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PCT Assembly

The 55th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 6 to 14 July 2023, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. The documents discussed in the meeting are available from the WIPO website at:

PCT Assembly documents (including the report once it becomes available):

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/55

The Assembly appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT (document PCT/A/55/1). The appointment will become effective from a future date to be notified by the Authority when it is ready to begin operations.

The Assembly also adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, as set out in the annexes to document PCT/A/55/2. The amendments consist of the following:

- PCT Rules 26 and 29: Clarification of the procedure when an international application contains parts in different languages and all such languages are accepted by the competent receiving Office. For further information, see document PCT/WG/16/8 and paragraphs 13 and 14 of document PCT/WG/16/9. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2024 and will apply to any international application with an international filing date that is on or after that date.
- PCT Rules 34, 36 and 63: The definition of the minimum documentation that the International Searching Authority is required to consult during international search, and the minimum requirements for appointment of an Office or organization as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

The Assembly also approved amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority (document PCT/A/55/3) to reflect the responsible body for patent processing, now named State Organization “Ukrainian National Office of Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPIO).

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

ePCT-Filing – Online Payment of Filing Fees for RO/IB Using SOFORT Extended to Euros (EUR)

The WIPO Pay platform offers Euros (EUR) in addition to Swiss francs (CHF) when paying the filing fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) by online bank payment secured by SOFORT.

Reminder – use of SOFORT as an online banking transaction is strongly encouraged where possible, as it enables WIPO's accounting systems to process payments more efficiently than offline bank transfers, thanks to the WIPO Pay reference data that is automatically included as part of the process.

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 Office has notified the following information to the IB in accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*):

- **HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office:** the same language as used in the international application (Hungarian, English, German or French). The Office does **not** permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)

The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) has notified the International Bureau that they 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).

The above corresponding change was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 June 2023 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

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

Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits due to Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication (PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2)

Notification under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2 (European Patent Office (EPO))

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of the unavailability of Online Filing 2.0 (one of their permitted electronic means of communication) on Wednesday, 19 July 2023, from 16:00 CET (Central European Time) to Thursday, 20 July 2023 14:45 CET. Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 26 November 2020 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices20.pdf#page=251

Information on the outage has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services.html>

Changes in Hyperlinks to Certain Files on WIPO's PCT Webpages

As a result of the implementation of a new content management system for WIPO's website and on the advice of technical experts, the locations of certain information resources which are available via the PCT portion of the website have had to be changed, with consequential changes to the respective URLs/hyperlinks. This mainly concerns certain PDF files made available on the PCT website.

While we have tried to minimize the impact of these changes on PCT users, please note that as a result of these changes you may need to update bookmarks and/or links in your documents or on your own PCT-related webpages which link to these resources in order to ensure that they work consistently.

We apologize for any inconvenience these changes may cause, and appreciate your understanding and patience. Should you have any questions, comments or issues, please contact us at [PCT Resources](#).

Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees

The below lists of States, whose nationals and/or residents qualify for certain PCT fee reductions, have been updated with effect from 1 July 2023 and are available at:

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

Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the European Patent Office (EPO)

It is recalled that the fees for international search, supplementary international search and international preliminary examination are reduced by 75% if the international application, the

request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination is filed:

1. by a natural person who is a national of and resident in a state which is not a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention, and which on the date of filing of the application, or of payment of the supplementary international search or the international preliminary examination fee, is classified by the World Bank as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy; or
2. by a natural or legal person who is a national of and resident in a State in which a validation agreement with the EPO is in force.¹

Jordan has been added to the list of States which fall under 1., and Indonesia and El Salvador have been removed from the list.

Revised Version of WIPO Standard ST.26

In accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C, paragraph 5, and following the adoption of version 1.6 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the tenth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (see document CWS/10/13 Rev. 2, and paragraphs 87 and 91 of document CWS/10/22), the Director General has decided that the new version of the Standard shall come into force for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2023. Sequence listings submitted after filing concerning applications filed prior to 1 July 2023 may use either version 1.5 or 1.6 of the Standard.

For further information please refer to:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

Two-way PCT-PPH pilot program between the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2022 about the two-way PCT-PPH pilot program between the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has announced that its annual limit of 100 PCT-PPH requests has been reached for 2023. As a result, no further PPH requests based on PCT work products will be accepted by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) for the remainder of 2023. The Office will resume the PCT-PPH program on 1 January 2024 with a new limit of 100 requests.

The announcement by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) can be found at:

<https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br/central-de-conteudo/noticias/atingido-limite-anual-de-participacao-na-modalidade-pct-pph>

It is recalled that, under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase in one country is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either

¹ For further information, please refer to the Official Journal of the EPO, July 2023 at: <https://new.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/07/a67.html>

the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued by the Office of the other country in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH agreement is available at:

https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/shinsa/soki/pph/japan_brazil_highway.html; and

<https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br/servicos/patentes/legislacao/legislacao/PPHIIIPortaria55de15.12.21RPI2662de11.01.22.pdf>

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (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. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, it is the Office with which the earlier application was filed which needs to be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

Italian Patent and Trademark Office

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office, which already operates as a DAS depositing Office for PCT applications filed with it as a PCT receiving Office, as well as for national applications, utility model applications, national and international industrial design applications, and national trademark applications, has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 September 2023, it will extend the scope of its participation in DAS to include operation as an accessing Office for Priority Documents. As an accessing Office, it will recognize priority documents available to it through DAS for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document had not expired by 1 September 2021 including national and international patent applications, utility model applications, national and international industrial design applications, and national trademark applications.

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

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11580

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), which already acts as an accessing and depositing Office for PCT applications and certain other types of applications, has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 August 2023, it extended the scope of its access as an accessing Office of DAS to include national industrial design applications and Hague international applications.

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

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=10487

A list of the DAS participating Offices is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

PCT Information Update

BH Bahrain (name of Office; mailing address)

The name and mailing address of the National Patent Office (Bahrain) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 60667 Manama Kingdom of Bahrain

Furthermore, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine. As a result, the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

BR Brazil (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; means of telecommunication)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has specified, with effect from 1 August 2023, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brazil with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) (or with the International Bureau (IB)) as receiving Office.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (BR))

CA Canada (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2023, as follows (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Basic national fee:	CAD 421.02	(210.51) ²
Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD 210.51	

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

² The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. For further details about entitlement to "small entity" status, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CA).

CL Chile (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has specified, with effect from 1 August 2023, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (or with the IB) as receiving Office.

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

CV Cabo Verde (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) has specified, with effect from 1 October 2023, the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde with the Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) (or with the IB) as receiving Office.

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

ES Spain (telephone number; fees; types of physical media accepted by the Office; requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The telephone number of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has changed as follows:

Telephone: (34) 910 780 780

The Office has also notified the conditions for reductions in the filing fee – fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.oepm.es>

Furthermore, the Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the IB that it no longer accepts the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings on physical media. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (please refer to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

The Office has also informed the IB that the International Depositary Authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure – the Banco Español de Algas (BEA) – has clarified the kinds of microorganisms accepted for deposit and that, as of 1 September 2023, only microalgae and cyanobacteria that grow autotrophically will be accepted, rather than microalgae and cyanobacteria in general.

For further information, please refer to Budapest Notification No. 358, which is published at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_358.html

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1, Annex C and National Chapter, Summary (ES))

IS Iceland (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Katrínartún 4
 IS-105, Reykjavik
 Iceland

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

IT Italy (internet address)

The Internet address of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office has changed, as follows:

Internet: <https://uibm.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/>

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

JP Japan (fees)

With effect from 1 September 2023, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the Japan Patent Office (JPO) in JPY, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in JPY of the applicable filing 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 (JP))

LV Latvia (means of telecommunication)

The Latvian Patent Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its fax machine and therefore no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

MU Mauritius (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office)

The Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) has specified, with effect from 1 August 2023, the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mauritius with IPOM, or with the IB, as receiving Office.

Furthermore, additional information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (MU), at:

<https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=MU&doc-lang=en#RO>

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

NZ New Zealand (required contents of the translation for national phase entry)

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) has notified the following with respect to the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended)

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended)

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

SE Sweden (fees, types of physical media accepted by the Office)

As from 1 October 2023, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in SEK to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in SEK of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) as receiving Office, has changed:

Fee for priority document:

If requested under PCT Rule 17.1(b):None

If requested outside of PCT Rule 17.1(b):.....SEK 250

Furthermore, the Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the IB that it no longer accepts the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings on physical media. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (please refer to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C and D (SE))

SG Singapore (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as designated (or elected) Office, has changed with effect from 26 May 2022:

Filing fee.....SGD 210

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

TR Türkiye (fees)

The amounts of several components of the national fee, payable to the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed. The new amounts, applicable since 1 January 2023, are as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY 5,800
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY 1,050
Renewal fee for third year:	TRY 1,050
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY 5,730

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

UA Ukraine (government authority acting as national Office; name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine has informed the IB that, following a change in the government authority of Ukraine acting as national Office, the functions of the national office of the Ukraine will now be performed by the State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO).

The location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the UANIPIO are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	1, Hlazunova Street Kyiv 01601 Ukraine
Telephone:	(380-44) 494 05 05
Fax:	(380-44) 494 05 06
Email:	office@nipo.gov.ua
Internet:	https://nipo.gov.ua/en/

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

US United States of America (types of physical media accepted by the Office)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the IB of changes concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13~~ter~~.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

Read-only optical disc: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R

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

Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	113	EUR	114	JPY*	16,000	USD	121		
	(from 1.9.23: In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500 CHF 28 EUR 28 JPY 4,000 USD 30* *(from 1.9.23: JPY 17,200 JPY 4,300)											
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 143,000 CHF* 975 EUR* 1,011 KRW* 1,434,000 USD* 1,080 *(from 1.9.23: CHF 888 EUR 953 KRW 1,287,000 USD 988)											
	For IAs in English: JPY 169,000 CHF* 1,153 EUR* 1,195 SGD 1,674 USD* 1,277 *(from 1.9.23: CHF 1,049 EUR 1,127 USD 1,167)											
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD 531 CHF 315 EUR 312 NZD 547 SGD 456 USD 347											
	For IAs in English: KRW 1,200,000 AUD 1,416 CHF 840 EUR 831 NZD 1,460 SGD 1,215 USD 924											
PH	USD	600	CHF	561	EUR	564						
	Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 200 CHF 187 EUR 188											
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 8,500 CHF 92 EUR* 103 USD* 109 *(from 1.9.23: EUR 92 USD 95)											
	For IAs in English: RUB 40,000 CHF 435 EUR* 485 USD* 512 *(from 1.9.23: EUR 434 USD 447)											
SE	SEK*	19,330	CHF	1,713	DKK	13,200	EUR	1,775	ISK	271,000	NOK	19,970
	USD 1,875 (from 1.9.23: SEK 20,760)											
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,542	EUR	1,598	JPY	226,000	KRW	2,218,000	USD	1,664
TR	TRY	32,210	CHF	1,713	EUR	1,775	USD	1,875				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: EUR 100 CHF 96 USD 106											
	For IAs in English, French or German: EUR 300 CHF 289 USD 317											
US	USD	2,180	CHF	2,020	EUR	2,064	NZD	3,400	ZAR	42,250		
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD 872 CHF 808 EUR 826 NZD 1,360 ZAR 16,900											
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 436 CHF 404 EUR 413 NZD 680 ZAR 8,450											
XN	DKK	13,200	CHF	1,713	EUR	1,775	ISK	271,000	NOK	19,970	SEK*	19,330
	USD 1,875 *(from 1.9.23: SEK 20,760)											
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,713	HUF	690,700	USD	1,875				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 820	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,148	
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,640	
EP	CHF 1,713 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,713	CHF 200
RU	CHF 128	CHF 200
	CHF 205 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,713	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,542	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,713	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 47	

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

(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 40}
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 87	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 87	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 68	
	– 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 58	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,713	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 519	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,713	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 531	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴¹	Handling fee ^{2, 41} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 207
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴²	AUD 338
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁷ On paper: BRL 945 ^{7,8}	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 842.06	CAD 294
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 216
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,560
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 6,750 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 24,000 Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office: Examination carried out in Russian: RUB: 4,500 Examination carried out in English: RUB: 16,000	USD 216
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 216
EP	EUR 1,840 ³⁴	EUR 207
ES	EUR 595.37 ³⁴	EUR 207
FI	EUR 600	EUR 207
IL	ILS 1,637	ILS 818
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000	USD 216
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 29,300 (from 1.9.23: JPY 32,200)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 286,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 150	USD 216
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴³ 6,750 ⁴⁴ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴³ 24,000 ⁴⁴	USD 216

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Table II — Preliminary examination fees*[continued]*

(amounts on 1 August 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

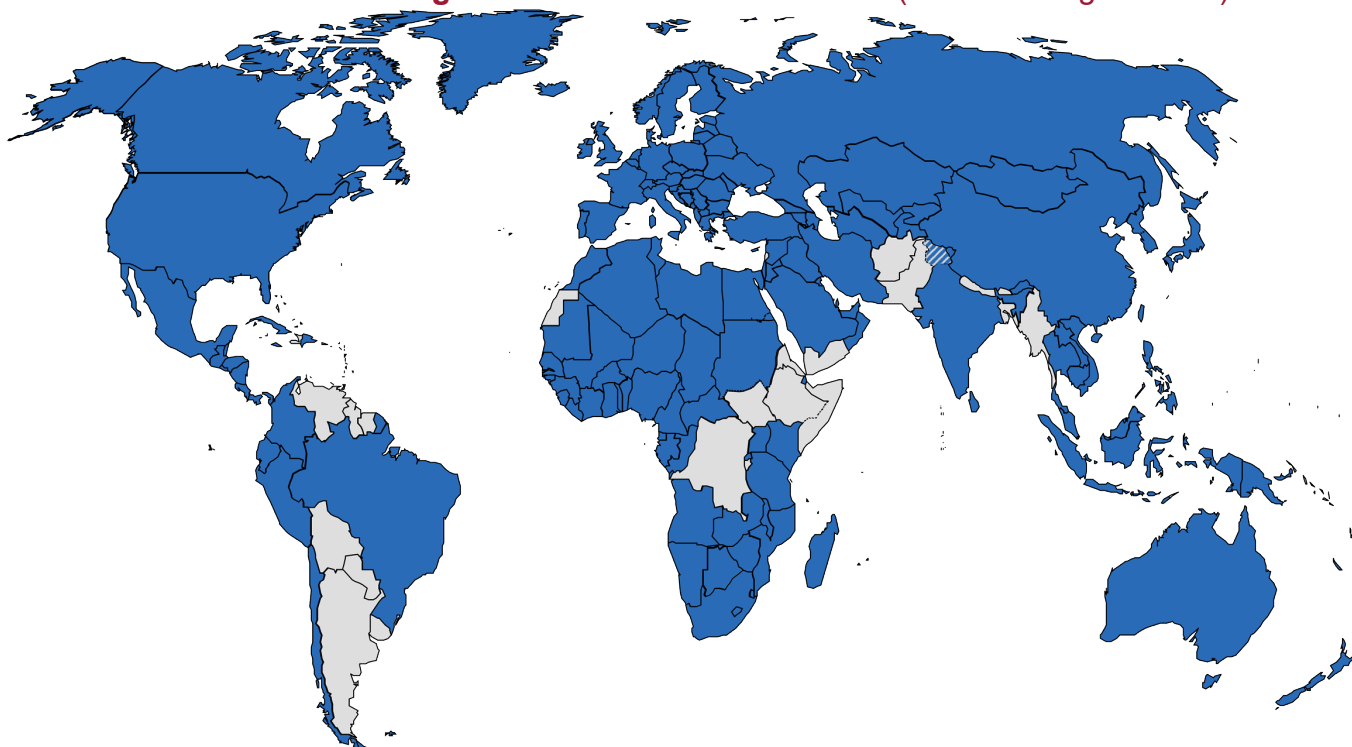
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁵			Handling fee^{2, 41}(CHF 200)	
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	2,260 <i>(from 1.10.23: SEK 2,380)</i>
SG	SGD	830		SGD	291
TR	TRY	1,000		CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			EUR	207
US	USD	640	800 ⁴⁶	USD	216
		For small entity ²⁹ :	USD 256 320 ⁴⁶		
		For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD 128 160 ⁴⁶		
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK	1,540
XV	EUR	900		EUR	207

[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. 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 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 4 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 7 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.
- 8 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>).
- 9 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.
- 10 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. The pilot project has been extended by one year until 30 November 2023.
- 11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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: Cabo Verde, 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 Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 41 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 43 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 44 In all cases where footnote 43 does not apply.
- 45 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 46 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)).

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

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.