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Assembly of the PCT Union

The 56th session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 9 to 17 July 2024, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. The documents referred to in the summary of the meeting, below, 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_id=81262

PCT Working Group (17th session) documents:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=80912

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, as set out in the annexes to document PCT/A/56/2. The amendments consist of the following:

- PCT Rule 26: Narrowing the scope of exceptions from the requirement of the receiving Office to invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract and text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. When the abstract or text matter of drawings is filed in a different language from that of the international application but in a language accepted by the International Searching Authority, the receiving Office will be able to issue an invitation to furnish a translation of the abstract and text matter of the drawings to ensure that the international application is published in a single language. For further information, see document PCT/WG/17/7 and paragraphs 23 and 24 and Annex I of document PCT/WG/17/21. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2025 and will apply to any international application with an international filing date that is on or after that date.
- PCT Rules 33 and 64: Broadening the definition of relevant prior art for international search and preliminary examination to include non-written disclosures. For further information, see document PCT/WG/17/10 and paragraphs 25 and 26 and Annex II of document PCT/WG/17/21. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026 along with the amendments to the definition of the minimum documentation that the International Searching Authority shall consult during international search (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2023) and will apply to any international application in which the

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search report is established, or the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) is made, on or after that date.

- PCT Rule 89*bis*: Allowing an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications and subsequently filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper is submitted again in electronic form within two months. For further information, see document PCT/WG/17/15 and paragraphs 15 and 16 of document PCT/WG/17/21. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2025.
- PCT Rule 92: Enabling the International Bureau to correspond with applicants or Offices for certain communications in any of the 10 languages of international publication, instead of in either English or French only. The communications where the International Bureau will be able to correspond in additional languages to English or French will be set out in the Administrative Instructions. For further information, see document PCT/WG/17/6 and paragraphs 21 and 22 of document PCT/WG/17/21. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2025.

The Assembly also reviewed the criteria set out in item 5 of the Schedule of Fees for establishing the lists of States whose nationals and residents are eligible for PCT fee reductions and decided to maintain these criteria and review them again in five years, as required by the Schedule. The Assembly also adopted modifications to the Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees to refer to the annual series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO instead of a specific time during the year (see document PCT/A/56/1).

ePCT Update

A new version of the ePCT system was deployed on 22 July 2024. For full details on the new features of this version for applicants and for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities, please refer, respectively, to:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1724> and

<https://www.wipo.int/ipportal-support/epct-office-user-guide/faq?selected=0>

A summary of the main new features follows.

What's new in ePCT for applicants?

New features in the online action for Rule 92bis change request:

- Agent details: a new checkbox to confirm the agent's right to practice before the receiving Office;
- New drop-down list to indicate if the change is a change in name or a change in person.

What's new in ePCT for Offices?

In this version of ePCT, improvements have been implemented for the following features:

- RO:
 - Improvement of Form PCT/RO/105;

- New Form PCT/RO/145 in force from 1 July 2024;
 - Modification of Forms PCT/RO/117, PCT/RO/150 and PCT/RO/157 in order to align with the new Form PCT/RO/145
- ISA:
- Improvement of upload IPC feature;
 - Improvement of 'Start international search' task;
 - Automatic deletion of E and P category patent documents from Box VI of Form PCT/ISA/237;
- ISA/IPEA:
- Translation of Unity clauses.

As usual, Offices are encouraged to provide their feedback and to discuss their needs with the PCT International Cooperation Division at: pctid@wipo.int.

Questions about the current ePCT system can be sent to the PCT eServices Help Desk via the 'Contact Us' link at:

<https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/direct.aspx?UG=4&T=en&N=769>

PCT Guidance for Users Impacted by 19 July 2024 Computer Outage

The Regulations under the PCT provide, in PCT Rule 82*quater*.1, for measures applicable to the global computer outage that began on 19 July 2024. PCT applicants who were not able to meet a PCT time limit because of the outage may request excuse of delay on this basis. The International Bureau (IB) urges all PCT Offices and Authorities to likewise adopt this interpretation.

Rule 82*quater*.1 provides for excuse of delay in meeting PCT time limits (which may relate to the submission of documents and/or the payment of fees), due to reasons of force majeure including "... a general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason....".

The IB, including in its role as receiving Office, will treat favorably any request made under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1 citing the outage that began on 19 July 2024 and, in accordance with Rule 82*quater*.1(d), will waive the submission of evidence. The IB urges PCT Offices and Authorities to do likewise.

Applicants who were unable to file their PCT applications within the priority period because of the global computer outage and its repercussions, but who were able to file them within 2 months from the expiration of the 12-month period, may request restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3 before receiving Offices which apply this provision, noting in particular that the receiving Office of the IB applies this rule and all applicable criteria thereunder.

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.

National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)

The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 July 2024, it commenced operation both as a depositing Office and as an accessing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS). As a depositing Office, it will deposit certified copies of patent applications as priority documents on and after 1 July 2024, which the applicant specifically requests be made available to the service; as an accessing Office it will recognize priority documents available to it through the service for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document has not expired by 1 July 2024.

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

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=13932

Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees

The lists of States discussed below, the nationals and/or residents of which are eligible for certain PCT fee reductions, have been updated with effect from 1 July 2024.

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

Algeria, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mongolia and Ukraine have been removed from the list of States which fall under item 1. For detailed lists, consult:

https://link.epo.org/web/low_income_states_en.pdf

¹ For further information, please refer to the Official Journal of the EPO, July 2024 at: <https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2024/07/a69.html>

Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

It is recalled that the search fee and preliminary examination fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office are reduced by 75% if 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 not party to the European Patent Convention, and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low-income”, “lower-middle-income” or “upper-middle-income”.

Palau and the Russian Federation, which have now been classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “high income”, have been removed from the list of States whose nationals and residents may be eligible for this fee reduction.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Canadian Intellectual Property Office

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, which already accepts international applications filed via ePCT-Filing, has notified the International Bureau (IB) of several changes to its notification concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form, as published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 January 2015 (page 19 et seq.) and subsequently modified in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 April 2021 (page 89).

The amended notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 27 June 2024 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

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

New ISA and IPEA Agreement

Austrian Patent Office

The amended Agreement between the Austrian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Austrian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as in force from 1 July 2024, has been published at:

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

Modified Administrative Instructions under the PCT

It is recalled that revised Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been promulgated with effect on 1 July 2024.

The revised Administrative Instructions are now available in Chinese, in addition to English, French, Japanese, Spanish and Russian in PDF format at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/index.html>

The desired language can be selected at the top right-hand side of the page.

The texts in English and French are also available in HTML format.

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) joins the Global PPH pilot

On 6 July 2024, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) joined the Global Patent Prosecution Highway (GPPH) pilot, bringing the number of Offices taking part in the pilot to 28.

It is recalled that under this pilot, it is possible to make a request for accelerated processing at any participating Office, based on work products (including, where applicable, a PCT written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or an international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II)) from any one of the other participating Offices, provided that at least one claim has been found to be patentable by the Office of earlier examination, and that any other applicable eligibility criteria are met. The pilot uses a single set of qualifying requirements and aims to simplify and improve the existing PPH network to make it more accessible to users.

For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br/servicos/patentes/pph/pph>

New PCT-PPH pilot programs (China and ARIPO; China and Bahrain)

On 8 June 2024, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase before ARIPO is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion issued by CNIPA in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (ISA) or an 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). The agreement between ARIPO and CNIPA establishing the PCT-PPH pilot program also includes a two-way PPH program where accelerated processing is possible at one Office on the basis of claims that are determined to be patentable by the other Office.

On 1 May 2024, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase before the Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain) is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion issued by CNIPA in its capacity as an 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). The agreement between the Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain) and CNIPA establishing the PCT-PPH program also includes a two-way PPH program where accelerated processing is possible at one Office on the basis of claims that are determined to be patentable by the other Office.

Both pilot programs initially run for 5 years.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.aripo.org/ip-services/patents>

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2024/4/29/art_340_192107.html

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on these new pilots at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

Extension of existing PPH and PCT-PPH pilot programs (China and Egypt; China and Iceland)

The already-existing PPH pilot program between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Egyptian Patent Office, and the PCT-PPH pilot program between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) have been extended for five years with effect from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2029.

Further information is available at:

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2024/6/29/art_340_193693.html

Changes to the PCT Publication Schedule

Publication of 5 September 2024

Due to the fact that Thursday, 5 September 2024, 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, 6 September 2024. 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, 20 August 2024.

PCT Information Update

CL Chile (telephone number)

The telephone number of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has changed to the following:

Telephone (56-2) 28 87 04 00

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

CY Cyprus (languages accepted for the filing of international applications; number of copies on paper)

The Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it no longer accepts Greek as a language in which the international application may be filed.

It is recalled that if the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the ISA, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

Furthermore, the Office now requires one copy of the international application if the application is filed on paper, instead of three.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (CY))

GB United Kingdom (requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Intellectual Property Office² (United Kingdom) has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:

- the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii):

Where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request;

- any additional indications:

At the time of filing.

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Office:

The specification of the application as filed must contain such relevant information as is available to the applicant on the characteristics of the biological material.

Additional information:

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom) with any depositary institution anywhere in the world. It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the depositary institution with which they wish to make their deposit and to ensure that samples of the biological material deposited will be made available in accordance with Rule 13(1) and Schedule 1 of the UK Patents Rules 2007. The applicant may give notice in writing to the International Bureau before technical preparations for publication of the international application are completed that a sample should be made available only to an expert (preferably by using Form PCT/RO/134).

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the applicant must supply the following within 16 months from the priority date (or, if earlier, not later than a request for early publication):

- (i) the name and address of the depositor; and
- (ii) a statement by the depositor authorizing the applicant to refer to the deposited material in the application and giving the depositor's irrevocable authorization for the

² Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

deposited material to be made available to the public in accordance with Schedule 1 to the UK Patents Rules 2007.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L (GB))

GR Greece (means of telecommunication; provisional protection; requirements concerning agent; information relating to power of attorney)

The Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece) has clarified that it accepts the filing of documents by fax and the Office requires that the original of the document be furnished in all cases.

Furthermore, the Office clarified its requirements relating to provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

- After international publication or, where that publication was in a language other than one of the official languages of the EPO, after publication by the EPO of the international application translated into one of its official languages, the applicant may, as from the date of publication in the Greek Industrial Property Official Gazette of a notification that a translation of the claims in Greek has been filed with OBI, claim damages and request the description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent and anything used in the making thereof.

In addition, there have been changes in the requirements of the Office as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office, as follows:

- an agent is not required if the applicant has a residence or principal place of business in Greece;
- an agent is required if the applicant has neither a residence nor principal place of business in Greece.

The Office has also clarified that, relating to its requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii), it continues to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (GR) and C (GR))

HR Croatia (fax number)

The fax number of the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) has changed. The number to be used is now as follows:

Fax: (385-1) 6109 660

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (HR))

IS Iceland (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2023:

Transmittal fee.....ISK 20,300

Fee for priority document.....ISK 5,400

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priorityISK 48,700

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed with effect from the same date:

National fee:

Application fee:.....ISK 76,000

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:.....ISK 4,900

Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:.....ISK 20,500

Total annual fees for the first three years:.....ISK 36,000

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

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 September 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in JPY 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 (JP))

LU Luxembourg (e-mail address; fees; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The e-mail address of the Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) has changed to the following:

E-mail: bpp@eco.etat.lu

The Office has also notified the IB that there is no longer a fee payable for the priority document.

Furthermore, the Office has clarified its requirements concerning the waiver of power of attorney: the Office has waived the requirements to submit a separate power of attorney and a copy of a general power of attorney.

There has also been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

- name and country indication from address of the inventor, if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application;
- deed of assignment of the priority rights, where the applicants are not identical;
- appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the European Economic Area.

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

SA Saudi Arabia (telephone numbers)

The telephone numbers of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) have changed to the following:

Telephone	(966-11) 280 59 76
	(966-11) 280 59 84
	(966-11) 280 63 22

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (SA))

UG Uganda (national security provisions)

The Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) has provided additional details to the IB concerning restrictions in its national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices – see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (UG), and the table entitled “International applications and national security considerations” at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/nat_sec.html

Handling fee (Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 September 2024, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office (JPO) as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The new amount will be JPY 35,700.

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Austrian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO), National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

With effect from 1 July 2024, there has been a change in the equivalent amounts in CHF, KRW, SGD, USD and ZAR for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

As from 1 September 2024, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Japan Patent Office (JPO).....	CHF
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	CHF, EUR

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, BR and JP))

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

It is recalled that, since 1 July 2020, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary international search or International Preliminary Examining Authority may participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a “participating Office”, in which PCT fees are transferred from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (IB) (for further information, please refer to PCT/WG/12/20 at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=436911).

The IB has published information on 11 July 2024 on the Offices that have notified the IB of their participation or of a change in the scope of their participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* (from page 115) at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

New/Updated PCT Resources

New ePCT video tutorials

ePCT video tutorials for applicants

The web page containing ePCT video tutorials for applicants at:

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

has been expanded to include video tutorials for ePCT-filing in DOCX format as well as information on the latest updates in ePCT.

The following new ePCT video tutorials are now available from the table of contents:

- ePCT-filing in DOCX format:
 - Filing in DOCX format
 - How to upload a DOCX specification in ePCT-filing in a non-publication language
 - How to use the application body converter to check your DOCX specification

The videos provide step-by-step demonstrations of how DOCX format can be used for filing your PCT application and possibly benefit from a CHF 300 fee reduction.

- What's new in ePCT:
 - What's new in ePCT for applicants

This video provides information on the latest features available in ePCT designed to streamline the process of filing and managing international patent applications.

New webinar recordings

Webinars in English

A recording of the following webinars in English (which took place on the dates indicated below):

- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 1: Process a new application (6 June 2024)
- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 2: Fees (13 June 2024)
- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 3: Priority claims/Priority document (20 June 2024)
- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 4: Corrections and replacement sheets (27 June 2024)

- ePCT Webinar Series for receiving Offices Session 5: Defects and changes (4 July 2024)
- Mastering ePCT webinar series: Declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 (16 and 18 July 2024)

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

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

Webinars in Russian

A recording of the following webinars in Russian (which took place on the dates indicated below):

- “Introduction to Intellectual Property and the PCT System” Regional Webinar for Students from Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC) (18 April 2024)
- “PCT System: Priority Corrections and other Corrections in PCT International Applications” WIPO Regional Webinar for CACEEC (23 May 2024)
- “PCT System: Amendment of the Claims in the International Phase WIPO” Regional Webinar for CACEEC (6 June 2024)
- “PCT system: Safeguard mechanisms in the PCT: Restoration of Priority Rights and Reinstatement of Rights when Entering the National Phase” Regional Webinar for CACEEC (20 June 2024)
- “PCT System: International Search and International Preliminary Examination” Regional Webinar for CACEEC (2 July 2024)

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

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

Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters

An advanced PCT seminar will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva on 2 and 3 October 2024. As in past years, the program will be conducted by experienced staff of the Patents and Technology Sector, as well as speakers from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators, paralegals and other users who are already familiar with the PCT system. The first day will be offered in hybrid format, and on the second day, hands-on workshops on legal and processing issues, an ePCT clinic and visits with the PCT Operations Teams will be offered to participants attending in person.

Online registration details and links to further information will be provided in the PCT Seminar Calendar shortly.

PCT in the Media

A link to the following article in the WIPO Magazine has been added to the “PCT in the Media” page of the PCT website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct-media.html>

Mootral: Saving the climate, one cow at a time

Mootral produces a natural animal feed supplement that significantly reduces methane emissions from ruminants – animals that chew their cud, like sheep and cattle – and is the result of extensive research and development by the Swiss AgriTech startup.

The company has sought to protect its technology internationally through the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

The article explains that “a patented innovation is an attractive commercial proposition and with a patent a company can market its innovation more effectively. The 20-year term of exclusivity that a patent provides, gives companies like Mootral an opportunity to advance their work and come up with new patentable creations that further enrich existing platform technologies that seek to solve existing and future problems”.

Read the full article at:

https://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/ip-at-work/2021/mootral.html

The WIPO Magazine is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/

Practical Advice

Mixed languages used in an international application

Q: I would like to file a PCT application in German with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office. The invention is in the field of digital communication and my draft application includes a number of technical terms in English. As English is the language commonly used in this field of technology, the terminology in question would be difficult to translate, and the translation of such key words would appear strange and risk being inaccurate and less succinct. Could the use of English terms be a problem during the PCT procedure?

A: Generally, the PCT requires that the description and claims of an international application are filed in a single language which is accepted by the receiving Office. If any such parts of the international application are in a language that is not accepted by the receiving Office, the Office is obliged to forward the application under PCT Rule 19.4 to the receiving Office of the International Bureau. If the description and claims use two languages and both languages are accepted by the receiving Office, as in your case, it will be up to the receiving Office to decide whether the use of any of the technical terms in English would be considered a defect in the application.

Until recently, there has been no specific provision in the PCT Regulations covering the handling of international applications in more than one language where all languages are accepted by the receiving Office. New PCT Rule 26.3~~ter~~(e), which entered into force on 1 July 2024, now provides a legal basis for receiving Offices to better address such situations. Under this Rule, where the description and claims of an international application are filed in more than one language but all those languages are accepted by the receiving Office, the Office may request the applicant to furnish a translation so as to bring the whole application into a single language. This single language must be all of the following: one of the languages of the description and claims as filed, a language accepted by the International Searching Authority (ISA) that will carry out the international search, and a language of publication.

However, before inviting the applicant to furnish a translation to bring the description and claims into a single language, the receiving Office should first consider whether requesting a translation would be appropriate in a particular case. Regarding the use of technical terms in English, it is largely recognized that certain technical fields commonly use English terms. This practice is accepted for PCT applications, even when the primary language of the application is not English. If an application includes specialized vocabulary in a language which is different from the language of the application, it is acceptable if it assists in the understanding of the disclosure. Examples of this include language-neutral terms (such as computer coding language), scientific publication citations, or inventions relating to translation technology. For example, a drawing in an application in the field of translation technology showing a computer screen displaying words in multiple languages should be accepted and the receiving Office will not usually invite the applicant to translate the terms in question (please refer to the *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines*, paragraph 65B).

However, if the receiving Office comes to the conclusion that the translation of parts of the description and/or claims into German (to correspond to the rest of your international application) would facilitate the understanding of the application, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish the translation within one month of the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. While this would not jeopardize the according of an international filing date, it is nevertheless advisable to translate the parts before filing the application to avoid additional administrative procedures, delays and attorney costs. Moreover, the receiving Office will not transmit the search copy to the ISA until it has received any required translations. It is expected that a situation where a receiving Office requests translation of a part of the description and/or claims would be relatively rare compared to requests for a translation of the entire application for international search purposes.

As regards the abstract or any text matter in the drawings, if they are not entirely in the language of the application and a translation would be appropriate, this will be treated as a formal defect which can be corrected before the receiving Office without affecting the international filing date in accordance with PCT Rule 26.3*ter(a)*.

It should be remembered that, unlike substantive examiners at the ISA, formality examiners at receiving Offices are usually not technically qualified and may not always be able to evaluate whether words in the application require translation or not in the relevant technical field of the international application. While the receiving Office has some flexibility under new PCT Rule 26.3*ter(e)* to decide whether a translation is necessary for a particular term, should you be invited to furnish a translation, but you believe that the words in question cannot or should not be translated for the reasons mentioned above, you could contact the receiving Office to discuss the matter.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/seminar-calendar.pdf>)
(situation on 7 August 2024)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
24-25 September 2024 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: to be announced	P-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Mr. Farhadi) Tel: (46-76) 097 18 40 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
26 September 2024 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 20 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (26-27 September) WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd. (Ms. Toms) E-mail: sophie.toms@management-forum.co.uk
30 September 2024 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Dieter) E-mail: alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch
2-3 October 2024 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: to be announced	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at its Geneva Headquarters Online registration details and further information will follow shortly. E-mail: pct.training@wipo.int
27-29 November 2024 Augsburg (DE)/Hybrid	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 14th PAFA-Tagung conference (hybrid) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com/14-pafa-tagung/

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
3 September 2024 10:00 – 12:00 CEST	Russian (with simultaneous interpretation from English to Russian)	The Patent Cooperation System (PCT) and WIPO Services: Online Regional PCT Webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC) WIPO speakers: Ms. Ammann and Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/7117199036494/WN_JB5IYUZOQO6JQth8IERzvg
24 September 2024 10:00 – 12:50 CEST	Russian	PCT System: Filing documents/requests after filing the PCT application via ePCT. Live demonstration: Online Regional PCT Webinar for CACEEC WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova and Ms. Ivashchenko	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/2617199041270/WN_G4QmPXKeQ1e7t_5ZSBvHg

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PATENTSCOPE Webinars

(https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
20 August 2024 17:30 – 19:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fHBO DJAyTLejBool_gvDnA
22 August 2024 8:30 – 10:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EH_1zkcXRgG2D2jcz_6fAQ
24 September 2024 17:30 – 18:15 CEST	English	Non-Patent Literature in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wWiaZzSbT86uG_mk0agNpw
26 September 2024 8:30 – 9:15 CEST	English	Non-Patent Literature in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vlO2U2xFRVaEL7QwZbZaOw

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 August 2024, 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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SYP	Syrian pounds
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	THB	Baht
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISR	international search report	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
RO	receiving Office	CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgyz 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		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU	
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EP SE	
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,274	26	–	342	513	AU KR	
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,381	16	–	–	–	EP	
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU	
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,457	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 ⁸ online: on paper: ⁹	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP SE US	
BW	USD	32	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	EP	
BY	BYN	98	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	CA EP	
CA	CA	416	CAD	1,979	22	–	298	446	CA	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰	1,457	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD ¹⁰ 219	eq USD ¹⁰ 329	BR CL EP ES KR US	
CN	CNY	none	CNY	10,620	120	–	1,600	2,400	CN EP ¹¹	
CO	COP online: on paper:	419,640 503,470	COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU	
CR	USD online: on paper:	237 289	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES	

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	EUR – ¹²	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	AT BR EP KR
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
DJ	USD none or eq DJF	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 10,300	120	–	1,550	2,320	EP SE XN
DO	USD 360	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD 10,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 2,000	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU
		or EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	
EC	USD 300	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 150	EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	EP
ES	EUR 75.75	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,197	13	–	180	270	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	GED eq USD ¹³ 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹⁴ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD 200	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	EUR 26.54	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 536,300	6,000	–	80,600	121,000	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁵ 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	Refer to footnote 16
	or EUR ¹⁵ 104	or EUR 1,381	16	104	208	311	
	or USD ¹⁵ 110	or USD 1,457	16	110	219	329	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
IL	ILS 618	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁷ INR 17,600 ¹⁸	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
	No fee for e-filings						
IQ	IQD 77,075 or USD 55	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
IS	ISK 20,300	ISK 213,100	2,400	–	32,100	48,100	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
JM	JMD 8,500	JMD eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT AU CA EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000 ¹⁹	JPY 217,700 (from 1.9.24: 237,500)	2,500 (2,700)	– (–)	– (–)	49,100 (53,600)	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ²⁰	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU

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

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				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²¹ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹²	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
LY	LYD – ¹²	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,381	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87 ²²	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
	(natural persons)						
	USD 375.50 ²²						
	(legal persons)						
MY	MYR 550 ²³	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,630	180	–	2,350	3,520	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,436	27	–	366	550	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ¹²	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR online: 11.80 on paper: 23.59	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	EG EP US
RO	RON 497	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP RU
RS	RSD 8,210 ²⁴	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SG US
SC	USD – ¹²	USD 1,457	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 15,990	180	–	2,410	3,610	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,995	23	–	300	450	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 66 ²⁵	EUR 1,381	16	–	208	311	EP XV
SV	none ²⁶	USD 1,457	16	–	219	329	CL EP ES

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

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						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
SY	SYP	5,000	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹²	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EA EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹²	USD	1,457	16	–	–	–	EA EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		none	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,457	16	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX	refer to Office	UGX eq USD	1,457	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 219	eq USD 329	AT EP SG
US	USD	260 ²⁸	USD	1,457	16	110	219	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
		small entity ²⁹ : 104 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 52 ²⁸							
UZ	UZS	245,000 ³⁰	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT	200	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	EP PH
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	27,820	310	–	4,180	6,280	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,457	16	–	219	329	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,457	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ³¹	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,758	KRW	2,713,000	SGD	2,671	USD	1,974	ZAR	36,230
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,287	EUR	1,336	KRW	1,913,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	1,930
	USD	1,407	ZAR	26,920								
BR ⁸	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF*	306	EUR*	318	USD	335		
	*(from 1.9.24:				CHF	272	EUR	293)				
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF*	459	EUR*	476	USD	502		
	*(from 1.9.24:				CHF	407	EUR	439)				
CA	CAD	2,220	CHF	1,492	EUR	1,549	USD	1,631				
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,826	EUR	1,899						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF	365	EUR	380		
	In case of filing by a university ³² :				USD	300	CHF	285	EUR	285		
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	263	EUR	273	USD	288				
EA	For searches carried out in Russian:											
	RUB	9,000	CHF	88	EUR	91	USD	99				
	For searches carried out in English:											
	RUB	40,000	CHF	391	EUR	406	USD	441				
EG ³³	EGP	4,000	CHF	76	EUR	78	USD	84				
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	GBP	1,570	HUF	715,100	ISK	274,600
	JPY	297,100	NOK	20,880	NZD	3,253	SEK	20,750	SGD	2,675	USD	1,989
	ZAR	37,470										
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989						
FI	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	USD	1,989						
IL	ILS	3,962	CHF	964	EUR	974	USD	1,066				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	109	EUR	114	JPY	18,000	USD	120		
	In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	27	EUR	29	JPY	4,500	USD	30		

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	143,000	CHF*	874	EUR	841	KRW	1,304,000	USD	955		
	*(from 1.9.24: CHF 801)											
	For IAs in English:											
	JPY	169,000	CHF*	1,033	EUR	994	SGD	1,454	USD	1,129		
	*(from 1.9.24: CHF 946)											
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD	515	CHF	302	EUR	313	NZD	552		
	SGD	452	USD	330								
	For IAs in English:											
	KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,375	CHF	804	EUR	835	NZD	1,473		
	SGD	1,206	USD	879								
PH	USD 600 CHF 548 EUR 570											
	Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 200 CHF 183 EUR 190											
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 8,500 CHF 83 EUR 86 USD 94											
	For IAs in English: RUB 40,000 CHF 391 EUR 406 USD 441											
SE	SEK	20,750	CHF	1,751	DKK	13,750	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880
	USD	1,989										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,493	EUR	1,550	JPY	260,200	KRW	2,218,000	USD	1,633
TR	TRY	61,090	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	USD	1,989				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: EUR 100 CHF 96 USD 105											
	For IAs in English, French or German: EUR 300 CHF 289 USD 316											
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,990	EUR	2,070	NZD	3,652	ZAR	41,680		
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD 872 CHF 742 EUR 828 NZD 1,461 ZAR 16,670											
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 436 CHF 398 EUR 414 NZD 730 ZAR 8,340											
XN	DKK	13,750	CHF	1,751	EUR	1,845	ISK	274,600	NOK	20,880	SEK	20,750
	USD	1,989										
XV	EUR	1,845	CHF	1,751	HUF	715,100	USD	1,989				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 819	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,146	
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,638	
EP	CHF 1,751 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,751	CHF 200
RU	CHF 115	CHF 200
	CHF 184 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,751	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,493	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,751	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 47	
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 67	
	– 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	

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Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees *[continued]*
 (amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee^{2, 38}
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,751	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 517	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,710	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 530	

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Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 August 2024, unless otherwise indicated)

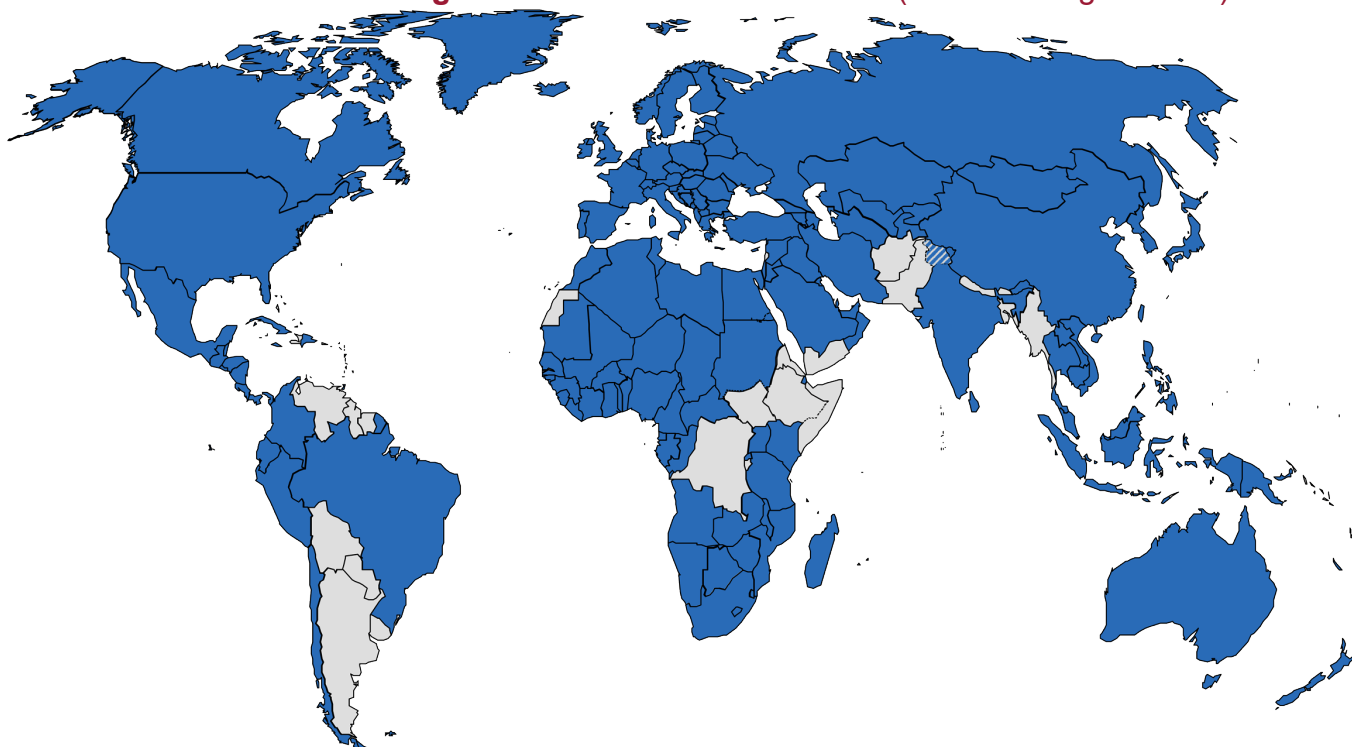
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴⁰	Handling fee ^{2, 40} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 208
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴¹	AUD 342
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ^{9, 9}	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 1,110	CAD 298
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 219
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY 1,600
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 219
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 219
EP	EUR 1,915 ³⁴	EUR 208
ES	EUR 595.37 ³⁴	EUR 208
FI	EUR 650	EUR 208
IL	ILS 1,698	ILS 838
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: INR 3,000	USD 219
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 34,000 For IAs in English: JPY 69,000	JPY 32,700 (from 1.9.24: 35,700)
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 299,000
PH	USD 300 Small entity or government ³⁷ : USD 150	USD 219
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³	USD 219
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 2,410
SG	SGD 830	SGD 300
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 208
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁴ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 256 320 ⁴⁴ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 128 160 ⁴⁴	USD 219
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,550
XV	EUR 900	EUR 208

[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: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4(a)(ii-bis)).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table (b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 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_53_153571.html. The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-cnipa-joint-communique-chinese-applicants-may-continue-designate-epo-isa-0> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art_53_187971.html
- 12 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit and by 90% where the applicant is a student, a pupil or pensioner.
- 14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 15 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>
- 16 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).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
- 18 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
- 19 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: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 20 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/mailling 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.
- 21 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.
- 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: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <https://my.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: <https://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/en/guide/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 Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (157 on 1 August 2024)



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	EC Estonia (EP)	KM Comoros (OA) ²	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EG Egypt	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NE Niger (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TH Thailand
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BH Bahrain	FR France (EP) ²	KW Kuwait	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia ⁴
BN Brunei Darussalam	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NZ New Zealand	TR Türkiye (EP)
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GE Georgia ⁴	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GH Ghana (AP)	LK Sri Lanka	PE Peru	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GM Gambia (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GT Guatemala	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	WS Samoa
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia	ME Montenegro (EP) ^{2,5}	SA Saudi Arabia	
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles (AP)	
CU Cuba	IL Israel	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SD Sudan (AP)	
CV Cabo Verde (AP)	IN India		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IQ Iraq		SG Singapore	

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.