile device is the latest and most efficient strong authentication method that can be registered with your WIPO Account for logging in to ePCT. The ForgeRock app is free of charge and can be installed on both iOS and Android devices.

If you select this option when logging in to ePCT, you will receive a notification on your mobile device with the option to “Accept or Reject” authentication. The push notification is instantaneous and is not subject to delay as can be the case for one-time passwords by text message (SMS) due to poor network signal. It also avoids potential typing errors, for example, when entering the one-time password received by text message (SMS) or generated by certain other authenticator apps.

**IMPORTANT:** the registered device used for push notifications should be protected using a locking mechanism such as a PIN, fingerprint or facial recognition.

You can find out more about strong authentication at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=485>

### WIPO Account: What's New?

It is recalled that a WIPO Account allows you to access WIPO's full range of services, including the online filing and management of PCT applications (ePCT) and payment of fees. You can also benefit from the wealth of special features and functionalities of WIPO's IP Portal that are only available to you if you are logged in with your WIPO Account, such as the customizable dashboard of widgets or the personal messaging system that groups all the notifications addressed to you by different WIPO online services. For further information on the benefits of logging in with a WIPO Account, please visit:

<https://ipportal.wipo.int/about>

To further enhance the user experience, we have introduced the following new features in WIPO Account:

### WIPO Account specific support pages

New FAQs and “HOW TO” pages are available at, respectively:

<https://www.wipo.int/ipportal-support/wipoaccount/faq>

<https://www.wipo.int/ipportal-support/wipoaccount/howto>

These pages guide you through the creation and management of your WIPO Account. You can access these pages via “HELP” in the top navigation bar of the WIPO IP Portal login page or via your WIPO Account page after login.

### Recovery e-mail

You can now include a recovery e-mail address in your WIPO Account profile, in case you need to retrieve your username or password and can no longer access the e-mail address associated

with your WIPO Account. You can find out more on the WIPO Account “HOW TO” page mentioned above.

### **New strong authentication method: push notifications**

As already mentioned in “ePCT Update” above, we have introduced “push notification” as an additional strong authentication method, whereby you can register a mobile device to receive push notifications via your WIPO Account. Please note that strong authentication is currently only used by ePCT. For further information on push notifications, please refer to ePCT Update, above.

### **Further information**

If you don't have a WIPO Account, you can create one in just a few clicks at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/generic/public/register.xhtml>

To access your WIPO Account profile, please go to:

<https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/generic/private/profile.xhtml>

If you have any questions on WIPO Account, please use the “Contact us” page at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=myaccount>

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

### **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT)**

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 June 2022, it will commence operation as a depositing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS). As a depositing Office, it will deposit certified copies of patent, utility model, industrial design and trademark applications as priority documents, including PCT applications filed at the Office on and after 1 June 2022, which the applicant specifically requests be made available to the service.

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

[https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating\\_offices/details.jsp?id=12457](https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12457)

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. The best practice for making such a request is by selecting the DAS option for providing the priority document to the IB in ePCT-Filing or, post-filing, using the dedicated “Action” in ePCT. Provided that the access code entered in ePCT matches the access code in DAS, the priority document is automatically made available to the internal processing system at the IB.

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. Information on DAS participating Offices can be found at:

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

## Change to Publication Schedule

### Publication of 27 May 2022

Due to the fact that Thursday, 26 May 2022, will be a non-working day at WIPO, the PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on that day will be published on Friday, 27 May 2022. The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will, however, remain unchanged, and any changes that should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight (Central European Summer Time (CEST)) on Tuesday, 10 May 2022.

## PCT Information Update

### ES Spain (fees)

The amounts of the following fee, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2022:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:

- online: .....	EUR	91.35
- on paper:.....	EUR	107.46

In addition, the amounts of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, has also changed with effect from the same date:

Filing fee:

- online: .....	EUR	87.03
- on paper:.....	EUR	102.39

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (ES) and National Chapter, Summary (ES))

### GB United Kingdom (filing of international applications in electronic form)

For information on the ceasing of the acceptance by the Intellectual Property Office<sup>2</sup> (United Kingdom) of electronic Filings via PCT-SAFE, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

### IT Italy (fees)

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified the amounts of the fee for an electronic copy of the priority document, as follows (the amounts for paper copies have not changed):

<sup>2</sup> Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

Fee for priority document:

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| - for the request to prepare the priority document<br>(in fee stamps): ..... | EUR | 16 |
| - plus, for the download of the electronic copy (in fee stamps):             | EUR | 16 |
| - plus, for a patent application: .....                                      | EUR | 3  |
| - or for a utility model application: .....                                  | EUR | 3  |

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

### **JM Jamaica (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)**

The Jamaica Intellectual Property Office has specified, with effect from 17 March 2022, the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Jamaica with the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (or with the International Bureau (IB)) as receiving Office.

Also, information on the requirements of Jamaica as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (National Chapter, Summary (JM)) on the PCT website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/jm.pdf>

### **PL Poland (telephone number)**

The Patent Office of the Republic of Poland has deleted one of its telephone numbers and notified a new telephone number. The numbers to be used now are as follows:

Telephone: (48-22) 579 01 27 (International Applications Division)  
(48-22) 579 05 55 (Contact Centre)

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

### **SY Syrian Arab Republic (e-mail and Internet addresses; electronic filing)**

The e-mail and Internet addresses of the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic) have changed, as follows:

E-mail: [patentoffice@spo.gov.sy](mailto:patentoffice@spo.gov.sy)

Internet: <http://www.dcip.gov.sy>

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 June 2022, by the Office 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, please refer to "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

**UA Ukraine (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, on behalf of the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)” has specified, with effect from 24 February 2022, the European Patent Office and the Ukrpatent, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ukraine with the Ukrpatent (or with the International Bureau (IB)) as receiving Office.

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

**ZA South Africa (fees)**

As from 1 June 2022, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount(s) in ZAR of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

**Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Finnish Patent and Registration Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”, Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office, Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT), United States Patent and Trademark Office, Visegrad Patent Institute)**

As from 1 June 2022, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office.....	EUR
Austrian Patent Office .....	SGD, USD
China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	EUR
Egyptian Patent Office.....	EUR
European Patent Office .....	SGD, USD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).....	CHF, EUR, USD
Finnish Patent and Registration Office.....	USD
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore .....	EUR
Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines .....	EUR
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) .....	USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile).....	EUR

National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)” .....	USD
Nordic Patent Institute .....	USD
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office .....	USD
Swedish Intellectual Property Office .....	USD
Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT) .....	USD
United States Patent and Trademark Office .....	EUR, ZAR
Visegrad Patent Institute .....	USD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU, BR, CL, CN, EG, EP, ES, FI, PH, RU, SE, SG, TR, UA, XN, XV, US))

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

As from 1 June 2022, there will be a change in the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

## **New/Updated PCT Resources**

### **PCT meeting documents**

The Report of the fourteenth session of the PCT Working Group (document PCT/WG/14/19), which took place during the period from 14 to 17 June 2021, has been adopted by correspondence and is now available in Arabic, English, French, Chinese, Russian and Spanish, together with the other documents for the session at:

[https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=62348](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62348)

### **PCT Success Stories page available in other languages**

It is recalled that in January 2022, we welcomed the furnishing of “PCT Success Stories” to the International Bureau, and started a new corresponding page on the PCT website. PCT users are encouraged to share with WIPO and other users of the PCT their stories about how the PCT helped them seek patent protection for their invention. A selection of the stories submitted will be highlighted on the PCT website and on WIPO social media.

The PCT Success Stories page, including the form that should be completed when submitting a story, has been translated from English into all the other PCT publication languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish), which can be selected at the top of the page at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/success\\_story/success\\_story.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/success_story/success_story.html)



## External PCT Training Resources

It is recalled that between 8 February and 18 March 2022, the Schwegman Lundberg Woessner (SLW) Institute (part of the Minnesota-based law firm of the same name) organized a series of 15 consecutive training webinars on PCT procedure, docketing, filing and strategic use. The speaker for the series was Carl Oppedahl, an experienced patent attorney (Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC) and PCT user. Carl is a highly appreciated lecturer, has been a featured presenter at many previous PCT seminars, and serves as a WIPO PCT consultant. A link to all of the (free of charge) recordings and seminar materials is available at:

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

## PATENTSCOPE News

### Wildcards and fields in PATENTSCOPE

The ever-increasing coverage in terms of number of documents, the support of more and more different languages for search and the growing popularity of the PATENTSCOPE system have gradually been impacting the system's response times.

In order to maintain a high level of service with good consistent response times and ensure system stability, targeted limitations related to wildcards and to a few resource-hungry search fields have been put in place. For further details, please refer to the PATENTSCOPE news article at:

[https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2022/news\\_0002.html](https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2022/news_0002.html)

WIPO will also be investing in latest generation hardware to improve PATENTSCOPE's response times globally in the near future.

## World Intellectual Property Report 2022

The 2022 edition of WIPO's World Intellectual Property Report – “The Direction of Innovation” – examines how crises such as pandemics and wars can influence the evolution of innovation by looking at historical scientific and technological advances from vaccine development during the COVID-19 outbreak to the rise and prevalence of digital technologies of today.

The Report, as well as further information, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/wipr/en/2022/>

## World Intellectual Property Day, 26 April 2022 – Reminder

As we already mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 01/2022 and 02/2022, World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day) will be held, as usual, on 26 April. This year's theme, “IP and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future”, recognizes the huge potential of young people to drive change and step up to innovation challenges.

A calendar of the many World IP Day virtual events is available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/2022/events\\_calendar.html](https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/2022/events_calendar.html)

For further information on World IP Day, please visit the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/>

## WIPO Symposium on Trade Secrets and Innovation

The WIPO Symposium on Trade Secrets and Innovation 2022 will take place from 23 to 24 May 2022 at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The Symposium, which is open to the public, can be attended in person or via an online platform.

The Symposium will discuss the roles of trade secret systems in supporting innovation and knowledge-sharing in a rapidly changing innovation ecosystem, which is increasingly international and driven by digital information. Prominent international speakers and panelists will explore the current topics on trade secrets – one of the oldest knowledge management tools.

The working languages of the Symposium will be English, French and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation. Further information, including information on how to register, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2022/symposium-trade-secrets.html>

## Practical Advice

### Requesting that the international application be treated as an application for a type of protection other than a patent in a particular country

*Q: If I wish to request a type of protection other than a patent in a particular PCT Contracting State, should I specify this in the international application at the time of filing?*

*A:* First of all, it is recalled that protection other than a patent can only be requested if the designated Office grants such types of protection. The type(s) of protection available in each PCT Contracting State is indicated in the corresponding part of Annex B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* and in the table "Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States" at:

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

Examples of such kinds of protection other than a patent are: a utility model, a utility certificate, a petty patent or an inventor's certificate.<sup>3</sup>

You are generally not required to make, at the time of filing, any indications in the request form (PCT/RO/101) or in ePCT as to the specific type of protection that you are seeking in a particular country. This is because the filing of the request portion of the international application constitutes, under PCT Rule 4.9(a), the automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT on the international filing date, in respect of every kind of protection available for each country concerned and, where applicable, in respect of both

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<sup>3</sup> Please note that some countries which under their national law provide for a type of protection other than a patent may have "closed the national route". This means that the State may be designated only for the purposes of a regional patent, with the result that such other type of protection cannot be obtained via the PCT for the country concerned. Any such other type of protection, for example a "certificat d'invention" in France, could only be requested in a direct national application. The *PCT Applicant's Guide* and PCT table containing types of protection, referred to above, do not include any types of protection which cannot be obtained via the PCT.

regional and national patents.<sup>4</sup> Therefore, there is no requirement or facility for requesting a particular type of protection during the international phase. Note, however, that if you wish an application to be treated as a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition (PCT Rule 4.11(a)(i)), or a continuation or a continuation-in-part of an earlier application (PCT Rule 4.11(a)(ii)), certain indications may be required in the request form.

If you wish your international application to be treated, in a particular designated or elected State in respect of which PCT Article 43 applies<sup>5</sup>, as an application not for a patent but for another kind of protection available under the national law of the designated or elected State concerned (or where possible, in addition to a patent), you should indicate that choice of protection directly to the designated or elected Office concerned when performing the acts referred to in PCT Articles 22 or 39(1) for entry into the national (or regional) phase. However, the time when you should do this may vary, depending on the applicable national law – some designated (or elected) Offices allow you to indicate your choice(s) of protection at a later time (PCT Rule 49*bis*.2(b)). Note that, where more than one type of protection is sought, you may also be required to indicate which type of protection is sought primarily (see PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(b)). If you do not make any express indication that you wish to apply for a type of protection other than a patent when performing the acts referred to in PCT Article 22, the designated Office will treat the application as an application for a patent.

Note that where there is more than one applicant named in the international application, and where more than one type of protection is available in a PCT Contracting State, different applicants may not be indicated for different types of protection. The same applies where a State can be designated for both a national and a regional patent.

Even if you request one particular type of protection, a number of Offices will allow you to convert from one type of protection to another at a later date (PCT Rule 49*bis*.2(b)) (for instance, from a utility model application (or utility model) to a patent application (or patent), or vice versa). This may, however, be subject to the payment of a special fee. Although conversions are normally made by applicants, some Offices may convert an application *ex officio* where appropriate.

For further information on any specific requirements of designated Offices in connection with requesting different types of protection, and on converting from one type of protection to another, please refer to the corresponding National Chapter of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* at:

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

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<sup>4</sup> You should be aware that there is an exception to the all-inclusive designation if you need to exclude (irrevocably) the designations of certain States (specifically: DE Germany, JP Japan or KR Republic of Korea) for any kind of national patent. Such exclusion of designations is highly recommended if, at the time of filing or if a priority claim is added subsequently under PCT Rule 26*bis*.1, PCT Rule 4.9(b) applies to any of those countries and the international application claims priority of an earlier national application filed in the State concerned. Withdrawing the designation of that State avoids the situation where the earlier national application, the priority of which is claimed, would cease to have effect.

<sup>5</sup> PCT Article 43 provides for the indication by the applicant that the international application is for the grant of a particular kind of protection, in any State whose law provides for such protection.

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b>			
(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 20 April 2022)			
<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 details</b>
<b>18 May 2022 (Online)</b>	Arabic/ French	WIPO "PCT Prime" Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Related IP Services for the Center for Research on Environment (CRE), National School of Agronomy, Universities of Khenchela, Mascara, Batna and Souk Ahras, Algeria WIPO Speakers: Mr. Ahmed Ethmane, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Jazairy and Mr. Elangi Botoy	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI), Algiers, Algeria E-mail: l.boudjedjar@inapi.dz
<b>18 – 20 May 2022 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	Advanced PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: to be announced	IP-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Mr. Adrian Farhadi) E-mail: info@ipakademien.se Internet: www.ipakademien.se
<b>8 – 9 June 2022 (Online)</b>	Arabic/ English	WIPO Regional Virtual Symposium for Arab Countries on how to Strengthen Partnerships between Academia and Industry to Benefit from the Advantages Provided by the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), Cairo, Egypt WIPO speakers: Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Abdelnasser, Mr. Jazairy and Mr. Abdelaziz	Egyptian Patent Office E-mail: patinfo@egypco.gov.eg
<b>9 – 10 June 2022 (Online)</b>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic training course in European patent law WIPO speakers: Ms. Schumm and Mr. Taegeun Kim	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pablo Calvo Ramón and Ms. Ruth Sánchez Sánchez) E-mail: pcalvo@abg-ip.com; rss.edu@elzaburu.es
<b>15 June 2022 (Online)</b>	Arabic/ French	WIPO "PCT Prime" Webinar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Related IP Services for the Universities of Constantine, Mila, Tebessa, Adrar and Batna, Algeria WIPO Speakers: Mr. Ahmed Ethmane, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Jazairy and Mr. Elangi Botoy	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI), Algiers, Algeria E-mail: l.boudjedjar@inapi.dz
<b>3 October 2022 (Online)</b>	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT, within the framework of the CEIPI basic course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 53 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
<b>23 – 25 November 2022 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: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
<b>21 April 2022</b> 15:00 – 16:30 Moscow time (14:00 – 15:30 CEST)	Russian	Online Regional Webinar on the Patent Cooperation System (PCT) for Students from Universities from CACEEC WIPO speakers: Mr. Gribkov, Mr. Spitsyn and Ms. Krysanova	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2777757120088967182?source=Code">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2777757120088967182?source=Code</a>
<b>28 April 2022</b> 15:00 – 16:00 (CEST)	English	Exploring the PCT webinar series: Amendments and rectifications of obvious mistakes WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Mr. Kim	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4740817484227006475?source=WIPO+Newsletters">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4740817484227006475?source=WIPO+Newsletters</a>
<b>10 May 2022</b> 09:00 – 10:00 (CEST) (for Australia, Asia and Europe time zones)	English	Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) WIPO speaker: Mr. Piriou	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Aj4VX-vQT5a_lu6UpKJ-Gg">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Aj4VX-vQT5a_lu6UpKJ-Gg</a>
<b>12 May 2022</b> 16:30 – 17:30 (CEST) (for North and South America time zones)	English	Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) WIPO speaker: Mr. Piriou	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rH4csjKgTKWoNY0sxEtShA">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rH4csjKgTKWoNY0sxEtShA</a>

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
<b>26 April 2022</b> 17:30 – 18:30 CEST	English	How to Read the Result List in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_njj5MoPcQfmZBBMfs8DIYA">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_njj5MoPcQfmZBBMfs8DIYA</a>
<b>28 April 2022</b> 8:30 – 9:15 CEST	English	How to Read the Result List in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Gb18_MlzQ_yxfyoL6oInSw">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Gb18_MlzQ_yxfyoL6oInSw</a>
<b>17 May 2022</b> 17:30 – 18:15 CEST	English	Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_98yf9bUWTbm9xX4HL6YL1w">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_98yf9bUWTbm9xX4HL6YL1w</a>
<b>19 May 2022</b> 8:30 – 9:15 CEST	English	Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EqwziYcFT4yMuR7zVFGDeQ">https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EqwziYcFT4yMuR7zVFGDeQ</a>

### Other IP events

#### World IP Day, 26 April 2022

In view of the on-going COVID-related constraints, World IP Day 2022 is being promoted as a hybrid campaign. Further information is available at:

[www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/](http://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/)

#### WIPO Symposium on Trade Secrets and Innovation 2022, 23 and 24 May 2022

The 2022 Symposium will discuss the roles of trade secret systems in supporting innovation and knowledge-sharing in a rapidly changing innovation ecosystem, which is increasingly international and driven by digital information. Further information, including information how to register, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/2022/symposium-trade-secrets.html>

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 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	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar
IA	international application	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
		BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
		CHF	Swiss franc	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
ISR	international search report	CLP	Chilean peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
RO	receiving Office	COP	Colombian peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CUP	Cuban peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
	<b>Currencies:</b>	CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgys som	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 April 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	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,437	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,235	14	–	186	279	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,970	22	–	296	444	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,437	16	–	216	324	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,235	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,235	14	–	186	279	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	–	–	–	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: 212 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 April 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>	
<b>CU</b>	<b>CUP</b> 2,400	<b>CUP</b> eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	–	eq <b>CHF</b> 200	eq <b>CHF</b> 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
<b>CY</b>	<b>EUR</b> 191	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	–	–	EP
<b>CZ</b>	<b>CZK</b> 1,500	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	186	270	EP XV
<b>DE</b>	<b>EUR</b> 90	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	186	279	EP
<b>DJ</b>	<b>USD</b> 100 or eq <b>DJF</b>	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT EG EP
<b>DK</b>	<b>DKK</b> 1,500	<b>DKK</b> 9,180	100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
<b>DO</b>	<b>USD</b> 316	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	CL EP ES US
<b>DZ</b>	<b>DZD</b> None	<b>CHF</b> 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
<b>EA</b>	<b>RUB</b> 1,600	<b>USD</b> 1,437 or <b>EUR</b> 1,235	16 14	–	216 186	324 279	EP RU
<b>EC</b>	<b>USD</b> 300	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	CL EP ES
<b>EE</b>	<b>EUR</b> 120	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	186	279	EP
<b>EG</b>	<b>USD</b> 142	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT EG EP US
<b>EP</b>	<b>EUR</b> 140	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	93	186	279	EP
<b>ES</b>	<b>EUR</b> 75.75	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	186	279	EP ES
<b>FI</b>	<b>EUR</b> 135	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	186	279	EP FI SE
<b>FR</b>	<b>EUR</b> 62	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	186	279	EP
<b>GB</b>	<b>GBP</b> 75	<b>GBP</b> 1,056	12	–	159	238	EP
<b>GD</b>	Information not yet available						
<b>GE</b>	<b>USD</b> <sup>12</sup> 100	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT EP IL RU US
<b>GH</b>	<b>GHS</b> <sup>13</sup> 2,500 or 5,000	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
<b>GR</b>	<b>EUR</b> 115	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	–	–	EP
<b>HN</b>	<b>USD</b> 200	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	–	–	EP ES
<b>HR</b>	<b>HRK</b> 200	<b>HRK</b> eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	–	eq <b>CHF</b> 200	eq <b>CHF</b> 300	EP
<b>HU</b>	<b>HUF</b> 11,800	<b>HUF</b> 468,300	5,300	–	70,400	105,600	EP XV
<b>IB</b>	<b>CHF</b> <sup>14</sup> 100 or <b>EUR</b> <sup>14</sup> 93 or <b>USD</b> <sup>14</sup> 108	<b>CHF</b> 1,330 or <b>EUR</b> 1,235 or <b>USD</b> 1,437	15 14 16	100 93 108	200 186 216	300 279 324	Refer to footnote 15
<b>ID</b>	<b>IDR</b> 1,000,000	<b>IDR</b> eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	–	eq <b>CHF</b> 200	eq <b>CHF</b> 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
<b>IE</b>	<b>EUR</b> 76	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	186	279	EP
<b>IL</b>	<b>ILS</b> 567	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	EP IL US
<b>IN</b>	Paper filings: <b>INR</b> 3,500 <sup>16</sup> <b>INR</b> 17,600 <sup>17</sup> No fee for e-filings	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
<b>IR</b>	<b>IRR</b> 50,000 (natural persons) <b>IRR</b> 500,000 (legal persons)	<b>IRR</b> eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	–	eq <b>CHF</b> 200	eq <b>CHF</b> 300	CN EP IN RU
<b>IS</b>	<b>ISK</b> 18,200	<b>ISK</b> 185,500	2,100	–	27,900	41,800	EP SE XN
<b>IT</b>	<b>EUR</b> 30.99	<b>EUR</b> 1,235	14	–	186	279	EP
<b>JM</b>	Information not yet available						
<b>JO</b>	<b>JOD</b> 100	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT AU EP US
<b>JP</b>	<b>JPY</b> 17,000 <sup>18</sup>	<b>JPY</b> 159,500	1,800	–	–	36,000	EP IN JP SG
<b>KE</b>	<b>USD</b> 250 or <b>KES</b> 5,000 plus cost of mailing	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	AT AU CN EP SE
<b>KG</b>	<b>KGS</b> 4,000 <sup>19</sup>	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	216	324	EP RU
<b>KH</b>	<b>KHR</b> 420,000	<b>USD</b> 1,437	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
<b>KN</b>	<b>XCD</b> 50	<b>XCD</b> eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	–	–	–	EP US
<b>KP</b>	<b>KPW</b> eq <b>CHF</b> 50	<b>KPW</b> eq <b>CHF</b> 1,330	eq <b>CHF</b> 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU

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