

New/Updated ISA and IPEA Agreements

State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations”

Further to the amendments approved at the 55th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023, an updated version of the Agreement between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as in force from 14 July 2023, has been published in PDF format in English and French at, respectively:

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ua.pdf>

<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/fr/docs/agreements/ag-ua.pdf>

Withdrawal of Notifications of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Rules with National Laws

China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), in its capacity as designated Office (DO/CN) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the withdrawal, with effect from 20 January 2024, of the following notifications of incompatibility with its national law:

- the notification under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (concerning incorporation by reference of missing elements or parts);
- the notification under PCT Rule 20.8(b-bis) (concerning incorporation by reference of erroneously filed elements or parts);
- the notification under PCT Rule 49^{ter}.1(a) to (d) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office);
- the notification under PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2(a) to (g) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office).

Furthermore, the Office in its capacity as designated Office has notified the IB that PCT Rules 49^{ter}.1(a) to (d) and 49^{ter}.2(a) to (g) will apply to international applications if the two-month period from the date of entry into the Chinese national phase expires on or after 20 January 2024.

The information in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (CN), as well as the tables of “Restoration of the right of priority” and “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” will be updated accordingly at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

PCT Information Update

CA Canada (e-mail address; fees)

The e-mail address of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office has changed, as follows:

E-mail: ic.contact-contact.ic@ised-isde.gc.ca

As from 1 January 2024, there has been a change in the amount of the transmittal fee payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office. The new amount is CAD 416.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (CA) and Annex C (CA))

EA (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing).....RUB	50,000
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Claim fee:

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| - for each claim in excess of five.....RUB | 5,500 |
| - for each claim in excess of 20.....RUB | 6,000 |
| - for each claim in excess of 50.....RUB | 7,000 |

Examination fee:

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| - for one invention:RUB | 50,000 |
| - for a group of inventions including one independent claim:.....RUB | 50,000 |
| - additional fee for the second independent claim:.....RUB | 30,000 |
| - additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims:RUB | 15,000 |

The Office has also notified the International Bureau (IB) of the conditions for reductions in the national fee – the unitary procedural fee is reduced as follows:

- (i) by 40% where an international search report has been established by the EAPO; or
- (ii) by 25% where an international search report has been established by an Office acting as an International Searching Authority under the PCT.

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

World Intellectual Property Day, 26 April 2024

IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity

World Intellectual Property Day 2024 is an opportunity to shine a light on how intellectual property (IP) supports our drive to build a better future and meet the United Nations [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

The theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2024 is “IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity”.

Join us in celebrating the change makers around the world who are helping to build our common future with innovation and creativity backed by IP rights.

If you want to get involved and are looking for inspiration, check out the suggested activities, resources, and promotional materials at:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2024-sdgs/index>

For more information, including information on how to develop your own customized World Intellectual Property Day campaign in line with your public awareness goals and to maximize impact among your target audiences, visit the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2024-sdgs/create-your-campaign>

Distance Learning Course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

It is recalled that the online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction and general overview of the PCT System, and is entirely self-study, with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. If you are interested in taking the course, which is free of charge and is available in all ten PCT publication languages, you can register on the WIPO Academy page at:

<https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf>

Enquiries should be addressed to:

PCT.DistanceLearning@wipo.int

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1. Keep your email address updated

Regularly update your email address within your WIPO Account. This email address serves multiple purposes, including for recovery of your username and password, receiving important ePCT notifications regarding the lifecycle of your PCT applications, staying informed about new releases, features and functionalities in ePCT and the availability of new webinars. Please note that each email address can only be associated with one WIPO Account.

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3. Use two strong authentication methods

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4. Have two eOwners for each application

Streamline access rights management by assigning at least two eOwners to each application in your workbench. This practice is particularly helpful if one eOwner leaves your company or is unable to access their WIPO Account, providing a smooth transfer of access rights to a new team member. Additionally, to enhance security further, regularly monitor who you have given access rights to and be sure to revoke access rights for those persons who have left your company. Further details are available [here](#).

5. Download your list of international applications as an Excel table

Download the list of all the international applications in your workbench and save it as an Excel table. This precautionary step ensures that you have access to this important information outside of ePCT. In the event of account access issues, having this data at hand is vital in case you need to request access rights again for your international applications. For detailed instructions, please refer to the [ePCT video tutorial](#).

These best practices contribute to the overall security and efficiency of managing your WIPO Account. This information can be found in the ePCT video tutorial at:

<https://multimedia.wipo.int/wipo/en/pct/epct-best-practice-wipo-account.mp4>

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