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CHAPTER 1

THIS GUIDE AND ITS ANNEXES

INTRODUCTION

1.001. This part of the PCT Applicant's Guide (the *Guide*) consists of general information on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) intended for those interested in filing international patent applications, in particular, information on the “international phase” of the PCT procedure. This is supplemented by a number of Annexes Containing more detailed information; whenever the word “Annex” followed by a capital letter is used in the *Guide*, it is a reference to an Annex. A second part follows and contains general information on the “national phase” of the PCT procedure, namely the procedure before the designated (or elected) Offices. A designated (or elected) Office is the national or regional Patent Office of or acting for a State party to the PCT (a “Contracting State”) that is designated (or elected) in an international application. This National Phase also indicates the requirements to be complied with before each of these Offices in their respective National Chapters. Since 2006, the *Guide* is only available via the Internet at <https://www.wipo.int/pct/>. An e-mail update service is also available which provides users of the *Guide* with a weekly notice informing them which *Guide* information has been updated that week.

1.002. In the text of the *Guide*, “Article” refers to Articles of the PCT, “Rule” refers to the PCT Regulations and “Section” refers to the PCT Administrative Instructions. References to a “paragraph” relate to the texts of either the International or the National Phases of the *Guide*.

1.003. Although the information contained in this *Guide* is fairly comprehensive, it should be borne in mind that it condenses and interprets Rules that are contained in longer, official texts, particularly the PCT itself and the Regulations under the PCT, and it is those texts which apply in the case of any inconsistency with this *Guide*. Consultation of those texts is indispensable for complete information.

1.004. Since the text of the PCT and PCT Regulations is sometimes fairly complex, and since the drafting and prosecution of patent applications is itself a complex matter, prospective applicants, unless they are specialists in patent law themselves, are strongly advised to obtain professional advice from patent attorneys or patent agents, and to use the services of such attorneys or agents.

1.005. Up-to-date versions of the PCT and Regulations may be browsed or downloaded from the PCT Resources page at <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html>. These texts are also available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

Printed brochures of the PCT and Regulations, in many of the above languages, may be ordered as WIPO publication number 274 from the International Bureau at the address given in Annex B (IB), or by e-mail from publications.mail@wipo.int or from the electronic bookshop at <https://www.wipo.int/ebookshop>. Publication orders should also indicate the language of the required publication. PCT users may consult published international applications on PATENTSCOPE at: <https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf>. It is also recommended that they consult the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which contain notices and information of a general character. Accession of new Contracting States, changes in fees and other information are promptly published therein. A complete collection of *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* from 1998 to the present is available in electronic form on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html.

1.006. Up-to-date news about the PCT is available from the *PCT Newsletter*, a monthly publication. In addition to matters such as adherence of further States to the PCT and changes in requirements of Offices and Authorities, the *PCT Newsletter* also includes the current list of PCT Contracting States, reports of international meetings concerning the PCT, amendments to the PCT Regulations, changes to PCT forms, statistics relating to the filing of international applications, practical advice for PCT users, information about forthcoming PCT seminars and tables of PCT fees. The *PCT Newsletter* is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/>. This web page also contains a fully searchable collection of all practical advice published since 1994, plus back issues of the *PCT Newsletter* which are also fully searchable as from the January 1994 issue onwards. In addition to English, excerpts from the *PCT Newsletter* are also available in Chinese (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/newslett/index.html>), Japanese (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/newslett/index.html>) and Korean (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/ko/newslett/>).

1.007. Those wishing to know the background to the PCT are advised to consult the “Records of the Washington Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Cooperation Treaty, 1970” which is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/washington.html>.

1.008. Further useful material is contained in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (available at <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html>), the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, and the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (both available at <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html>).

However, the Administrative Instructions and those Guidelines are mainly addressed to the authorities carrying out the various tasks entrusted to them by the PCT. To the extent that they are of interest to applicants, their contents are duly reflected in the notes to some PCT forms and in the text of this *Guide*.

CHAPTER 2

WHAT IS THE PCT?

2.001. The Patent Cooperation Treaty or PCT is a multilateral treaty that was concluded in Washington in 1970 and entered into force in 1978. It is administered by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), whose headquarters are in Geneva (Switzerland).

2.002. The PCT facilitates the obtaining of protection for inventions where such protection is sought in any or all of the PCT Contracting States (see Annex A). It provides for the filing of one patent application ("the international application"), with effect in several States, instead of filing several separate national and/or regional patent applications. In addition to designations of PCT Contracting States for the purposes of obtaining national patents and similar titles, an international application includes designations for regional patents in respect of States party to any of the following regional patent treaties: the Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (hereinafter referred to as "the ARIPO Harare Protocol"), the Eurasian Patent Convention, the European Patent Convention, and the Agreement establishing the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (hereinafter referred to as "the OAPI Agreement"). The PCT does not eliminate the necessity of prosecuting the international application in the national phase of processing before the national or regional Offices, but it does facilitate such prosecution in several important respects by virtue of the procedures carried out on all international applications during the international phase of processing. The formalities check, the international search and the optional supplementary international search(es) and the likewise optional international preliminary examination carried out during the international phase, as well as the automatic deferral of national processing which is entailed, give the applicant more time and a better basis for deciding whether and in which countries to further pursue the application.

CHAPTER 3

THE “INTERNATIONAL PHASE” AND THE “NATIONAL PHASE” OF THE PCT PROCEDURE

3.001. The PCT procedure consists of two main phases. It begins with the filing of an international application and ends (in the case of a favorable outcome for the applicant) with the grant of a number of national and/or regional patents: hence the terms “international phase” and “national phase.” (The expression “national phase” is used even if the Office before which it takes place is a regional Office.) The expressions “international phase” and “national phase” are not actually used in the PCT, but they are convenient, short expressions which have become customary and are therefore used in this *Guide*.

3.002. The international phase, which is the subject of this part of the *Guide*, consists of five stages. The first three occur automatically for all international applications and the last two are optional. The first three steps consist of the filing of the international application by the applicant and its processing by the “receiving Office” (see Annex C), the establishment of the international search report and written opinion by one of the “International Searching Authorities” (see Annex D), and the publication of the international application together with the international search report by the International Bureau of WIPO (hereinafter referred to as “the International Bureau”). The fourth step includes the establishment of a supplementary international search which may be carried out by one or more of the International Searching Authorities (other than the one that carried out the main international search) resulting in the establishment of a supplementary international search report (see Annex SISA). Hereinafter, reference to the “(main) international search” alone does not include reference to the “supplementary international search”, and reference to “international search report” alone does not include reference to “supplementary international search report”, except where otherwise indicated. The third step includes communication of the published international application and the international search report and, where applicable, the supplementary international search report(s), as well as the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the PCT), by the International Bureau to the national (or regional) Offices which the applicant wishes to grant him a patent on the basis of his international application (the so-called “designated Offices”). The communication occurs upon request by the designated Office to the International Bureau.

3.003. The optional fifth step involves what is known as international preliminary examination (under Chapter II of the PCT), and is concluded with the establishment of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) by one of the “International Preliminary Examining Authorities” (see Annex E). The international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) analyzes aspects of the general patentability of the invention. Together with the published international application, the international search report and any supplementary international search report, the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) is communicated to the national (or regional) Offices which the applicant wishes to grant him a patent on the basis of his international application (the so-called “elected Offices”). The communication occurs upon request by the elected Office to the International Bureau. International preliminary examination is available subject to certain conditions and qualifications being met; those are discussed in detail in paragraph 10.004.

3.004. On completion of the international phase, further action is required before and in each of the national (or regional) Offices which the applicant wishes to grant him a patent on the basis of his international application. In particular, the applicant has to pay to those Offices the required national (or regional) fees, furnish them with any translations that are required and appoint a representative (patent agent) where required. There are time limits by which those steps must be taken if the application is to proceed in the national phase (see paragraphs 4.014 to 4.016, 5.005 and 5.006 below). If the steps are not taken within the applicable time limit, the effect of the international application may cease in any State where the time limit has not been met. The national (or regional) Offices then examine the application and grant or refuse the national (or regional) patent on the basis of their national laws. (In the PCT and in this *Guide*, any reference to “national law” is also a reference to a regional treaty such as the ARIPO Harare Protocol, the Eurasian Patent Convention, the European Patent Convention and the OAPI Agreement – see paragraph 2.002.) These procedures before the national (or regional) Offices constitute what is usually referred to as the “national phase” of the PCT procedure and are considered in that part of this *Guide*.

3.005. It is up to the applicant to decide whether and when to enter the national phase before each national (or regional) Office. The international phase continues, for any particular State, until entry into the national phase before the national (or regional) Office concerned or until the expiration of the applicable time limit for entering the national phase before that Office. Since the national phase may be

entered before different Offices at different times, the international application may simultaneously be in the international phase for some States and the national phase for others. Where national phase processing or examination has begun before a particular Office, any actions taken on the international application remaining in the international phase have no effect on the proceedings before that Office.

CHAPTER 4

USEFULNESS OF THE PCT FOR APPLICANTS

4.001. Use of the PCT saves effort – time, work – for any person or firm (“the applicant”) seeking protection for an invention in a number of countries.

4.002. Use of the PCT also helps the applicant to make decisions about the prosecution of the application before the various national Patent Offices in the national phase of processing.

4.003. The saving arises primarily from the fact that, under the PCT, the applicant files *one* application – the international application – in *one* place, in *one* language and pays *one* initial set of fees, and that this international application has the effect of a national or regional application, which, without the PCT, he would have to file separately for each country or region.

4.004. The help to the applicant in the national phase prosecution of the application follows from the “advice” he obtains from the international search report, a report which is established for each international application, according to high, internationally regulated standards, by one of the Patent Offices that are highly experienced in examining patent applications and that have been specially appointed to carry out international searches. Those Offices are listed in Annex D (“International Searching Authorities”). Detailed advice may also be obtained from the written opinion established by the International Searching Authority which gives a preliminary non-binding opinion on whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve inventive step and to be industrially applicable.

4.005. If the applicant so requests (see Form PCT/IB/375), a supplementary international search may be carried out, by one or more of the participating International Searching Authorities (see Annex SISA) other than the one which carried out the main international search. The supplementary international search report(s) (see Form PCT/SISA/501), thus obtained will provide the applicant with a more comprehensive overview of the relevant prior art and enable him to better assess his chances of obtaining patent protection for his invention (see Chapter 8).

4.006. If the applicant files a demand under Chapter II, international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, and concludes with the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT). Offices qualified to prepare such reports are specifically appointed to carry out international preliminary examinations and are listed in Annex E (“International Preliminary Examining Authorities”). Note that those Offices listed in Annex E are the same as those Offices listed in Annex D (“International Searching Authorities”) since, in order to be appointed International Searching Authority, an Office must also hold an appointment as International Preliminary Examining Authority, and *vice versa*. The additional benefit for applicants of filing a demand for international preliminary examination is that it provides the applicant with an opportunity to enter into a dialogue with the examiner at the International Preliminary Examining Authority and to possibly amend the international application in order to influence the content of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT).

4.007. The advantages offered by the PCT are given in more detail below.

4.008. By the single act of filing an international application under the PCT, it is possible to secure the very effect that, without the PCT, would require as many filings of separate applications as there are countries or regions in which the applicant seeks protection.

4.009. The filing of an international application takes place in one of the languages accepted by the Office with which the application is filed; for many applicants that will be the language, or one of the languages, used by the national or regional Patent Office of, or acting for, their country.

4.010. The international application is filed in a single place; it is generally filed at the national Patent Office of the applicant's country or at a regional Patent Office acting for the applicant's country, or it may be filed direct with the International Bureau in its capacity as a receiving Office under the PCT.

4.011. There is a prescribed form for the international application. This form must be accepted by all designated Offices for the purposes of the national phase, so that there is no need to comply with a great variety of widely differing formal requirements in the many countries in which protection may be sought.

4.012. The international fees payable in respect of the filing of an international application may be paid at one time, at one Office and in one currency. The costs and possible complications connected

with the payment, on filing, of many fees in many countries, and generally in different currencies, are thus avoided.

4.013. Before the applicant goes to the effort and expense of having translations prepared, paying the national or regional fees and appointing agents in the various countries, his views are able to mature to a greater extent than would be possible without the PCT, not only because he has more time, but also because the international search report, the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, the supplementary international search report(s), and the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) constitute a solid basis on which he can judge his chances of obtaining protection. Furthermore, any patents subsequently granted by the designated or elected Offices can be relied on by the applicant to a greater extent than would have been the case without the benefit of the international search report, the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, the supplementary international search report(s), and the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT). Moreover, because of the longer time the applicant has for making decisions, he is better placed to assess the technical value and economic interest of patent protection and to select the particular countries in which he desires to continue seeking protection for his invention. As a result, substantial savings can be made in both translation and filing costs for those countries which are no longer of interest to the applicant.

4.014. If an international application is filed in a language which is not both a language accepted by the International Searching Authority which is to carry out the international search and a language of publication, it needs to be translated into an appropriate language shortly after filing, but all the translations required by the Offices of or acting for the countries in which the applicant ultimately wishes to obtain protection need to be prepared only much later. Instead of having to be filed within the 12 month priority period, they are generally not required until the expiration of the time limit referred to in paragraph 4.016.

4.015. Fees payable to national or regional Patent Offices similarly become due later than they do without the PCT, and only in the case where the applicant decides to go ahead with the processing of his international application at the national or regional Patent Office. Generally, such national or regional fees must be paid within the same time limit as referred to in paragraph 4.016.

4.016. Since 1 April 2002, the applicable time limit for entering the national phase is 30 months from the priority date (or even later in some cases) for all Offices except those in respect of which the former 20 month time limit remains applicable unless the applicant files a demand for international preliminary examination before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, in which case the 30 month time limit (or even later in some cases) will also apply. For regular updates on these applicable time limits, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*, the *PCT Newsletter*, and the relevant National Chapters; a cumulative table is also available from WIPO's website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/time_limits.html.

4.017. An international search report (and any supplementary international search report) which is favorable from the applicant's viewpoint strengthens his position vis-à-vis the various national or regional Patent Offices, and his arguments for the grant of a patent by those Offices are likely to be more convincing.

4.018. This is even more true in the case of a favorable international preliminary report on patentability under either Chapter I or II, which contains far more material on which to base an opinion on the chances of obtaining patents than does an international search report.

4.019. If the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are partly favorable and partly unfavorable, the applicant can modify his claims so as to maintain only those which are likely to result in the grant of a patent. If the international search report and the written opinion are unfavorable, and the applicant consequently decides not to proceed any further, he saves the cost of having the application processed in the various countries. The same applies to supplementary international search report(s).

4.020. The preceding paragraph also applies in the case of international preliminary reports on patentability under Chapter II of the PCT.

4.021. Important other advantages resulting from use of the PCT route are referred to in this text. They consist, among other things, in savings in the procedure before the designated Offices (for instance, there is no need to provide each Office with original drawings, or certified copies of the priority application, there is a reduction in national fees in several countries and the European Patent Office, etc.).

REGIONAL PATENTS VIA THE PCT

4.022. Important additional advantages for applicants wishing to protect their inventions in countries party both to any of the various regional patent treaties (see paragraph 2.002) and to the PCT result from combined use of the PCT system and those regional systems. Not only is the PCT fully compatible with the regional patent systems, but there are possibilities for advantageous combined use of both kinds of system by the applicant, irrespective of the country in which he files. The following paragraphs deal with the combined use of the PCT with the regional patent systems under which patents may be obtained via the PCT, namely, the ARIPO Harare Protocol, the Eurasian Patent Convention, the European Patent Convention and the OAPI Agreement, via the so-called “ARIPO-PCT route,” “Eurasian-PCT route,” “Euro-PCT route” and “OAPI-PCT route.” In the case of the European Patent Convention, it is also possible to obtain patents through combined use of that Convention and the PCT in the States to which a European patent may be extended or where it may be validated – see paragraph 4.026.

4.023. Applicants filing a PCT application and wishing to obtain protection in countries party to any of those regional patent treaties obtain, from their PCT application filed, for example, with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) or with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the effect of a simultaneous filing with each regional Office concerned for the purposes of obtaining a regional patent. In such a case, before taking any action outside his country, the applicant can safely wait until the results of the PCT search procedure (and, optionally, of the international preliminary examination) are known and also make full use of the extended period (see paragraph 5.005) by the end of which a translation of the PCT application, if it was not filed in one of the official languages of the regional Office (see the various National Chapters), must be submitted and, where required, an agent appointed for the procedure before that Office.

4.024. An applicant may file a PCT application with his own national Office as receiving Office, even at the very end of the priority year, and still obtain an immediate automatic filing effect with each of the regional Offices concerned. A further advantage is that, at the time of filing the PCT application, the applicant pays only one initial set of fees. The four regional designations which are presently possible cover more than 50 PCT Contracting States. If, on the other hand, the applicant chooses to file separate regional patent applications on the basis of his first application with his national Office, he will, by the end of the priority year, have to comply with all the requirements of each of the regional treaties as to formalities, fees and appointment of agents.

4.025. Similar advantages are offered by use of the ARIPO-PCT, Eurasian-PCT, Euro-PCT and OAPI-PCT routes in the reverse direction. In other words, a national of a State party to one of the regional patent treaties or of one of the States to which a European patent may be extended (see paragraph 4.026) may, instead of filing separate patent applications with his regional Office and, for instance, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, choose to file, on the basis of a national application or as a first application, an international application under the PCT containing the designation of all PCT Contracting States for the purposes of obtaining, where applicable, both regional and national patents.

4.026. A further advantage of the Euro-PCT route is the possibility of making use, where available, of the procedure for extension or validation of European patents. Agreements on extending or validating the protection conferred by European patents have been concluded between the European Patent Organisation and some States which are not party to the European Patent Convention. Provided that the international application contains a designation for a national patent of the State concerned and also a designation for a European patent the applicant may avail himself of the Euro-PCT route with a view to extending to or validating in that State a European patent subsequently granted on the basis of the international application (see paragraph 5.054 and Annex B (EP), as well as National Chapter Summary (EP)).

CHAPTER 5

FILING AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

GENERAL

- Article 2(vii)
3(1) 5.001. **What is an international application?** An application is “international” when it is filed under and with reference to the PCT. It is the first step towards obtaining a patent in or for a State party to the PCT: “in” such a State when a national patent is desired; “for” such a State when a regional patent (ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) is desired.
- Article 2(i)
and (ii)
3(1) 5.002. **What may be the subject of an international application?** An international application must be an application for the protection of an invention. The PCT encompasses the filing of applications for patents for inventions, inventors’ certificates, utility certificates, utility models, and various kinds of patents and certificates of addition (see Article 2(i)). An international application thus cannot validly be filed for certain other forms of industrial property rights which fall outside the scope of “inventions,” such as, for example, purely ornamental designs.
- Article 4(1)(ii)
11(3)
64(4)
Rule 4.9 5.003. **What are the main effects of an international application?** Any international application has two main effects. One of those effects, generally speaking, is the same as that of a national (or regional) application. It occurs on the date accorded as the international filing date (see paragraph 6.005). It is produced in or for the “designated States,” that is, the States in which or for which the applicant wishes to obtain a patent by filing an international application. For the prior art effect of international applications in the United States of America, see National Chapter (US).
- Article 31(1)
31(4)(a) 5.004. Designated States in respect of which international preliminary examination has been demanded by the applicant are called “elected States” in the terminology of the PCT.
- Article 22(1)
23(1) 5.005. Subject to what is said in the following paragraph, the other main effect of an international application is that, normally, no designated Office may process or examine the international application prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (for the definition of “priority date”, see paragraph 5.058) and that any fees due to a designated Office and any translation of the international application to be furnished to a designated Office will have to be paid and furnished, respectively, only by the expiration of that 30-month period. In respect of certain designated Offices (currently two), the applicable time limit is the former 20-month time limit (for Luxembourg) or 21-month time limit (for the United Republic of Tanzania), not the 30-month time limit because, due to the incompatibility, for the time being, of the modified PCT provision (PCT Article 22(1)) with the relevant national law, those Offices made a declaration of incompatibility which will remain in effect until it is withdrawn by the respective Offices. Furthermore, certain other designated Offices have fixed time limits expiring even later than 30 months (for more detailed information, see paragraph 4.016 and the National Chapters (Summaries)). This effect of the international application is normally referred to as the effect of “delaying” the patent examination and granting procedure before the national (or regional) Offices.
- Article 39(1)
40(1) 5.006. If international preliminary examination has been demanded before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delaying effect in respect of any State whose designated Office has notified the International Bureau that the 30 month time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from April 1, 2002, is incompatible with the national law applied by that Office, is 10 months longer, so that any fees due to an elected Office and any translation of the international application will have to be paid and furnished, respectively, only by the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. (For more detailed information see the National Phase and National Chapters. Later time limits apply in some Offices.)
- Article 8
11(4) 5.007. An international application which has been accorded an international filing date is the equivalent of a “regular national filing” within the meaning of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and, consequently, may be invoked

as the basis of a priority claim in a national, regional or other international application filed subsequently within the time limit and subject to the conditions provided for in that Convention.

Article 10
Rule 19.1(a)
19.2

5.008. Where should an international application be filed? Annexes B indicate, for each Contracting State, the authorities with which its nationals and residents may, as applicants, file international applications. In the terminology of the PCT, these authorities are called “receiving Offices” (because they receive international applications). They are listed with their full names and addresses, their telephone, facsimile and/or teleprinter numbers and, where available, their e-mail and/or Internet addresses, in Annexes B, and the requirements of each receiving Office are listed in Annex C. Where there are several applicants who are not all nationals and/or residents of the same Contracting State, any receiving Office of or acting for a Contracting State of which at least one of the applicants is a resident or national is competent to receive an international application filed by those applicants. Alternatively, at the applicant's option, the international application may be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, regardless of the Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national. If there are two or more applicants, the international application may be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office if at least one of the applicants is a resident or national of a Contracting State. Residents or nationals of States which are party to the PCT and also to the ARIPO Harare Protocol, to the Eurasian Patent Convention, to the European Patent Convention, or to the OAPI Agreement generally also have the option of filing an international application with the ARIPO Office, the Eurasian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, or the OAPI Office, respectively. Compliance with any national security prescriptions applicable under national law is the applicant's responsibility. As to measures which may be applied by receiving Offices in connection with such prescriptions, see paragraph 6.010.

Article 31(2)(a)
Rule 18.1
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5.009. Applicants may have a choice between several receiving Offices, for example, where there are two or more applicants whose States of nationality and residence include more than one Contracting State, or where a sole applicant has nationality and/or residence in more than one Contracting State.

Article 3(2)
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5.010. What are the elements of an international application? Any international application must contain the following elements: request, description, claim or claims, one or more drawings (where drawings are necessary for the understanding of the invention), and abstract. Detailed information on each is given below.

Section 207(a)

5.011. What is the order of the elements of the international application? The elements of the international application must be arranged in the following order: request, description, claim(s), abstract, drawing(s) (if any). For applications containing sequence listings, see below.

Rule 11.7(a)
Section 207(b)

5.012. How must the sheets of an international application be numbered? All the sheets constituting the international application must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals with three or, where the international application contains a sequence listing in page-based format (on paper or as image file(s)), four separate series of numbers: the first applying to the request, the second applying to the part consisting of the description, the claim(s) and the abstract (see paragraph 5.106), the third applying to the drawings (see paragraph 5.140), and the last applying to the sequence listing part, if any, of the description (see paragraph 5.099).

Article 3(4)(i)
Rule 12.1(a)
12.1(c)
48.3(b)

5.013. What language must be used for an international application? The language in which an international application must be filed depends on the receiving Office. Some receiving Offices allow the applicant to choose between two or more languages. The language or languages which may be used for filing an international application with a given receiving Office are indicated in Annex C. If the international application is filed in a language other than Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish (that is, the languages in which international applications may be published – see paragraphs 9.017 to 9.020), or if the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority which is to carry out the international search (see paragraph 7.002 and Annex D), a translation of the international application will need to be furnished for

the purposes of international search and/or international publication. A translation may also be required for the purposes of the supplementary international search if neither the language in which the international application is filed or published nor that in which the translation is furnished for the purposes of the main international search is accepted by the Authority which is to carry out the supplementary international search (see Annex SISA). Furthermore, a translation may also be required for the purposes of the international preliminary examination if the language in which the international application is filed or published is not accepted by the International Preliminary Examining Authority which is to carry out the international preliminary examination (see Annex E). The requirements in relation to languages and the furnishing of translations are explained in greater detail in paragraphs 6.013 to 6.020, 8.012, 9.017 to 9.019 and 10.011. Those requirements operate, in most cases, in such a way that only one translation would need to be furnished for the purposes of the international phase of processing. All elements of the international application must normally be in the same language. However, the request must be in a language of publication which the receiving Office accepts for that purpose (see Annex C), and the text matter of the drawings (if any) and the abstract may be in the language in which the international application is to be published (see paragraphs 6.018 and 6.019).

Rule 19.4(a)(ii) 5.014. For the case where an international application is not filed in a language accepted by the receiving Office with which it is filed, see paragraph 6.034.

THE REQUEST

Rule 3.1 5.015. **What is the form of the request?** Where the international application is
3.2 filed on paper, the request must be made on a printed form (Form PCT/RO/101)
3.4 to be filled in with the required indications or be presented as a computer print-out
4 complying with the Administrative Instructions. A filled-in sample and a blank copy of
89ter the Form PCT/RO/101 are available from the Internet website address indicated below.
Section 102 Any prospective applicant may also obtain copies of the printed request
Form PCT/RO/101, free of charge, from the receiving Office with which he plans to file
his international application or from the International Bureau. To facilitate preparation
of the request, the International Bureau has prepared downloadable PDF (portable
document format) versions on its website. These may be downloaded from
<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/> and completed using a computer or printed out and
filled in using a typewriter. The request, and instructions on how to complete the editable
version, is also available from that site.

Article 4(1) 5.016. The request contains a petition for the international application to be
43 processed according to the PCT and must also contain certain indications. It must
44 contain the title of the invention. It must identify the applicant, (normally) the inventor,
45 and the agent (if any). The filing of a request constitutes the designation of all
Rule 3 Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of
4.1 every kind of protection available and for the grant of both regional and national patents.
4.9(a) The request should also contain, where applicable, a priority claim, an indication of the
4.10 applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority and a reference to any
4.11 relevant earlier international, international-type or other search. The request must be
4.14bis signed. Details for the filling in of the request form are given below in respect of each
4.15 Box of that form. As to the language of the request, see paragraph 5.013.

Section 109 5.017. It is recommended that the applicant indicate his file reference, if any, not
exceeding 25 characters in length, in the box provided for this purpose on the first sheet
of the request form. The file reference may be composed either of letters of the Latin
alphabet or Arabic numerals, or both. The hyphen character ("-") may be used as a
separator between alphanumeric characters. The receiving Office, International Bureau,
International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority will
use the file reference in correspondence with the applicant (see also paragraphs 5.105,
10.015 and 11.071 as to the indication of file references on other elements of, or papers
relating to, the international application).

Rule 11.9(d) 5.018. **Physical Requirements.** Any text matter in the request must be in
characters the capital letters of which are not less than 0.21 cm high.

Box No. I: Title of Invention

- Rule 4.3
5.1(a) 5.019. **What are the requirements with respect to the title of the invention?** The title of the invention must be short (preferably two to seven words, when in English or translated into English) and precise. The same title must be given by the applicant in Box No. I of the request and at the beginning of the description (see paragraph 5.094).

Boxes Nos. II and III: Applicants; Inventors

- Article 9(1)
9(3)
Rule 18.1
18.3 5.020. **Who may file an international application?** Any resident or national of a Contracting State may file an international application. Where there are two or more applicants, at least one of them must be a national or a resident of a Contracting State. The Contracting States are listed in Annex A. As to questions of residence and nationality, see paragraph 5.023.

5.021. *[Deleted]*

- Article 9(3)
Section 203(b) 5.022. In any international application, different applicants may be indicated for the various designated States. Note, however, that where more than one type of protection is available for a Contracting State (see paragraph 5.055 and Annex B), different applicants may not be indicated for different types of protection, furthermore for the national and regional designation of a State, the same applicant or applicants must be indicated.

- Rule 18.1 5.023. **How are questions of residence and nationality determined?** The question whether an applicant is a resident or national of a Contracting State depends on the national law of that State and is decided by the receiving Office. In any case, however, possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a Contracting State is considered residence in that State, and a legal entity constituted according to the national law of a Contracting State is considered a national of that State. Where a question of the applicant's residence or nationality arises in connection with an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the International Bureau will request the national Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State concerned to decide the question and will inform the applicant of such request. The applicant has the opportunity to submit arguments relating to the issue of residence or nationality directly to that national Office, which will decide the question promptly.

- Rule 4.5 5.024. **How must the applicant be identified?** The applicant must be identified by the indication of his name and address and by marking next to that indication, the check-box "This person is also inventor" in Box No. II, or "applicant and inventor" in Box No. III, where the applicant is also the inventor or one of the inventors, or the check-box "applicant only" where the applicant is not also the inventor or one of the inventors. Where the applicant is a corporation or other legal entity (that is, not a natural person), the check-box "applicant only" must be marked. Where the applicant is registered with the receiving Office, the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered may also be indicated in Boxes No. II or III. The applicant's nationality and residence must also be indicated (see paragraph 5.031). For the identification of the inventor, see paragraph 5.035. For later changes in the person, name and address of the applicant, see paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022.

- Rule 4.4(a)
4.19(a) 5.025. **How must names be indicated in the request?** The names of natural persons must be indicated by the family name followed by the given name(s). Academic degrees or titles or other indications which are not part of the person's name must be omitted. The family name should preferably be written in capital letters (see filled-in sample of the request form at the address indicated in paragraph 5.015).

- Rule 4.4(b) 5.026. The name of a legal entity must be indicated by its full official designation (preferably in capital letters).

- Rule 4.4(c) 5.027. **How must addresses be indicated in the request?** Addresses must be indicated in such a way as to satisfy the requirements for prompt postal delivery at the address indicated and must consist of all the relevant administrative units up to and including the house number (if any). The address must also include the country.

- Rule 4.4(c) 5.028. **When is the indication of a telephone number, a facsimile number or an e-mail address recommended?** It is recommended that the telephone number, facsimile number and e-mail address of the applicant, named first in the request, be given, if no agent or common representative is indicated in Box No. IV (see paragraphs 5.041 to 5.051). Any e-mail address supplied will be used only for the types of communication which might be made by telephone, unless the applicant has authorized either the sending of advance copies of notifications by e-mail followed by paper notifications or the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail to the indicated e-mail address (see below).
- 5.029. If the applicant has authorized either the sending of advance copies of notifications by e-mail or the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail, by marking the corresponding check-box in Box No. II of the request form, the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority (also in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search), the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority may, if they wish to do so, send such notifications in respect of the international application to the applicant, thus avoiding processing or postal delays. Details of which Authorities will send notifications by e-mail are included in Annex B. If an e-mail notification is followed by the official notification on paper, only the paper copy of the notification is considered to be the legal copy of the notification and only the date of mailing of the paper copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of Rule 80. Where the applicant requests the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail, the date of mailing indicated on the electronic copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of Rule 80. It is the applicant's responsibility to keep any e-mail address details up-to-date and to ensure that incoming e-mails are not blocked, for any reason, on the recipient's side. Changes to the e-mail address indicated in the request should be requested to be recorded, preferably directly at the International Bureau, under Rule 92*bis* (see paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022).
- Rule 4.4(d) 5.030. **May a special address be given for the sending of correspondence?** Only one address may be indicated for each applicant in Box No. II or III. However, where no agent, or common representative, is indicated in Box No. IV of the request, a special address for correspondence may be indicated in that Box. Where an applicant is indicated in Box No. IV as common representative, an address for correspondence may be indicated in that Box (see paragraphs 5.047 and 5.051) other than the address given for that applicant in Box No. II or III.
- Article 9(1)
Rule 18
19 5.031. **Why and how must the nationality and residence of the applicant be indicated in the request?** This information is needed to determine whether the applicant is entitled to file an international application and also to determine the competence of the receiving Office. It must be provided by an indication of the names of the country of which the applicant is a national and of the country of which he is a resident. Where the country of residence is not indicated specifically but a country is indicated in the address, it will be assumed that the country of residence is the country indicated in the address. For the procedure where an international application is filed with a "non-competent" receiving Office, see paragraph 6.035. For the manner of indicating names of countries, see paragraph 5.033.
- Rule 26.2*bis*(b) 5.032. **Must the indications in respect of applicants be provided for all applicants?** If there is more than one applicant, it is advisable that the indications outlined in paragraphs 5.024 to 5.031 are provided in respect of all applicants. However, if the indication of the address, nationality and residence has been provided in respect of at least one applicant who is entitled to file the international application with the receiving Office, the receiving Office will not invite the applicant to furnish the missing indications in respect of any other applicant.
- Section 115 5.033. **How must the names of States be indicated?** The name of any State may be indicated either by the full name of the State or by a short title or two-letter code or any combination thereof. This principle applies for the indication of the names of States in all Boxes of the request where such names must be indicated. Annex K contains a comprehensive list of the short names and two-letter codes accepted for use in indicating countries, territories and intergovernmental organizations (and their Offices) in documents relating to international applications under the PCT. The list is as set out

in WIPO Standard ST.3, which is published in the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* and available on the Internet site at <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>.

5.034. Which of several applicants should be named first? It is recommended that the applicant who will represent all the applicants and to whom notifications are to be sent be named first, since he will be considered to be the common representative of all the applicants if no common agent or common representative is appointed and if that applicant is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office (see paragraph 5.048). However, if a common agent representing all applicants or a common representative is indicated in Box No. IV of the request, notices will be sent to that common agent or common representative. (See also paragraphs 11.015 to 11.017.)

Article 4(1)(v)
4(4)
Rule 4.1(a)(iv)
4.6

5.035. When and how must the inventor be identified? Where the person identified in Box No. II as applicant is also the inventor, it is sufficient to mark the check-box "This person is also inventor." No repetition of the name and address of the inventor is required in Box No. III. Where the inventor is identified in Box No. III, the check-box "applicant and inventor" must be marked if the inventor is also applicant; the check-box "inventor only" must be marked if the inventor is not also applicant. Where the inventor is not the same for all designated States, see paragraph 5.038. Where the inventor is deceased, see paragraphs 11.023 to 11.026.

Article 4(4)
Rule 4.1(c)(i)

5.036. Where the inventor is not also an applicant, the check-box "inventor only" must be marked and his name and address must be indicated in one of the sub-boxes of Box No. III. The name and address of the inventor may be omitted from the request where the national law of none of the designated States requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing a national application. Annexes B indicate what the requirements are for each Contracting State or intergovernmental organization. However, unless special reasons prevent the indication of the name and address of the inventor, it is recommended that it always be included in the request since such information is generally required in the national phase.

Rule 4.4

5.037. As regards the indication of the name and address of the inventor, what is said in this respect for the applicant, in paragraphs 5.025 and 5.027, also applies. An indication of the country of which the inventor is a national or resident is not required unless the inventor is also applicant. For later changes in the person, name or address of the inventor, see paragraphs 11.018 and 11.020.

Rule 4.6(c)

5.038. What must be done if the inventors are not the same for all designated States? The PCT permits different inventors to be indicated for different designated States where, in this respect, the requirements of the national laws of the designated States are not the same. For the manner of indicating for which designated States the person named is the inventor, see item 1(iii) of the Supplemental Box of the request form (see filled-in sample of the request form at the address indicated in paragraph 5.015). Where, and this is the usual case, all the inventors are the same for all designated States, no special indication in the Supplemental Box is required.

5.039. How, in the case of several applicants, are the designated States for which they are applicants to be identified? Details concerning the designation of States in general are given in paragraphs 5.052 to 5.054 below. At the bottom of Box No. II and of each sub-box of Box No. III, there are two check-boxes (see filled-in sample of the request form at the address indicated in paragraph 5.015). One (but only one) of those check-boxes must be marked for the applicant identified in Box No. II and for each further applicant, if any. Neither should be marked if the person identified in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III is "inventor only." An explanation of the two check-boxes is given below, separately for Box No. II and Box No. III.

Box No. II:

☐ all designated States"

This check-box must be marked where the person identified in Box No. II is and qualifies as applicant for all designated States.

☐ the States indicated in the Supplemental Box"

This check-box must be marked only in special cases where the applicant is not an applicant for all designated States: Where, for example, each of three applicants is applicant for different States, the indication of the States for which the person identified in Box No. II is applicant must be made in the Supplemental Box of the request form (see the explanation given below in relation to the sub-boxes of Box No. III for the other two applicants in such a case). The manner in which the Supplemental Box is to be used is explained in detail in item 1(ii) of the Supplemental Box itself (see filled-in sample of the request form at the address indicated in paragraph 5.015)

Box No. III:

☐ all designated States"

This check-box must be marked where the person identified in the sub-box as "applicant and inventor" or as "applicant only" is and qualifies as applicant for all designated States.

☐ the States indicated in the Supplemental Box"

This check-box must be marked only in special cases where the applicant is not an applicant for all designated States: Where, for example, each of three applicants is applicant for different States, the indication of the States for which each of the two further applicants identified in a sub-box of Box No. III as "applicant and inventor" or "applicant only" must be made in the Supplemental Box of the request form (see the explanation given above in relation to the sub-boxes of Box No. II for the first applicant). The manner in which the Supplemental Box is to be used is explained in detail in item 1(ii) of the Supplemental Box itself (see filled-in sample of the request form at the address indicated in paragraph 5.015).

5.040. [Deleted]

Box No. IV: Agent or Common Representative

Article 27(7)
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Rule 2.2
90.1

5.041. **Does the applicant have to be represented by an agent before the receiving Office, the International Bureau and other International Authorities under the PCT?** Annex C indicates, for each receiving Office, whether the applicant has to be represented by an agent. As already stated (see paragraph 1.004), in view of the importance of careful preparation of the international application and of its proper processing, it is in any case highly advisable for applicants to use the services of a professional patent attorney or patent agent.

Article 49
Rule 83.1bis
Section 106

5.042. **Who may be appointed to act as an agent?** Any person who can act as an agent before the Office which acts as receiving Office (see Annex C) may be appointed as an agent for any international application filed with that Office. Where the international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, any person who has the right to practice before the national (or regional) Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant (or, if there are two or more applicants, any of the applicants) is a resident or national may be appointed as agent (see Annex C). An appointed agent who has the right to represent the applicant before the receiving Office is automatically also entitled to act before the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority and the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 4(1)(iii)
Rule 4.1(a)(iii)
4.7
90.3

5.043. **How is an agent to be appointed?** Subject to paragraph 5.044 an agent may be appointed by designation in Box No. IV of the request (see filled-in sample of the request form at the address indicated in paragraph 5.015) if the international application is signed by the applicant (see also paragraphs 5.088 and 5.089). Otherwise the appointment of the agent must be in a separate document ("power of attorney") signed by the applicant. The indication in Box No. IV of the request or in the power of attorney must contain the name and address of the agent in the manner indicated in paragraphs 5.025 to 5.028. It is recommended that the agent's telephone number facsimile number and/or e-mail address also be indicated. Where the agent is registered

with the receiving Office, the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered may also be indicated. Where there are several applicants, an agent representing all of them may be appointed by designation in the request or by a separate power of attorney or by a combination of both methods, provided that all the applicants have signed either the request or a separate power of attorney. Model powers of attorney are available in editable PDF format on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/pa/index.htm>. The separate power of attorney must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau or, if the appointment was made specifically for the purposes of the procedure before the International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority, to the Authority concerned (see paragraph 5.045). Where a general power of attorney authorizes an agent to represent the applicant before the Office which acts as receiving Office, and where that general power includes the filing of international applications, a copy of the general power of attorney originally submitted to the receiving Office must accompany any international application in relation to which the appointment made in it is to be exercised unless this requirement has been waived by the receiving Office concerned (see paragraph 5.044), and reference must be made to that copy in Box No. IX of the request. It is to be noted that general powers of attorney must be deposited with the receiving Office (not with the International Bureau, except where the international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office) or, if the appointment was made specifically for the purposes of the procedure before the International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority, with the Authority concerned (see paragraph 5.045).

Rule 90.4(d)
and (e)
90.5(c)
and (d)

5.044. Any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau may waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it. Any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, or International Preliminary Examining Authority may waive the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney is attached to the request, the demand or a separate notice. The receiving Office or Authority may waive these requirements in general or only for certain cases. In cases where either waiver is applicable, no separate power of attorney or copy of a general power of attorney needs to be furnished by the applicant. Any such waiver and any conditions relating thereto are published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* (see also Annexes C, D and E). Please note that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney must, in any event, still be furnished for any case of withdrawal, even if the requirement has been waived for other cases. Any waiver made by a receiving Office only applies in respect of that Office but not necessarily in respect of other Authorities involved in the PCT procedure. Regarding signature requirements, see paragraphs 5.088 to 5.091; for special provisions regarding withdrawals, see paragraphs 11.048 to 11.061.

Rule 90.1(d)(ii)
90.6(b)

5.045. Further agents may be appointed at any time to represent the applicant either generally or specifically before the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, and an agent appointed for general purposes, unless otherwise indicated in the document appointing him, may appoint sub-agents to represent the applicant. The appointment of a new agent is treated as revocation of any former appointment of agents, unless otherwise indicated in the power of attorney appointing the new agent.

Article 27(7)
Rule 4.7
90.3

5.046. If representation by an agent before the receiving Office is required (see paragraph 5.041), it is advisable that the agent be appointed by the time the international application is filed to ensure that the international application will be accepted for processing by the receiving Office. The practice of the receiving Office with regard to enforcing the requirement that an agent be appointed is, generally the same as that observed by it in the case of national (or regional) applications. If the appointment of an agent is not obligatory, an appointment may be made either at the time of filing the international application or later.

5.047. **Is the person who signs the request for a corporate applicant regarded as an agent?** The answer depends on the nature of the authorization to act for the corporate applicant – that is, on whether the person signs on behalf of the corporate applicant or as an appointed agent. If the name of that person is indicated in Box No. IV

and the check-box “agent” is marked, the person will be regarded as an agent and a power of attorney may be required. If the corporate applicant is indicated in that Box and the check-box “common representative” is marked, the person who signs will not be regarded as an agent. The mere fact that a person is indicated as part of the address for correspondence to the corporate applicant as common representative (see paragraph 5.051) does not mean that the person will be regarded as an agent.

Rule 2.2bis
90.2

5.048. Can one of several applicants represent all of them as a common representative? If a common agent is not appointed by all the applicants, one of the applicants may be appointed by the other applicants as the common representative of all the applicants (see paragraph 11.005). If neither a common agent nor a common representative is appointed, the first-named applicant who has a right to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned is automatically considered to be the “deemed” common representative of all the applicants (see paragraph 11.006).

5.049. A more detailed explanation of the provisions relating to agents and common representatives appears in paragraphs 11.001 to 11.014.

5.050. If the agent or common representative has authorized either the sending of advance copies of notifications by e-mail or the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail by marking the corresponding check-box in Box No. IV of the request form, the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority (also in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search), the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority may, if they wish to do so, send such notifications in respect of the international application to the agent or common representative at the indicated e-mail address, thus avoiding processing or postal delays. Where an e-mail address has been provided both in respect of the applicant and in respect of an agent or common representative, the International Bureau will send e-mail communications only to the appointed agent or common representative (see also paragraph 5.029).

Rule 4.4(d)
Section 108

5.051. When and how may a special address for correspondence be given? Correspondence is sent to the appointed agent or common representative, if any. Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be the common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants) (see paragraphs 5.048 and 11.006). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address, in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the indication of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes “agent” or “common representative” in Box No. IV has been marked).

Box No. V: Designation of States

Article 4(1)(ii)
11(1)(iii)(b)
Rule 4.9(a)

5.052. What is the designation of States? The designation of States is the indication of Contracting States in or for which the applicant may seek protection for his invention. For international applications filed after 1 January 2004, the filing of the request automatically constitutes:

- (i) the designation of all Contracting States that are bound by the Treaty on the international filing date;
- (ii) an indication that the international application is, in respect of each designated State to which Article 43 or 44 applies, for the grant of every kind of protection which is available by way of the designation of that State; and
- (iii) an indication that the international application is, in respect of each designated State to which Article 45(1) applies, for the grant of a regional patent and also, unless Article 45(2) applies, a national patent.

This is also valid where the applicant does not use the request Form PCT/RO/101 issued on 1 January 2004, or thereafter, or where the international filing date is changed to a date either on, or after, 1 January 2004.

Rule 4.9(b)

5.053. As an exception to the automatic and all-inclusive designation of Contracting States, Germany, Japan and the Republic of Korea may be excluded from being designated. The reason for this exception is that these States have notified the International Bureau that the national law applied by their designated Offices contains provisions to the effect that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and which claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in the same State, has the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect. Check-boxes can therefore be marked when an applicant wants to avoid undesired loss of the national priority application. Further details relating to this issue, and particular conditions which may apply, are explained in Annex B in respect of these States.

5.054. **Is the procedure for extending or validating a European patent to or in a country having an Extension or Validation Agreement with the European Patent Organisation available through the filing of an international application?** A European patent granted on an international application may, if the necessary conditions are met, be extended to or validated in a State having an Extension or Validation Agreement to that effect with the European Patent Organisation. The procedure is available through the filing of an international application as the filing of the request constitutes the designation of all States, including the designation of the European Patent Office and the designation for a national patent of all States having concluded an Extension or Validation Agreement, and which are also PCT Contracting States. Annex B (EP) contains information as to the States to which European patents may be so extended. Details of the applicable procedure, including the steps to be taken on entering the national phase and fees payable, have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Patent Office* (No. 1-2/1994, pages 75 to 88, No. 11/1997, pages 538 to 542 and 2/2015, A18-A20); see also the National Chapter Summary (EP).

Article 4(1)(ii)

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Rule 4.1(b)(iii)

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49bis.1

5.055. **Is it possible to choose a kind of protection other than a patent, and if so how is it done?** As indicated in paragraph 5.052, the filing of the request constitutes the indication that the international application is, in respect of each designated State to which Article 43 or 44 applies, for the grant of every kind of protection which is available by way of the designation of that State. Examples of such kinds of protection are an inventor's certificate, a utility certificate, a utility model, a "petty patent," a patent of addition, a certificate of addition or an inventor's certificate of addition. It is not possible, during the international phase, to indicate the wish to obtain a certain kind of protection for a particular designated Office. Any further choice of the kind of protection sought can only be made at the time of national phase entry before the respective designated Offices. Please note, however, that it is possible to withdraw a certain type of protection in respect of the designation of a State. Annexes B indicate, for each Contracting State, the kinds of protection available.

5.056. **Is it necessary to include any parent information in the international application?** Where, when entering the national phase, a title (patent, certificate, inventor's certificate) of addition is sought, or where the applicant wishes the international application to be treated as an application for a continuation or a continuation-in-part, the [applicant may indicate this information and the parent application or grant](#) following the name of the designated State in the "Supplemental Box" (see item 2 or 3 of that Supplemental Box).

Rule 26^{quater}
Section 317^{bis}
Section 419^{bis}

5.056A. **Is it possible to correct or add any indication concerning reference to continuation or continuation-in-part, parent application or grant made in the request form?** The applicant may correct or add to the request any indication referred to in Rule 4.11 by a notice submitted to the International Bureau within a time limit of 16 months from the priority date, provided that any notice which is received by the International Bureau after the expiration of that time limit shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit if the notice reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed. The International Bureau will notify the applicant of any indication corrected or added under Rule 26^{quater}.1. If a notice under Rule 26^{quater}.1 is submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office, that Office will mark the date of receipt on the notice and transmit it promptly to the International Bureau. The notice shall then be considered

to have been received by the International Bureau on the date marked. Where any correction or addition of an indication referred to in Rule 4.11 is not timely received, the International Bureau will inform the applicant that such an indication or correction should be submitted directly to the designated Office or Offices concerned.

Box No. VI: Priority Claim and Restoration of the Right of Priority

Article 8(1)
Rule 4.1(b)(i)
4.10

5.057. **How may the priority of an earlier application be claimed?**

Any international application may contain a declaration claiming the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in or for any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in or for a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention (see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_paris_wto.pdf). Note that where priority is claimed of an earlier filing in or for a WTO member which is not party to the Paris Convention, a PCT Contracting State that is not a Member of the WTO is not required to recognize the effects of such a priority claim. An earlier regional (ARIPO, Eurasian, European, OAPI or any other similar regional organization providing for the grant of regional patents and where at least one of the countries party to that regional patent treaty is party also to the Paris Convention or the WTO) application or an earlier international application can also serve as a basis for a priority claim. Any priority claim must be made in the request. The priority claim must contain the necessary indications which allow the earlier application to be uniquely identified. If the earlier application was a national application, it must indicate the country in which it was filed, the date on which it was filed and the number under which it was filed. Where the earlier application was a regional application, the priority claim must indicate the Office with which it was filed; only where not all countries party to the regional patent treaty under which the earlier application was filed are also party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (the Paris Convention) or are also members of the WTO must the priority claim indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention or at least one member of the WTO for which that earlier regional application was filed. Where the earlier application was an international application, the priority claim must indicate the receiving Office with which it was filed. The two-letter code (see Annex K and paragraph 5.033) may be used for the indication of the country or, where applicable, for the Office of filing. Subject to certain conditions, priority claims may be corrected and added, after the international application has been filed, by a notice submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau (see paragraphs 6.038 to 6.044).

Article 2(xi)

5.058. **What does “priority date” mean?** Where the international application contains a priority claim, “priority date” means the filing date of the application whose priority is claimed. Where the international application does not contain such a claim, “priority date” means the filing date of the international application. Where the international application contains two or more claims, “priority date” means the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed.

Rule 2.4
80.5

5.059. **What does “priority period” mean?** “Priority period” means the period of 12 months from the filing date of the earlier application whose priority is claimed in the international application. The day of filing of the earlier application is not included in this period. Subject to what is said below, in order to validly claim priority, an international application must always be filed within the priority period; otherwise, the right of priority will be lost. Note that, in certain cases (see Rules 2.4(b) and 80.5) the priority period may expire on a later day. Note further that, if the international application is filed after the expiration of the priority period but within a certain time limit, it may be possible, under limited circumstances, to request restoration of the right of priority (see paragraphs 5.062 to 5.069; this, however, will not apply to all Contracting States).

Article 8(1), and
(2)(a)
11(3)
11(4)
Rule 4.10

5.060. **What are the principles governing the right of priority for international applications?** The PCT makes no change to the provisions which govern the right of priority and are contained in Article 4 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property; WTO members are required to apply Paris Convention Article 4 in accordance with Article 2.1 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement). Since an international application has the effect in each designated State of a regular national application, it may claim priority from another

application, and be used as the basis for a priority claim in a later application, just like any regular national application. So far as PCT procedures are concerned, the priority claim is particularly important because it establishes a priority date for the purposes of computing time limits under the PCT. The validity of a priority claim is not determined during the international phase (although the matter is taken into consideration for the purposes of establishing international preliminary reports on patentability (Chapter I or II of the PCT)). Also, a priority claim would, subject to the possibility of correction (see paragraphs 6.038 to 6.044), for the purposes of the procedure under the PCT, be considered not to have been made if the application, the priority of which is claimed, was not filed either in a country party to the Paris Convention or in a member of the WTO, if the international application were filed more than two months after the expiration of the priority period (see paragraphs 5.062 and 6.038) or if the priority claim did not include the required details concerning the date on which and the country and/or Office, as the case may be, where the earlier application was filed.

Section 110

5.061. How must dates be indicated in the priority claim? Each date appearing in the international application or in any correspondence must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year, in that order. In the request, after, below or above that indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses with a two-digit Arabic numeral each for the number of the day and the number of the month, the number of the year must be indicated in four digits, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example: “20 March 2006 (20.03.2006) or 20 March 2006 (20/03/2006) or 20 March 2006 (20-03-2006).”

Rule 26bis.3

5.062. What are the consequences if the international application is filed after the expiration of the priority period? Where an international application has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired (see paragraph 5.059) but within a period of two months from that date, the priority claim concerned will not be declared void for the purposes of the international phase of the PCT procedure, irrespective of whether the restoration of the right of priority is requested (see below), or whether such a request is accepted or refused by the receiving Office. Where the priority claim in question is the only or the earliest priority claim in the international application, it will continue to serve as the basis to calculate all time limits during the international phase. Note, however, that the fact that the priority claim is retained in the international application does not mean in any way that the validity of such a priority claim in the national phase is assured.

In respect of such a priority claim, the applicant may file a request for the restoration of the right of priority with the receiving Office (see the following paragraphs for the procedure relating to the restoration of the right of priority). Several receiving Offices have, however, notified the International Bureau under Rule 26bis.3(j) of the incompatibility of the provisions governing such requests to restore the right of priority with the national laws applied by those Offices. As a result, those receiving Offices will not apply those provisions and thus do not accept such requests. A list of Offices which will not accept requests under Rule 26bis.3(a) can be found on WIPO's website at https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html#R_26bis_3_j. To the extent that the applicant is aware, before filing the international application, of the need to file a request for restoration, he should consider filing the international application with a competent receiving Office that does accept such requests. For example, the receiving Office of the International Bureau accepts such requests and is competent for international applications filed by a national or resident of any PCT Contracting State. If the need to file a request to restore only becomes apparent after the international application has already been filed, the applicant may request the receiving Office to transmit the international application to the receiving Office of the International Bureau under Rule 19.4(a)(iii).

Rule 26bis.3(e)

5.063. What is the time limit for requests for the restoration of the right of priority? The time limit for complying with the requirements to request the restoration of the right of priority is two months from the date on which the priority period expired. If the receiving Office requires the applicant to provide a declaration or evidence in support of the statement of reasons for failure to timely file the international application (see

paragraph 5.064), it will allow the applicant a reasonable time under the circumstances to furnish such documents.

Rule 4.1(c)(v)
26bis.1(a)
26bis.3

5.064. How should a request for the restoration of the right of priority be filed with the receiving Office? The request form, Box VI, includes an option for the applicant to request restoration of the right of priority and a similar option is included in the PCT-SAFE software and ePCT. The applicant only needs to add an indication, in the case of multiple priority claims, to clarify in respect of which priority claim restoration is requested. The request to restore the right of priority may also be submitted separately from the request form by way of a letter to the receiving Office.

For the request to restore the right of priority to be successful, the following requirements must be met:

- the international application must contain a priority claim to an earlier application. In addition, this international application must have been filed within two months from the date of the expiration of the priority period. If, the international application does not contain the relevant priority claim at the time of filing, such a claim must be added, in accordance with Rule 26bis.1(a) (see paragraphs 6.038 to 6.040), within two months from the expiration of the priority period (see Rules 26bis.3(c) and (e));
- the request to restore should state the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period. This statement of reasons should be submitted as a separate document and accompany the request for restoration in the request form or may be filed subsequently within the time limit under Rule 26bis.3(e). The statement of reasons should take into consideration the restoration criterion which the applicant seeks to satisfy, from among those applied to such requests by the Office (see Annex C and paragraph 5.065);
- a fee for requesting restoration, if applicable, must be paid (see Annex C for whether a particular receiving Office requires a fee for the restoration of the right of priority) before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26bis.3(e); the time limit for payment of the fee may be extended for a period of up to two months from the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26bis.3(e) (Rule 26bis.3(d));
- if required by the receiving Office, a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons should preferably be furnished together with the request to restore but may also be furnished upon invitation by the receiving Office (Rule 26bis.3(f)) (for the applicable time limit, see paragraph 5.063).

Rule 26bis.3(a)
49ter.1(a)
and (b)

5.065. What are the criteria for restoration applied by the receiving Office? There are two possible criteria for restoration: either the failure to file the international application within the priority period occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken or the failure to file the international application within the priority period was unintentional. All Offices to which these Rules are applicable (see paragraph 5.062) must apply at least one of these criteria. If a receiving Office wishes, it may apply both criteria for restoration and leave the choice to the applicant as to which criterion is sought to be applied in a specific case, noting that it would be advantageous for the applicant to obtain a positive finding by the receiving Office on the stricter criterion of “due care” since such a finding would in general be effective in all designated States, unlike a finding on the less strict “unintentionality” criterion. Furthermore, a receiving Office will be free to apply, upon request of the applicant, first the “due care” criterion and then, if the receiving Office finds that that criterion is not complied with, the “unintentionality” criterion.

Rule 26bis.3(f)

5.066. What needs to be included in the statement of reasons for the request to restore the right of priority and what additional information may be required in support of a request for restoration of the right of priority? The statement of reasons should indicate the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period. It should contain all the relevant facts and circumstances which would allow the receiving Office to determine that the failure to file the international application within the priority period occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken or was unintentional. Under Rule 26bis.3(f), the receiving Offices may require that a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons be furnished or, if

some evidence has already been provided, that additional evidence be furnished. When submitting the statement of reasons and possibly any declaration or evidence in support of a request for restoration of the right of priority, the applicant must bear in mind that in general all these documents will be made publicly available by the International Bureau on PATENTSCOPE after the international publication of the international application (see paragraph 5.067 for exceptions). Any private or confidential information which is not necessary for supporting the request itself, should preferably be left out.

Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) 5.067. **Can the applicant request that certain documents relating to a request for the restoration of the right of priority not be transmitted to the International Bureau?** Generally, receiving Offices will forward to the International Bureau all documents submitted in connection with a request for restoration of the right of priority. However, the applicant can make a reasoned request to the receiving Office that certain documents or parts thereof relating to such a request not be forwarded. Receiving Offices may also contact the applicant directly where such documents are noted to invite the applicant to submit a reasoned request for omission. If the receiving Office, upon the applicant's request, finds that any document does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application and publication or public access to any such document would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person and there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that document or part of it, it will not transmit that document or part of it to the International Bureau. Applicants should note that if essential information, necessary for establishing that the criterion for "due care" had been met, is not forwarded and thus not made available to the designated/elected Offices, it is more likely that the applicant's request for restoration of the right of priority will be reviewed during the national phase, and that he will be required to provide equivalent information again to the designated/elected Offices.

Rule 26bis.3(g) 5.068. **Will there be an opportunity for dialogue with the receiving Office should that Office intend to refuse the request?** If the receiving Office intends to refuse the request for restoration of the priority claim, it is required to notify the applicant of its intention. The applicant then has an opportunity to make observations on the intended refusal within a reasonable time limit, specified in the notification of intended refusal (Form PCT/RO/158). Note that this notification may in practice be sent to the applicant together with an invitation to file a declaration or other evidence.

Rule 49ter.1 5.069. **What are the effects of a decision by a receiving Office on designated Offices?** A decision by a receiving Office to restore a right of priority based on the criterion of "due care" will, as a general rule, be effective in all designated Offices, unless the designated Office submitted a notification of incompatibility under Rule 49ter.1(g). A decision by a receiving Office to restore a right of priority based on the criterion of "unintentionality" will be effective only in those designated States the applicable laws of which provided for restoration of the right of priority based on that criterion or on a criterion which, from the viewpoint of applicants, is more favorable than that criterion. A decision by a receiving Office to refuse to restore the right of priority can always be reviewed by a designated Office, unless it has submitted a notification of incompatibility under Rule 49ter.1(g), such that restoration is not possible in that jurisdiction.

In addition, a review of a positive decision may be made by a designated Office in the limited situation where it reasonably doubts that one of the substantive requirements for restoration was complied with. No review is permitted on purely formal grounds, such as, for example, the ground that the relevant fee in the international phase might not have been paid.

Rule 4.1(c)(ii)
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17.2(a)
Section 411 5.070. **When and to whom must the priority document be furnished?** Before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date (or, where the applicant requests early processing pursuant to Article 23(2), before that request is made), a certified copy of the earlier application (whether it is a national, regional or international application) must be submitted by the applicant either to the International Bureau or to the receiving Office (unless it has already been filed with the receiving Office together with the international application). Any certified copy that reaches the International Bureau after the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, but before the date of international publication of the international application, will be considered to have reached the International Bureau on the last day of that 16 month period. The copy must be certified by the authority with

which the earlier application was filed. Where that authority is the same Office as the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the certified copy, request the authority, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, to prepare and transmit the certified copy to the International Bureau; in that case, the fee usually charged by the Office should be paid when the request for transmittal is made; the easiest solution for the applicant is to make this request at the time of filing the international application, by marking the check-box provided for that purpose in Box No. VI of the request Form PCT/RO/101. Furthermore, where the priority document is available to the International Bureau from a digital library in accordance with Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) and Section 715(a), the applicant may, prior to the date of international publication, request the International Bureau to obtain the priority document from such a digital library (see paragraph 5.070B). The International Bureau will not charge a fee for this service. The easiest solution for the applicant is to make this request with the International Bureau at the time of filing the international application, by marking the check-box provided for that purpose in Box No. VI.

5.070A. How will I know if my earlier application is available to the PCT System from a digital library? The only available “digital library” in the PCT system is the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS). This offers access to earlier applications filed at the receiving Office of the International Bureau and a number of national Offices for use as priority documents. However, unlike some of the bilateral priority document sharing systems between national Offices, the earlier application is only available if the applicant has taken specific steps to make the document available.

5.070B. What steps must be taken so that the International Bureau can obtain the priority document from a digital library, in particular via DAS? The procedural steps that the applicant needs to follow so that the earlier application will be available to the International Bureau are set out on the DAS website at the following address: <https://www.wipo.int/das/en/description.html> and on the individual web sites of the participating offices (see the list at https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html). Having carried out these steps, the applicant will receive an access code. The applicant should then mark the applicable check-boxes in Box No. VI, and indicate the access code for each specific priority document or submit a written request containing this information to the International Bureau.

5.070C. What steps must be taken when the earlier application to be made available via DAS is an international application? Applicants may also claim priority from an international application when filing a patent application at another Office (an Office of Second Filing). If the international application was filed with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, the applicant may send a letter to that Office requesting that the document be made available via DAS, and then request the Office of Second Filing to retrieve that document from DAS. For international applications filed at other receiving Offices, check the list of Offices at https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html to see whether a particular participating Office will make international applications, filed at its receiving Office, available to DAS in addition to national applications.

5.070D. The International Bureau notifies the applicant of the date on which the priority document was received or obtained. Any designated Office may request a copy of the priority document from the International Bureau. Provided the applicant has either furnished a certified copy or requested that the priority document be transmitted or obtained and paid the necessary fee as described above, no designated Office may ask the applicant to furnish a certified copy of the earlier application. Where this is not the case and unless the earlier application of which priority is claimed was filed with the designated Office in its capacity as national Office or if the priority document is available to the designated Office from a digital library, any designated Office may disregard the priority claim. The designated Office must first, however, have given the applicant an opportunity to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances. For the obligation of the applicant to furnish a simple (not certified) copy of the priority document to the designated Offices (including a copy of the priority certificate), see National Phase, paragraph 5.009 and the relevant National Chapters.

Rule 17.2(b) 5.071. For information as to the obtaining of copies of the priority document after international publication, see paragraph 9.023.

Box No. VII: International Searching Authority

Rule 4.1(b)(iv) 5.072. **Must an applicant indicate a choice of International Searching Authority?** Where two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, the applicant must indicate the Authority chosen in the appropriate space in Box No. VII. For details on which International Searching Authorities are competent, see Annex C and paragraph 7.002.

Rule 4.1(b)(ii) 5.073. **Can the International Searching Authority be requested to take into account the results of an earlier search?** If the applicant wishes the International Searching Authority, in carrying out the international search, to take into account the results of an earlier international, international-type or national search (Rule 4.12) and has complied with all the requirements under Rule 12bis.1, the Authority must, to the extent possible, take into account the results of the earlier search if it was carried out by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority (Rule 41.1(i)). However, if the earlier search was carried out by another International Searching Authority or national (or regional) Office, the International Searching Authority may choose whether it takes into account the results of the earlier search (Rule 41.1(ii)). To the extent that the International Searching Authority takes such earlier search results into account, the International Searching Authority must reduce the search fee to the extent and under the conditions provided for in the agreement under Article 16(3)(b) (Rule 16.3). International Searching Authorities are free to decide the extent and conditions for such search fee reductions. For the full texts of the agreements under Article 16(3)(b) see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html (see also paragraph 5.198).

The request form, Continuation of Box No. VII (item 1), includes an option for the applicant to request that the results of an earlier search be taken into consideration by the International Searching Authority and a similar option is included in the PCT-SAFE software and ePCT. The applicant only needs to check the corresponding box in Continuation of Box No. VII (item 1) and identify the earlier application (whether national, regional or international) in respect of which the earlier search was carried by including the filing date, the filing number and the country of filing.

Rule 12bis.1(a) In general, if the applicant has made a request for the results of an earlier search to be taken into account, he should – together with the international application and at the time of filing – provide the receiving Office with a copy of the results of the earlier search. However, the applicant will not need to furnish a copy of the earlier search results in the following cases:

- Rule 12bis.1(c) – where the earlier search was carried out by the same Authority or Office as that which will act as the International Searching Authority;
- Rule 12bis.1(b) – where the earlier search was not carried out by the International Searching Authority indicated in Box No. VII of the request form but by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office; in this case, the applicant can request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the earlier search results directly to the International Searching Authority by marking the check-box provided in Continuation of Box No. VII (item 1) of the request form. This request may be subject to the payment of a fee;
- Rule 12bis.1(d) – where, although the earlier search was not carried out by the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority, a copy of the earlier search results is available to that Office or Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library and the applicant indicated this fact as provided for in Continuation of Box No. VII (item 1) of the request form.

If the applicant wants the results of more than one search to be taken into account, the above-mentioned indications must be specified for each and every earlier search. In addition, where the applicant requests the International Searching Authority to take into account the results of more than one earlier search, the sheet of the request form

containing the Continuation of Box No. VII, Use of Earlier Search and Classification Results, should be duplicated as many times as necessary and marked “continuation sheet of item 1 of Continuation of Box No. VII” to allow the applicant to comply with the requirements and provide the required information for each earlier application.

Rule 4.12
12bis.2

5.073A. May the International Searching Authority request the applicant to furnish any other documents in connection with an earlier search than those transmitted by the receiving Office? Unless the applicant has done so already, the International Authority may invite the applicant (Form PCT/ISA/238) to furnish to it a copy of the earlier application, a translation (where required) of that earlier application into a language accepted by the International Searching Authority, a translation (where required) of the results of the earlier search into a language accepted by the International Searching Authority and/or a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search. However, the International Searching Authority may not require the applicant to furnish any or some of those documents in the following cases:

- Rule 12bis.2(b) – where the earlier search was carried out by the same Authority or Office as that which will act as the International Searching Authority;
- Rule 12bis.2(c) – where the applicant marks the check-box provided in Continuation of Box No. VII (item 1) of the request form stating that the international application is the same or substantially the same as the earlier application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out, except that it is filed in a different language, the International Searching Authority may not require a copy of the earlier application or a translation thereof;
- Rule 12bis.2(b) – where a copy of the earlier application or of any document cited in the results of the earlier search or a translation of the earlier application or a translation of the results of the earlier search are available to the International Searching Authority in a manner acceptable to it, and if the applicant has indicated so by marking the check-box provided in Continuation of Box No. VII (item 1) of the request form.

Rule 23bis.2(a)
41.2

5.073B. Will the receiving Office also transmit the earlier search and classification results to the International Searching Authority where the applicant did not make a request to take into account the results of an earlier search? Where the international application claims priority of an earlier application and the applicant did not make any indication in item 1 of Continuation of Box No. VII of the request form, the receiving Office is nevertheless required to transmit to the International Searching Authority a copy of the earlier search and classification results (unless such a copy is already available to the International Searching Authority) if the earlier application was filed with the same national or regional Office as that which is acting as receiving Office, and that Office has carried out the search in respect of the earlier application. The receiving Office may transmit a copy of the earlier search and classification results if the earlier application was filed with a different Office but where the results of that earlier search and classification are nevertheless available to the receiving Office. The receiving Office is only obliged to transmit any earlier search and classification results which are available to it at the time of filing of the international application.

Rule 23bis.2(e)

Some Offices have notified the International Bureau (see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html) that the transmission of copies of earlier search and classification results without the authorization of the applicant is not compatible with their national law. Therefore, where the international application is filed with a receiving Office that has notified the International Bureau accordingly, the applicant may nevertheless authorize the receiving Office to transmit earlier search and classification results to the International Searching Authority by marking the first check-box in item 2.3 of Continuation of Box No. VII of the request form. Only the international applications filed with the following receiving Offices are concerned by this situation: the Australian Patent Office, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO), the Industrial Property Office (Czechia), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Norwegian Industrial Property Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Where the earlier search concerns an international application and that earlier search was carried out by a different International Searching Authority than the International Searching Authority indicated in Box No. VII of the request form, the applicant may authorize the receiving Office to transmit the earlier search and classification results to the International Searching Authority indicated in Box No. VII of the request form, by marking the second check-box in item 2.3 of Continuation of Box No. VII of the request form.

Rule 23bis.2(b) 5.073C. **May the applicant request the receiving Office not to transmit the earlier search results to the International Searching Authority?** Some Offices have notified the International Bureau (see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html) that they may, upon request of the applicant, decide not to transmit the results of an earlier search to the International Searching Authority. Where the international application is filed with an Office that has notified the International Bureau accordingly, namely, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the applicant may request the receiving Office not to transmit the earlier search results to the ISA, by marking the check-box in item 2.2 of Continuation of Box No. VII of the request form.

Rule 41.2 5.073D. **Will the International Searching Authority take the results of an earlier search into account if the applicant has not made a request under Rule 4.12?** Where the international application claims the priority of an earlier application in respect of which a search has been carried out by the same Office that acts as International Searching Authority, the Authority is required to take the results of that earlier search into account when carrying out the international search. Where the receiving Office has transmitted to the International Searching Authority a copy of any earlier search or classification results, or where such a copy is otherwise available to it, for example, from a digital library, the International Searching Authority may take those results into account when carrying out the international search.

Box No. VIII: Declarations

5.074. **What declarations may be referred to in Box No. VIII and included in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v)?** The applicant may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, include any of the following declarations under Rule 4.17:

- Rule 4.17(i)
51bis.1(a)(i) – Box No. VIII (i): declaration as to the identity of the inventor (This declaration need not be made if the name and address of the inventor are indicated in the request, that is, usually in Boxes No. II and/or III).
- Rule 4.17(ii)
51bis.1(a)(ii) – Box No. VIII (ii): declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (This declaration does not apply to situations where the applicant's entitlement was acquired only after the international filing date.)
- Rule 4.17(iii)
51bis.1(a)(iii) – Box No. VIII (iii): declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of the earlier application (This declaration does not apply to situations where the applicant's entitlement was acquired only after the international filing date.)
- Rule 4.17(iv)
51bis.1(a)(iv) – Box No. VIII (iv): declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the United States of America) (Submitting a declaration of inventorship during the international phase may be advantageous as inventors may be more difficult to be reached when the application enters the national phase).
- Rule 4.17(v)
51bis.1(a)(v) – Box No. VIII (v): declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty.

Rule 4.17
51bis.1
51bis.2 5.075. **What is the purpose of those declarations?** The purpose of declarations under Rule 4.17 is to enable applicants to comply with some of the national requirements of the designated Offices referred to in Rule 51bis.1 already during the international phase. The national laws of many designated Offices require the applicant to furnish documents or evidence relating to certain matters, for example the applicant's entitlement to apply for or be granted a patent, during the national phase. By submitting

declarations under Rule 4.17 during the international phase, the applicant will generally not have to furnish any documents or evidence on the particular subject matter covered by the declaration to any designated Office which has such a requirement. For example, when the applicant furnishes a declaration under Rule 4.17(ii) during the international phase, he does generally not need to submit any further document or evidence relating to the applicant's entitlement to apply for or be granted a patent (for example an assignment document transferring rights from the inventor to the applicant) during the national phase before designated Offices which have such requirements under their national law (see also paragraph 5.081). The PCT does not require that declarations be submitted during the international phase, but if they are, they should be prepared using standardized wording (see paragraphs 5.076 to 5.078). No other declaration(s) may be included in any of Boxes VIII (i) to (v).

Rule 4.17
Section 211
212
213
214
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5.076. How must the declarations be presented in the request? Each declaration should be made on the appropriate sheet (Box No. VIII (i) to (v)); a "continuation sheet for declaration" (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) should be used in case any single declaration does not fit on the corresponding sheet. The declarations must be worded using the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215. Except in respect of the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America (see paragraph 5.077), the applicant must choose those items and elements of the standardized wording that apply and place them in the appropriate order, taking into account the facts of the case, the chronology of events, etc. Detailed guidance on making these declarations is contained in the Notes to the request form. If no declaration is made, none of the declaration sheets should be included in the request.

Rule 4.17(iv)
Section 214(a)
and (b)

5.077. The text of the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America only is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv) of the request form since that text must be used as set out in Section 214, no parts may be omitted or presented in an order different from that used in the form. When this declaration is furnished after the international filing date, the PCT application number must be added to the declaration in the space provided for this purpose. In addition, when there are several inventors, all inventors must sign and date a complete declaration containing all inventors, even if they do not sign the same (copy of the) declaration, and the name, residence and address must be included for each inventor.

Rule 51bis.2

5.078. Must the standardized wordings of declarations always be used? The standardized wording should always be used otherwise the designated Offices may require the applicant to furnish a new declaration or further evidence in the national phase. It should be noted, that even if a declaration has not been made using the standardized wording, the International Bureau will nevertheless publish it. It will then be up to each designated Office concerned to determine whether it can accept the declaration or not; in other words, the applicant will not have any guarantee that an Office will accept it. If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wording under Rule 4.17 is not applicable the applicant should consider complying with the requirement during the national phase.

Rule 4.17(iv)
Section 214(a)
and (b)

5.079. Must a declaration under Rule 4.17 be signed? Only the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America must be signed and dated by all inventors. No other declaration must be signed.

Rule 51bis.2

5.080. Do all designated Offices accept declarations made under Rule 4.17 under their national law? All designated Offices that have special national requirements allowed under the PCT accept such declarations. For more information about which States require the substantive information in each of the declarations, see "Special requirements of the Office" in the corresponding National Chapter (Summary) for the designated Office concerned, and National Phase, paragraphs 5.003 to 5.005.

Rule 51bis.2

5.081. May the designated Offices require further evidence during the national phase? Where the declaration in question is one of those referred to in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv), the designated Office may not require any document or evidence relating to the subject matter of such declaration unless it may reasonably doubt the veracity of that declaration. Where the declaration in question is that referred to in

Rule 4.17(v), the designated Office may require further documents or evidence, noting that the matter of non-prejudicial disclosures and exceptions to lack of novelty is a substantive matter of patentability. It is to be noted that the fact that a declaration is made does not, of itself, establish the matters declared: those matters remain for determination by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

Rule 48.2(a)(x)
48.2(b)(iv)

5.082. How do designated Offices receive the declarations relevant to them? All declarations will be part of the published international application (see paragraph 9.015) and will therefore not be communicated separately to the designated Offices concerned.

5.083. What is the purpose of the check-boxes in Box No. VIII? The check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be completed by the applicant to allow the receiving Office to verify that the declaration(s) referred to correspond to those made in Boxes No. VIII (i) to (v).

If the applicant chooses not to make any declaration at the time of filing the international application or if the declarations are not yet available at the time of filing, the request should not include the optional sheets for declarations and nothing should be marked in the check-boxes in Box No. VIII.

Rule 26ter.1

5.083A. Can a declaration referred to in Rule 4.17 be corrected or added during the international phase? A declaration may be corrected, or a new (missing) declaration added, by a notice submitted to the International Bureau. For further details, see paragraphs 6.045 to 6.050. It should be noted, however, that a declaration may not be withdrawn once it has been filed.

Box No. IX: Check List

Rule 3.3
Section 313

5.084. What is the purpose of the check list? Box No. IX should be completed by the applicant to allow the receiving Office to verify the completeness of the documents constituting and/or accompanying the international application and, in particular, to check whether the international application as filed actually contains the number of sheets in paper form indicated in items (a) to (f).

5.085. The actual number of sheets constituting each element of the international application as well as their total should be indicated (for the numbering of sheets, see paragraph 5.012). As for the sheets of the request, they are at least four in number (the “first sheet,” the “second sheet,” the “third sheet” and the “last sheet”). There may be more sheets if one or more optional sheets are used (the “continuation sheet” for Box No. III, the “supplemental sheet,” the “declaration sheet” or the “continuation sheet for declaration”).

Article 27(2)
Rule 13bis
51bis.1
Section 209

5.086. For details on the completion of Box No. IX and on the kinds of items which may need to be filed with the international application, see the Notes to the request form. See also the National Chapters for details concerning certain matters in relation to designated Offices.

Rule 3.3(a)(iii)
8.2
Section 201

5.087. The applicant must further indicate in Box No. IX the number of that figure of the drawings (if any) which is suggested to accompany the abstract for publication (see paragraph 5.170) and preferably also the language of filing of the international application.

Box No. X: Signature of Applicant or Agent

Article 14(1)(a)(i)
Rule 4.1(d)
4.15
26.2bis(a)
51bis.1(a)(vi)
90.3

5.088. Who must sign the international application and when? The international application must be signed in Box No. X of the request by the applicant, or, where there are two or more applicants, by all of them. However, if there is more than one applicant, the receiving Office will not invite the applicant to furnish missing signatures when the request is signed by at least one of the applicants. Note, however, that in this case, any designated Office may in accordance with the applicable national law require the confirmation of the international application by the signature of any applicant for the designated State who has not signed the request. Subject to certain conditions indicated in paragraph 5.089, the request may be signed by the agent instead of the applicant(s).

Rule 2.1
4.1(d)
4.15
90.3
90.4
90.5

5.089. May the international application be signed by an agent? The international application may be signed by an agent, but in that case the agent must be appointed as such by the applicant in a separate power of attorney signed by the applicant himself. The power of attorney has to be submitted to the receiving Office unless the receiving Office has waived the requirement to furnish a separate power of attorney (see paragraphs 5.041 to 5.051, and 11.001 to 11.014). If there are two or more applicants, the request may be signed by an agent on behalf of all or only some of them; in that case the agent must be appointed as such in one or more powers of attorney signed by the applicants on whose behalf the agent signs the application. Where a power of attorney appointing an agent who signs an international application is missing and the receiving Office requires that a power of attorney be furnished, the signature is treated as missing until the power of attorney is submitted. For the case of a general power of attorney, see paragraphs 5.043 and 11.009.

5.090. How must the international application be signed? The signature should be executed indelibly in a dark color, preferably in black ink, so that it will appear clearly in a photocopy. The name of each person signing the international application should be indicated (preferably typewritten) next to the signature. Where the person signs on behalf of a legal entity, the capacity in which that person signs should also be indicated.

Rule 2.3

5.091. When must or may a seal be used instead of a signature? In international applications filed with the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) as receiving Office, a seal may be used instead of a signature. In the case of international applications filed in English with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) as receiving Office and in respect of which the European Patent Office has been chosen by the applicant as International Searching Authority, a signature must be furnished instead of a seal. In international applications filed with the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, a seal may be used instead of a signature.

Notes to the Request Form

5.092. What are the Notes to the request form? The Notes to the request form are intended to facilitate the completion of that form. They indicate, in relation to each Box of that form, what indications are required and how they are to be made. The Notes are not required to be submitted with the request, however, and should not be numbered as part of the request.

Fee Calculation Sheet

5.093. What is the fee calculation sheet? The fee calculation sheet is intended to help the applicant to calculate the total amount of fees payable to the receiving Office. The sheet is usually annexed to the request form which the applicant obtains from the receiving Office. It is not part of the form and is not counted as a sheet of the request, however, and its use is not mandatory. Nevertheless, it is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the fee calculation sheet and submit it to the receiving Office. This will help the receiving Office to verify the calculations and identify any errors. Where two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for searching the international application (see paragraph 7.002), the Authority which was chosen by the applicant and indicated in Box No. VII of the request form (see paragraph 5.072) should also be indicated in the fee calculation sheet, together with the amount of the applicable search fee (see paragraph 5.187). See the Notes to the fee calculation sheet for details about completion of the sheet. For information about the payment of fees generally, see paragraphs 5.184 to 5.199.

THE DESCRIPTION

Article 5
11(1)(iii)(d)
Rule 5
Section 204

5.094. How must the description be drafted? The description must disclose the invention in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for it to be carried out by a person skilled in the art. It must start with the title of the invention as appearing in Box No. I of the request. Rule 5 contains detailed requirements as to the “manner and order” of the description, which, generally, should be in six parts. Those parts should have the following headings: “Technical Field,” “Background Art,” “Disclosure of Invention,” “Brief

Description of Drawings,” “Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention” or, where appropriate (see paragraph 5.096), “Mode(s) for Carrying Out the Invention,” “Industrial Applicability,” and, where applicable, “Sequence Listing” and “Sequence Listing Free Text.”

5.095. The details required for the disclosure of the invention so that it can be carried out by a person skilled in the art depend on the practice of the national Offices. It is therefore recommended that due account be taken of national practice (for instance in Japan and the United States of America) when the description is drafted. The need to amend the description during the national phase (see paragraph 5.111 below) may thus be avoided.

Rule 5.1(a)(v)

5.096. What is said in paragraph 5.095 applies likewise to the need to indicate the “best mode for carrying out the invention.” If at least one of the designated Offices requires the indication of the “best mode” (for instance, the United States Patent and Trademark Office), that best mode must be indicated in the description.

5.097. A description drafted with due regard to what is said in paragraphs 5.094 to 5.096 will be accepted by all the designated Offices. It might require more care than the drafting of a national patent application, but certainly much less effort than the drafting of multiple applications, which is necessary where the PCT route is not used for filing in several countries.

5.098. The requirement of unity of invention is discussed, in connection with the claims, in paragraphs 5.114 to 5.123.

Rule 5.2
13ter.1
Section 204
208
513

5.099. **What special requirements apply to a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing part of the description?** Where the international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence, the description must contain a listing of the sequence which complies with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions (Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings in International Patent Applications Under the PCT) and which is presented as a separate part of the description in accordance with that standard. The “sequence listing part” of the description should be headed “Sequence Listing.” If the sequence listing part of the description contains free text, the main part of the description should, under the heading “Sequence Listing Free Text,” repeat the free text contained in the sequence listing. For further information relating to nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, including those filed for the purposes of international search, see below and paragraphs 7.005 to 7.012.

Rule 13ter
Section 208
702
Annex F of the
Administrative
Instructions

5.100. **How can an international application containing a sequence listing be filed?** An international application containing a sequence listing can be filed on paper or in electronic form. Where the international application is filed in electronic form, the sequence listing part of the description must also be filed in that form. The application has to be filed in an electronic document format and/or by a means of transmittal accepted by the receiving Office for the purposes of filing international applications in electronic form (Annex F). The sequence listing shall preferably be in text format prepared in accordance with paragraph 40, Annex C of the Administrative Instructions (Annex C/ST.25 text format). This means the actual sequence listing file output generated by the “PatentIn” or “BiSSAP” software (a “.txt” or “.app” file – depending on the version of the software used (see paragraph 5.104)) without converting it into PDF or any other format. Sequence listings in such text format can also be used for the purposes of international search. Where the international application is filed on paper, the sequence listing part of the description must also be filed on paper in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions. Where the international application is filed on paper, a copy of the sequence listing in electronic form (Annex C/ST.25 text file) together with the required statement should accompany the international application, but only for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter (see paragraph 5.102).

Rule 13ter.1
Schedule of Fees
Section 707
Annex C of the
Administrative
Instructions

5.101. **How is the fee for filing sequence listings calculated?** For international applications filed on paper, page fees for the sequence listing are calculated in exactly the same way as the page fees in the main part of the description. For international applications filed in electronic format, this calculation depends on whether the sequence listing is provided in Annex C/ST.25 text format referred to in paragraphs 5.099

and 5.100, above. If so, no page fees are payable in respect of the sequence listing. However, for a sequence listing provided in page-based format (such as on paper or as image file(s)), or if the sequence is included in the main part of the description instead of as a separate sequence listing file, full page fees are payable. In all cases, tables relating to sequence listings should be an integral part of the description and sheets containing such tables are counted as pages of the description, irrespective of the format in which they are submitted.

Rule 13^{ter}
Annex C of the
Administrative
Instructions

5.102. How should the applicant proceed where the international application containing a sequence listing is filed on paper and a copy of the sequence listing is to be furnished in Annex C/ST.25 text format for the purposes of international search only? It is advisable to submit such a listing in the prescribed format (see Annex C of the Administrative Instructions) on an electronic carrier, accompanied by a statement confirming that “the information recorded in electronic form submitted under Rule 13^{ter} is identical to the sequence listing as contained in the international application as filed on paper,” to the receiving Office, together with the international application, rather than to wait for an invitation from the Authority to avoid any late furnishing fee. The receiving Office will then include the electronic carrier, which does not form part of the international application, with the copy of the international application transmitted by the receiving Office to the Authority.

5.103. Do all receiving Offices accept the filing of sequence listings in electronic format? Receiving Offices which are prepared to accept the filing of international applications in electronic format are indicated in Annex C. Since the international application and the sequence listing part of the description must either both be in electronic format, or both be on paper, only Offices that accept international applications in electronic form will accept sequence listings filed in this format (see paragraph 5.100).

5.104. Does the International Bureau recommend any software for the preparation of sequence listings in electronic format? The electronic form of sequence listings should preferably be created by dedicated software such as “BISAP” (available free of charge from the European Patent Office website at: <https://www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/auxiliary/bissap.html>) or “PatentIn” (available free of charge from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) website at: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/patent-basics/types-patent-applications/utility-patent/checker/patentin>).

Rule 11
Section 109

5.105. What are the physical requirements for the description? Rule 11 lists the physical requirements which have to be met by an international application. The paper must be of A4 size, white and durable. The minimum margins must be 2 cm on the top, the bottom and the right side of the sheet, and 2.5 cm on the left side of the sheet. The margins should not exceed 3 cm on the bottom and the right side of the sheet and 4 cm on the top and the left side of the sheet. The margins must be completely blank, except that a file reference not exceeding 25 characters in length may be placed by the applicant in the left-hand corner of the top margin within 1.5 cm from the top of the sheet. The file reference may be composed either of letters of the Latin alphabet or Arabic numerals, or both. The hyphen character (“-”) may be used as a separator between alphanumeric characters. Any text matter in the description must be in characters the capital letters of which are not less than 0.28 cm.

Rule 11.7
11.8
11.9
Section 207

5.106. How should the pages and lines be numbered? The page number must be centered at the top or bottom of the sheet, but not in the 2 cm margin (that is, a page number, if at the top of the sheet, must be below the 2 cm margin, and if at the bottom of the sheet, above the 2 cm margin). It is strongly recommended that every fifth line of each sheet be numbered in the right half of the left margin. The description and any sequence listing part of the description filed on paper or as image file(s) must be typewritten or printed. The typing must be 1½ spaced and in dark indelible color so as to permit direct reproduction. The capital letters of the characters must be a minimum of 0.28 cm high.

Rule 11.9(b)
11.10(b)

5.107. How are chemical or mathematical formulae to be represented? The description, the claims and the abstract may contain chemical or mathematical formulae.

Such formulae may be written by hand or drawn if necessary but it is recommended that appropriate drafting aids or materials such as stencils or transfers be used. For practical reasons formulae may be grouped together on one or more sheets in the description and paginated with it. It is recommended in such cases that each formula be designated by a reference sign and the description should contain references to such formulae whenever necessary. Chemical or mathematical formulae may also be grouped together and be placed after the claims as drawings. In such a case, the chemical or mathematical formulae must be drawn to comply with the requirements for drawings and the sheets must be numbered as drawing sheets (see paragraph 5.157).

Rule 11.9(b)
11.9(d)
11.13(h)

5.108. Chemical or mathematical formulae must employ symbols in general use and must be drawn in such a way that they are completely unambiguous. Numerals, letters and signs which are not typed must be legible and identical in form in the various formulae, irrespective of the element of the international application in which they appear. Chemical or mathematical formulae appearing in the text of the international application must have symbols the capital letters of which are at least 0.28 cm high. Where they appear on sheets of drawings, these symbols must be at least 0.32 cm high. All mathematical symbols used in a formula which appear in a description or on sheets of drawings should be explained in the description, unless their significance is clear from the context. In any case, the mathematical symbols used may be collated in a list.

Rule 11.10(c)
and(d)

5.109. **How are tables to be represented?** For the sake of convenience, tables may be grouped together in one or more sheets of the description and paginated with it. If two or more tables are necessary, each should be identified by a Roman numeral (independently of the pagination of the description or drawings or of the figure numbering) or by a capital letter, or by a title indicating its contents, or by some other means. Each line and column in a table should begin with an entry explaining what it represents and, if necessary, the units used. As far as possible, all tables should be set out upright on the sheets. Where the tables cannot be presented satisfactorily in an upright position, they may be placed sideways, with the top of the tables on the left-hand side of the sheet.

Rule 91

5.110. **How can obvious mistakes in the description be rectified?** The procedure for rectification of obvious mistakes is explained in paragraphs 11.033 to 11.044. The omission of an entire sheet of the description cannot be rectified without affecting the international filing date (see paragraphs 6.025 and 6.026). Changes other than the rectification of obvious mistakes are considered amendments (see paragraph 5.111).

Article 28
34(2)(b)
41(1)

Rule 52
78

5.111. **Can the description be amended during the international phase?** The description can be amended during the international phase only if the applicant files a demand for international preliminary examination (see paragraph 10.001). The description can also be amended during the national phase before each designated or elected Office (see National Phase). Different provisions apply to amendment of the claims in the international phase – see paragraph 5.127.

THE CLAIMS

Article 6
11(1)(iii)(e)
Rule 6.1
6.2
6.3
6.4

5.112. **How must claims be drafted?** The claim or claims must “define the matter for which protection is sought.” Claims must be clear and concise. They must be fully supported by the description. Rule 6 contains detailed requirements as to the number and numbering of claims, the extent to which any claim may refer to other parts of the international application, the manner of claiming, and dependent claims. As to the manner of claiming, the claims must, whenever appropriate, be in two distinct parts; namely, the statement of the prior art and the statement of the features for which protection is sought (“the characterizing portion”).

Rule 6.4(a)

5.113. In principle, under the PCT, any dependent claim which refers to more than one other claim (“multiple dependent claim”) must refer to such claims in the alternative only, and multiple dependent claims cannot serve as a basis for any other multiple dependent claim. However, the national laws of most Contracting States permit a manner of claiming which is different from that provided for in the preceding sentence, and the use of that different manner of claiming is in principle also permitted under the

PCT. For the purposes of those designated States where that different manner of claiming is not permitted, the applicant must decide which drafting style to adopt. If that different manner of claiming is used, amendments may need to be made to the claims during the national phase in those States which do not permit it. Moreover, the national Offices of such States, when they act as International Searching Authorities, may indicate under Article 17(2)(b) that a meaningful search could not be carried out if that different manner of claiming is used (see paragraph 7.014).

Article 3(4)(iii)
Rule 13
45bis.6(a)

5.114. What is meant by the requirement of “unity of invention”? An international application should be drafted so that the claims relate to only one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. This principle is laid down in Article 3(4)(iii) and Rule 13. Observance of this requirement is checked by neither the receiving Office nor the International Bureau, but it is checked by, and is important to the procedure before, the International Searching Authority (see paragraphs 7.015 to 7.021), the Authority specified for supplementary search (see paragraph 8.044) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see paragraph 10.072), and may be relevant in the national phase before the designated and elected Offices. Since separate searches and examinations are required for distinctly different inventions, additional fees are required if the international search or international preliminary examination is to cover two or more inventions (or groups of inventions linked as just described). (For how the issue of unity of invention affects the supplementary international search, see paragraph 8.043.)

Rule 13.2
13.3
Section 206

5.115. How is the requirement of unity of invention satisfied? Unity of invention is present only when there is a “technical relationship” among the claimed inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding “special technical features.” The expression “special technical features” means those technical features that define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art. The determination whether a group of inventions is so linked as to form a single inventive concept is made without regard to whether the inventions are claimed in separate claims or as alternatives within a single claim. An initial determination of unity of invention based on the assumption that the claims avoid the prior art will be made before the prior art search but may be reconsidered on the basis of the results of the search. Annex B of the Administrative Instructions contains detailed criteria governing the determination whether an international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention under Rule 13. The following paragraphs set out a summary of some of the more important criteria discussed in that Annex. Illustrations of three particular situations are explained in detail below:

- (i) combinations of different categories of claims (for example – product, process, use, and apparatus or means),
- (ii) so-called “Markush practice” and
- (iii) the case of intermediate and final products.

5.116. May different categories of claims be combined in an international application? The method for determining unity of invention contained in Rule 13 is construed as permitting, in particular, the inclusion of any one of the following combinations of claims of different categories in the same international application:

- (i) in addition to an independent claim for a given product, an independent claim for a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an independent claim for a use of the said product, or
- (ii) in addition to an independent claim for a given process, an independent claim for an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process, or
- (iii) in addition to an independent claim for a given product, an independent claim for a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product and an independent claim for an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process,

it being understood that a process is specially adapted for the manufacture of a product if it inherently results in the product and that an apparatus or means is specifically designed for carrying out a process if the contribution over the prior art of the apparatus or means corresponds to the contribution the process makes over the prior art.

5.117. An apparatus or means is considered to be “specifically designed for carrying out” a claimed process if the contribution over the prior art of the apparatus or means corresponds to the contribution the process makes over the prior art. Consequently, it would not be sufficient that the apparatus or means is merely capable of being used in carrying out the claimed process.

5.118. **What is permitted under the “Markush Practice”?** Rule 13.2 also governs the “Markush practice” wherein a single claim defines alternatives of an invention – a common drafting practice for inventions in the chemical field. In this special situation, the requirement of a technical interrelationship and the same or corresponding special technical features as defined in Rule 13.2, is considered to be met when the alternatives are of a similar nature.

5.119. When the Markush grouping is for alternatives of chemical compounds, they are regarded as being of a similar nature where the following criteria are fulfilled:

- (i) all alternatives have a common property or activity, and
- (ii) (a) a common structure is present – that is, a significant structural element is shared by all of the alternatives, or
- (b) in cases where the common structure cannot be the unifying criteria, all alternatives belong to a recognized class of chemical compounds in the art to which the invention pertains.

5.120. When dealing with alternatives, if it can be shown that at least one Markush alternative is not novel over the prior art, the question of unity of invention will be reconsidered by the examiner. Reconsideration does not necessarily imply that an objection of lack of unity will be raised.

5.121. **Can both intermediate and final products be claimed?** The situation involving intermediate and final products is also governed by Rule 13.2. The term “intermediate” is intended to mean intermediate or starting products. Such products have the ability to be used to produce final products through a physical or chemical change in which the intermediate loses its identity. Unity of invention should be considered to be present in the context of intermediate and final products where the following two conditions are fulfilled:

- (i) the intermediate and final products have the same essential structural element, in that:
 - (a) the basic chemical structures of the intermediate and the final products are the same, or
 - (b) the chemical structures of the two products are technically closely interrelated, the intermediate incorporating an essential structural element into the final product, and
- (ii) the intermediate and final products are technically interrelated, this meaning that the final product is manufactured directly from the intermediate or is separated from it by a small number of intermediates all containing the same essential structural element.

5.122. Unity of invention may also be considered to be present between intermediate and final products of which the structures are not known – for example, as between an intermediate having a known structure and a final product the structure of which is not known, or as between an intermediate of unknown structure and a final product of unknown structure. In order to satisfy unity in such cases, there must be sufficient evidence to lead one to conclude that the intermediate and final products are technically closely interrelated as, for example, when the intermediate contains the same essential element as the final product or incorporates an essential element into the final product.

- Article 2(x)
27(1)
Rule 13 5.123. An international application which complies with the unity of invention requirements laid down in Rule 13 must be accepted by all the designated and elected Offices, since Article 27(1) does not allow any national law (as defined in Article 2(x)) to require compliance with requirements relating to the contents of the international application different from or additional to those provided for in the PCT.
- Rule 11
11.4(a) 5.124. **What are the physical requirements for the claims?** The physical requirements are the same as those for the description as outlined in paragraph 5.105. Note that the claims must commence on a new sheet.
- Rule 11.10(c) 5.125. **May claims include tables?** The claims may include tables if this is desirable in view of the subject matter involved. In this case, the tables must be included in the text of the relevant claim; they may not be annexed to the claims nor may reference be made to tables contained in the description (see paragraph 5.109).
- Rule 91 5.126. **How can obvious mistakes in the claims be rectified?** The procedure for rectification of obvious mistakes is explained in paragraphs 11.033 to 11.044. The omission of an entire sheet of the claims cannot be rectified without affecting the international filing date (see paragraphs 6.025 and 6.026). It is recommended that a request for the rectification of obvious mistakes in the claims be made only if the mistake is liable to affect the international search; otherwise, the rectification should be made by amending the claims (see paragraph 5.127).
- Article 19
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34(2)(b)
41(1) 5.127. **Can the claims be amended during the international phase?** Yes, the claims may be amended under Article 19 on receipt of the international search report (see paragraphs 9.004 to 9.011); they may also be amended during international preliminary examination if the applicant has filed a demand (see paragraphs 10.024 and 10.067) and during the national phase.

THE DRAWINGS

- Article 3(2)
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Rule 7.1 5.128. **When is the inclusion of drawings required in the international application?** The international application must contain drawings when they are necessary for the understanding of the invention. Moreover where, without drawings being actually necessary for the understanding of the invention, the nature of the invention admits of illustration by drawings, the applicant may include such drawings and any designated Office may require the applicant to file such drawings during the national phase.
- Rule 7.1 5.129. Perspectives, exploded views, sections and cross-sections, and details on a different scale are all considered to be drawings. Drawings also cover flow sheets and diagrams, such as functional diagrams and graphic representations of a given phenomenon which express the relationship between two or more parameters.
- Rule 11.10 5.130. Where chemical or mathematical formulae and tables are included in the description, claims or abstract, they are not considered to be drawings and are thus not subject to the same requirements as drawings (see paragraphs 5.131 to 5.133). However, such graphic forms may be submitted as drawings, in which case they are subject to the same requirements as drawings.
- Rule 11.10
11.11
11.13 5.131. **How must the drawings be presented?** Drawings must be presented on one or more separate sheets. They may not be included in the description, the claims or the abstract. They may not contain text matter, except a single word or words when absolutely indispensable. Rules 11.10 to 11.13 contain detailed requirements as to further physical requirements of drawings. Any drawing meeting those requirements must be accepted in the national phase by the designated Offices. Drawings newly executed according to national standards may not be required during the national phase if the drawings filed with the international application comply with Rule 11. A file reference may be indicated on each sheet of the drawings as for the description (see paragraph 5.105).
- Rule 11.2(a) 5.132. The drawings must be so presented as to admit of direct reproduction by photography, electrostatic processes, photo offset and microfilming, in any number of copies.

- Rule 11.2(a)-(c)
11.3
11.5
11.6(c)
11.12
- 5.133. Drawings must be on sheets of A4 paper (29.7 cm x 21 cm) which must be flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny and durable. The sheets must be free from creases and cracks; they must not be folded. Each sheet must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting and interlineations. Only one side of each sheet may be used. The usable surface of sheets must not exceed 26.2 cm x 17.0 cm. The sheets must not contain frames around the usable surface. The minimum margins which must be observed are: top and left side: 2.5 cm; right side: 1.5 cm; bottom: 1.0 cm.
- Rule 11.10(d)
11.13(j)
- 5.134. **Should figures of drawings be arranged in a particular manner?** All the figures constituting the drawings must be grouped together on a sheet or sheets without waste of space, but clearly separated from each other. However, figures should not be separated by lines.
- Rule 11.10(d)
11.13(j)
- 5.135. As far as possible, all figures of the drawings should be set out upright on the sheets. Where the drawings cannot be presented satisfactorily in an upright position, they may be placed sideways, with the tops of the drawings on the left-hand side of the sheet. Thus, a figure which is broader than it is high, may be set out so that the bottom of the figure lies parallel to and along the right-hand side of the sheet. In this case, if other figures are drawn on the same sheet, they should be set out in the same way, so that all the figures on a single sheet lie in the same position. Similar considerations apply to tables and chemical and mathematical formulae (see paragraphs 5.107 and 5.109).
- 5.136. The drawings should contain as many figures as may be necessary to adequately show the claimed invention. The views may be plan, elevation, section, or perspective views; detail views of portions or elements, on a larger scale if necessary, may be used. Exploded views, with the separated parts of the same figure embraced by a bracket, to show the relationship or order of assembly of various parts, are permissible. One figure should not be placed upon or within the outline of another figure.
- 5.137. Where an invention concerns improvements to details of existing devices and machines, a general figure may be desirable to indicate where on the device or machine the improvement is situated, in order to ensure that the drawings are readily understood. If, for example, the invention relates to the fixing of an elastic diaphragm in a diaphragm pump, a figure – generally the first – may represent the entire pump, as improved by the invention, the details of which will then be given in the other figures. On the other hand, it would be unnecessary to represent the entire machine comprising this diaphragm, for example the automobile in which the diaphragm pump circulates the fuel.
- 5.138. It is sufficient to choose the views which are the most representative and contain the minimum of hidden parts, so that the object is completely and unambiguously defined by means of the smallest possible number of views. To this end, it is sometimes sufficient to replace the various views of an object by a single perspective view. The simplest view compatible with the desired result should be chosen.
- Rule 11.13(i)
- 5.139. Where figures on two or more sheets form in effect a single complete figure, the figures on the several sheets must be so arranged that the complete figure can be assembled without concealing any part of any of the figures appearing on the various sheets. Partial figures drawn on separate sheets must always be capable of being linked edge to edge, that is to say, no partial figure may contain parts of another partial figure. A very long figure may be divided into several parts placed one above the other on a single sheet. However, the relationship between the different parts must be clear and unambiguous. It is therefore recommended that a smaller scale figure be included showing the whole formed by the partial figures and indicating the positions of the parts shown.
- Rule 11.7
Section 207(b)
- 5.140. **How must drawings be numbered?** All sheets of drawings must be numbered in the center of either the top or the bottom of each sheet but not in the margin (as for the sheets of the description – see paragraph 5.106) in numbers larger than those used as reference signs in order to avoid confusion with the latter. For drawings, a separate series of numbers is to be used (see paragraph 5.012). The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets

of drawings. For example, “2/5” would be used for the second sheet of drawings where there are five sheets in all and “1/1” would be used in the case of a single sheet.

Rule 11.13(k)
49.5(f)

5.141. Different figures on the sheets of drawings must be numbered in Arabic numerals consecutively and independently of the numbering of the sheets and, if possible, in the order in which they appear. The numbers of the figures should be preceded by the expression “Fig.,” whatever the language of the international application. Where a single figure is sufficient to illustrate the claimed invention, it should not be numbered and the abbreviation “Fig.” should not appear. Numbers and letters identifying the figures must be simple and clear and may not be used in association with brackets, circles, or inverted commas, except as regards partial figures intended to form one complete figure, irrespective of whether they appear on one or several sheets. In this case the complete figure may be identified by the same number followed by a capital letter (for example, Fig. 7B).

5.142. The different figures should preferably be set out, as far as possible, on each sheet in ascending numerical order from left to right and from top to bottom. If one of two figures illustrates on a larger scale a detail from the other, each figure should be numbered separately, and if possible, consecutively.

Rule 11.13

5.143. **How should drawings be executed?** The drawings must be executed in durable, black, uniformly thick and well-defined lines and strokes. In all cases, the thickness of the lines and strokes must take into account the scale, nature, execution and perfect legibility of the drawing and of the reproductions. All lines in the drawings must, ordinarily, be drawn with the aid of a drafting instrument, except those which by their nature do not permit the use of such instruments, for example, irregular diagrams, ornamental structures and curved reference lines (see paragraph 5.145).

5.144. **May lines of different thicknesses be used in the same drawing?** Lines and strokes of different thicknesses may be used in the same drawing where different thicknesses have a different meaning. One could, for instance, use:

- a continuous thick line for edging and outlining views and cross-sections;
- a continuous thin line for reference lines (see paragraph 5.145 for further details), hatching, outlining parts of adjoining elements, fictitious lines of intersection of surfaces connected by curved or rounded edges;
- a continuous thin line drawn freehand for delimiting views, part sections or interrupted views;
- a thin broken line made up of short dashes for hidden edges and contours;
- a dot-dash thin line for axes and planes of symmetry, extreme positions of movable elements, in front of a cross-section;
- a thin line terminating in two thick lines for outlines of cross-sections.

5.145. **How should reference lines be shown?** Reference lines (also referred to as leading lines), that is, lines between the reference signs (for example, reference numerals) and the details referred to, may be straight or curved and should be as short as possible. They must originate in the immediate proximity of the reference sign and extend to the feature indicated. Reference lines for certain reference signs may be omitted. Reference signs of this type, which are not connected to anything, will then indicate the surface or cross-section on which they are placed. In such cases the reference sign may be underlined to make it quite clear that the line has not been left out by mistake. Reference lines must be executed in the same way as other lines in the drawing (see paragraph 5.143).

5.146. Arrows may be used at the end of the reference lines provided that their meaning is clear. They may indicate a number of points:

- (i) a freestanding arrow indicates the entire section towards which it points;
- (ii) an arrow touching a line indicates the surface shown by the line looking along the direction of the arrow;
- (iii) arrows may also be used in appropriate cases to show the direction of movement.

- Rule 11.13(b) 5.147. **How are cross-sections to be represented?** In making and representing cross-sections, certain conditions must be observed with regard to the indication and identification of the figures concerned and how they are to be represented, as more fully explained in paragraphs 5.148 and 5.149.
- 5.148. Where a figure is a cross-section on another figure, the latter should indicate the position of the section and may indicate the viewing direction by arrows at each end. In addition, in order to allow each sectional figure to be quickly identified, especially where several cross-sections are made on the same figure, each end of the cross-section line should be marked on the diagram with the same single Arabic or Roman numeral which identifies the figure in which the section is illustrated. A cross-section represents that part of an object which is situated on a cutting surface. In industrial drawings, the cross-section is that part of the object which is behind the cutting surface from the point of view of the person looking at it. Cutting surfaces are generally plane surfaces and if they are not, they must be defined precisely. Cross-sections must always follow the cutting surface, whatever it may be.
- 5.149. A cross-section must be set out and drawn in the same manner as a normal view whose parts in cross-section are hatched with regularly spaced parallel oblique strokes, the space between strokes being chosen on the basis of the total area to be hatched. Hatching should not impede the clear reading of the reference signs and reference lines. Consequently, if it is not possible to place reference signs outside the hatched area, the hatching may be broken off wherever reference signs are inserted. Certain types of hatching may be given a specific meaning. The hatching should be at a substantial angle to the surrounding axes or principal lines, preferably 45°. The various parts of a cross-section of the same item should be hatched in the same manner. The hatching of juxtaposed different elements should be angled in a different way. In the case of large areas, hatching can be confined to an edging drawn around the inside of the outline of the area to be hatched.
- Rule 11.13(c) 5.150. **What should be the scale of figures of the drawings?** The scale of the figure should be such that all the essential details can be clearly distinguished in a linear reduction in size to two-thirds. In exceptional cases, where required, the scale of the drawing may be graphically represented. Indications such as “actual size” or “scale ½” on the drawings or in the description, are not permitted, since these lose their meaning with reproduction in different format.
- Rule 11.13(g) 5.151. Each element of each figure must be in proportion to each of the other elements in the figure, except where the use of a different proportion is indispensable for the clarity of the figure. As a preferred alternative to a difference in proportion within one figure for the purpose of achieving the necessary clarity, a supplementary figure should be added giving a larger scale illustration of the element of the initial figure. In such cases, it is recommended that the enlarged element shown in the second figure be surrounded by a finely drawn or “dot-dash” circle in the first figure pinpointing its location without obscuring the figure.
- Rule 11.13(e) 5.152. **How should numbers, letters, reference signs and like indications be presented and applied to drawings?** Numbers, letters and reference signs and any other data given on the sheets of drawings, such as the numbering of figures, and of the sheets of the drawings, acceptable text matter, graduations on scales, etc., must be simple and clear, and not used in association with any brackets, inverted commas, circles or outlines whatsoever. Signs indicating minutes, seconds or degrees are permitted. Numbers, letters and reference signs should be laid out in the same direction as the diagram so as to avoid having to rotate the sheet. Such numbers, letters and reference signs should not be so placed in the closed and complex parts of the drawings as to interfere with a thorough comprehension of the same, and therefore should rarely cross or mingle with the lines. As a general rule, numbers, letters and reference signs should be placed as closely as possible to the part in question.
- Rule 11.13(h) 5.153. A minimum size of 0.32 cm is required for all numbers and letters used on the drawings so that their reduction in size to two-thirds remains easily legible. The Latin alphabet should normally be used for letters. The Greek alphabet is to be accepted, however, where it is customarily used, for example, to indicate angles, wavelengths, etc.

- Rule 11.13(l) 5.154. Reference signs are to be used in a manner which is consistent as between the description, claims and drawings. In particular, reference signs not mentioned in the description must not appear in the drawings, and *vice versa*. Features of a drawing should not be designated by a reference sign in cases where the feature itself has not been described. This situation may arise as a result of amendments to the description involving the deletion of pages or whole paragraphs. One solution would be to delete reference signs on the drawing which have been deleted in the description. Where for any reason a figure is deleted, all reference signs relating solely to that figure appearing in the description and claims should also be deleted.
- Rule 11.13(m) 5.155. The same features, when denoted by reference signs, must, throughout the international application, be denoted by the same signs. However, where several variants or embodiments of a claimed invention are described, each with reference to a particular figure, and where each variant contains features whose function is the same or basically the same, the features may, if this is indicated in the description, be identified by reference numbers made up of the number of the figure to which it relates followed by the number of the feature, which is the same for all variants, so that a single number is formed. For example, the common feature “15” would be indicated by “115” in Fig. 1, while the corresponding feature would be indicated by “215” in Fig. 2, thereby allowing the individual feature and the figure on which it is to be considered to be indicated at the same time. Complex cases involving many pages of drawings may be made easier to read if, when the individual variants or embodiments are described with reference to particular groups of figures, the common reference sign is prefixed by the number of the particular variant or embodiment to which it relates; however, this should, if used, be explained in the description.
- Rule 11.11 5.156. **May drawings contain text matter?** The drawings must not contain text matter, except a single word or words when absolutely indispensable, such as “water”, “steam”, “open”, “closed”, “section on AB” and in the case of electric circuits and block schematic or flow sheet diagrams, a few short catch words indispensable for understanding. Significant amounts of text matter should be avoided in the drawings as this can cause difficulties not only in understanding but also in translation. Any words used must be so placed that if translated, they may be pasted over without interfering with any lines of the drawings.
- Rule 10.1(d) and (e) 5.157. **May symbols be used in drawings?** Known devices may be illustrated by symbols which have a universally recognized conventional meaning and are generally accepted in the art provided no further detail is essential for understanding the subject matter of the claimed invention. Other signs and symbols may be used provided that they are not likely to be confused with existing conventional symbols, that they are readily identifiable, that is, simple, and providing that they are clearly explained in the text of the description. Different types of hatching may also have different conventional meanings as regards the nature of a material seen in cross-section.
- 5.158. **Is the use of shading permitted?** The use of shading in figures is allowed provided this assists in their understanding and is not so extensive as to impede legibility. Shading may, for instance, be used to indicate the shape of spherical, cylindrical, conical elements, etc. Flat parts may also be lightly shaded. Such shading is allowed in the case of parts shown in perspective but not for cross-sections. Only spaced lines may be used for shading, not fully blacked out areas. These lines must be thin, as few in number as possible and they must contrast with the rest of the drawings.
- 5.159. **May a photograph or color drawing be presented?** The PCT makes no provision for photographs or color drawings. Nevertheless, they may be submitted where it is impossible to present in a black and white drawing what is to be shown (for instance, crystalline structures). Where, exceptionally, photographs and/or color drawings are submitted, they must be on sheets of A4 size and respect the minimum margins (see paragraph 5.133). While the receiving Office will not necessarily require replacement sheets where photographs and/or color drawings are submitted, for international publication purposes, all images will be converted to black and white (not greyscale). As a result, details may be lost which could impact the disclosure of the invention in the international application and affect the processing of the international application in the international and the national phase. The filing software accepted by

some receiving Offices allows for the specific indication that photographs and/or color drawings are filed as part of the international application. Such indications will trigger a notice on the front page of the published international application to indicate that the original drawings are available on PATENTSCOPE, which may assist national phase processing in Offices where color drawings are accepted. However, it will not overcome the need to provide true black and white drawings to other Offices when required, representing the color images without adding subject matter.

Rule 11.13(n) 5.160. **May a list of reference signs used in the drawings be included in the description?** In the case of international applications dealing with complex subjects and incorporating a large number of drawings, a separate sheet listing all reference signs may be included at the end of the description as a part thereof. This list may take whatever form is appropriate and contain all the reference signs together with the designation of the features which they denote. This method could have the advantage of allowing an easier reference to the meaning of the various reference signs employed and understanding of the drawings.

Rule 91 5.161. **How can obvious mistakes in the drawings be rectified?** The procedure for rectification of obvious mistakes is explained in paragraphs 11.033 to 11.044. The omission of an entire sheet of drawings cannot be rectified without affecting the international filing date (see paragraphs 6.025(i)(b) and 6.026). Changes other than the rectification of obvious mistakes are considered amendments (see paragraph 5.162).

Article 28
34(2)(b)
41(1) 5.162. **Can the drawings be amended during the international phase?** The drawings can be amended during the international phase only if the applicant files a demand for international preliminary examination (see paragraph 10.001). The drawings can also be amended during the national phase.

5.163. As regards the figure or, exceptionally, figures to accompany the abstract, see paragraph 5.171.

THE ABSTRACT

Article 3(3)
Rule 8.3 5.164. **What is the use of the abstract?** The abstract serves as a scanning tool for the purposes of searching in the particular art and especially assists the scientist, engineer or researcher in formulating an opinion on whether there is a need to consult the international application itself. It merely serves the purpose of technical information and cannot be taken into account for any other purpose, particularly not for the purpose of interpreting the scope of the protection sought.

Rule 8.1(a) 5.165. **What content should the abstract normally contain?** The abstract should consist of a summary of the disclosure as contained in the description, the claims, and any drawings. It should indicate the technical field to which the invention pertains and should be drafted in a way which allows a clear understanding of the technical problem, the gist of the solution to that problem through the invention, and the principal use or uses of the invention. Where applicable, it should also contain the chemical formula which, among all the formulae contained in the international application, best characterizes the invention. The abstract should be primarily related to what is new in the art to which the invention pertains. WIPO Standard ST.12/A provides more detailed guidance in this respect.

5.166. If the invention is in the nature of a modification to an apparatus, process, product or composition, the abstract should be directed to the technical disclosure of the modification. If the invention is of a basic nature, the entire technical disclosure may be new in the art and the abstract should be directed to the entire disclosure. If an international application relating to a product, particularly a compound or composition, also contains significant disclosure of its method of preparation or use, this matter should also be abstracted. If the disclosure involves alternatives, the abstract should deal with the preferred alternative and identify the others if this can be done succinctly; if this cannot be done, it should mention that they exist and whether they differ substantially from the preferred alternative.

5.167. Where applicable, and provided the international application contains the information, the abstract should include at least the following: (1) if the invention is a

machine, apparatus, or system, its organization and operation; (2) if the invention is an article, its method of making; (3) if the invention is a chemical compound, its identity and preparation; (4) if the invention is a mixture, its ingredients; (5) if the invention is a process, the steps. Extensive mechanical and design details of apparatus should not be given.

Rule 8.1(a)(ii) 5.168. With regard particularly to chemical inventions for compounds or compositions, the general nature of the compound or composition should be given as well as the use thereof, for example, “the compounds are of the class of alkyl benzene sulfonyl ureas, useful as oral anti-diabetics.” Exemplification of a class should be by a typical example. For processes, the type of reaction, reagents and process conditions should be stated, generally illustrated by a single example. Wherever applicable, the chemical formula should be given which, among all the formulae contained in the international application, best characterizes the invention.

Rule 8.1(c) 5.169. The abstract must not contain statements on the alleged merits or value of the claimed invention or on its speculative application.

Rule 8.1(b) 5.169A. **How long should the abstract be?** The abstract must be as concise as the disclosure permits. Phrases should not be used which can be implied, such as “This disclosure concerns”, “The invention defined by this disclosure” and “This invention relates to”. If it is drafted in English, it should preferably be in the range of 50 to 150 words. The same applies to the translation in English if the abstract is drafted in a language other than English.

In order to provide guidance to applicants in preparing abstracts when they are drafted in languages other than English, the International Bureau has analyzed the abstracts of past international applications. That analysis shows that, on average, if the abstract drafted in one of the following languages of publication falls into the corresponding range of number of words or characters, when it is translated into English, that translation will likely be within the range of 50 to 150 words: Arabic, 35 to 110 words; Chinese, 80 to 240 characters; French, 50 to 150 words; German, 40 to 120 words; Japanese, 100 to 300 characters; Korean, 30 to 130 words; Portuguese, 50 to 150 words; Russian, 35 to 110 words; and Spanish, 50 to 150 words.

Rule 3.3(a)(iii) 5.170. **When should a figure be suggested to accompany the abstract?** Where the international application contains drawings, the applicant should indicate, in the check list of the request, the number of the figure in the drawings which the applicant suggests should be published with the abstract.

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5.171. The figure illustrating the abstract must be the figure which best characterizes the claimed invention and must be chosen from the drawings accompanying the international application. Only one figure should generally be indicated. The abstract may exceptionally be illustrated by more than one figure where necessary information cannot be otherwise conveyed. A figure containing significant amounts of text matter should be avoided as text can be difficult to read when reduced to the size of the front page drawing to accompany the abstract. In addition, large amounts of text in the figure to accompany the abstract can impede the understanding of the invention given that translated text in a figure is placed below or at the side of the drawing. If none of the figures is found useful for the understanding of the abstract, no figure need be indicated in the check list. The figure or figures that will accompany the abstract at the time the international application is published may not be included in the abstract.

Rule 8.1(d) 5.171A. **Should the abstract contain reference signs?** The abstract should be clear and easy to understand. Where the international application contains drawings, each main technical feature mentioned in the abstract and illustrated by a drawing should be followed by a reference sign, placed between parentheses. The reference numerals used in the abstract must correspond to those indicated in the relevant figures.

Section 207
Rule 11

5.172. **How must the abstract be presented?** The abstract must be presented on a separate sheet which must appear after the claims and be numbered accordingly (see paragraph 5.012). It must comply with the same physical requirements as those applicable for the description (see paragraph 5.105).

Article 14(1)(a)(iv) and (b)
Rule 26.2
38.2
38.3

5.173. **What happens if the abstract is missing or defective?** Where the receiving Office finds that the abstract is missing, it invites the applicant to furnish it within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation to correct. The international application can be considered withdrawn if no abstract is furnished to the receiving Office within the time limit fixed. Where the receiving Office has not invited the applicant to furnish an abstract, the International Searching Authority establishes one. The same applies where the abstract does not comply with the requirements outlined in the preceding paragraphs (see also paragraph 7.022). Where the abstract is established by the International Searching Authority, the applicant may submit comments on it within one month from the date of mailing of the international search report.

Rule 38.3

5.174. **Can an abstract be corrected even if the International Searching Authority has already approved it?** The applicant is entitled, until the expiration of one month from the date of mailing of the international search report, to submit to the International Searching Authority proposed modifications of the abstract. It will be up to the Authority to decide whether to modify the abstract accordingly.

OTHER FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

Article 21(6)
Rule 9

5.175. **What other formal requirements does the international application have to meet?** The international application may not contain matter contrary to morality or public order, disparaging statements or obviously irrelevant or unnecessary matter.

When the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Bureau note lack of compliance with the prescriptions of Rule 9, the Office or Authority may suggest that the applicant correct his international application accordingly. For the procedure to correct a defect under Rule 9, see paragraph 6.052.

Rule 10

5.176. There are certain requirements as to the technical terminology and signs to be used (metric system, etc.). They are specified in Rule 10. The use of such prescribed technical terminology will be accepted by all designated Offices.

Article 3(4)(ii)
14(1)(a)(v)
Rule 11

5.177. The international application must comply with certain physical requirements, such as requirements concerning fitness for reproduction, the paper to be used, the manner of writing (generally typewritten or printed), etc. The details are spelled out in Rule 11. They are, in general, very similar to the requirements applied by the major Patent Offices for national applications (and by the Eurasian Patent Office and the European Patent Office for Eurasian and European patent applications, respectively).

Rule 4.16

5.178. Where any name or address is written in characters other than those of the Latin alphabet (for example, Chinese, Cyrillic or Japanese), it must be transliterated or translated into English. For details, see Rule 4.16.

Rule 11.1(a) and (b)
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5.179. **In how many copies must an international application be filed?** An international application, and, where applicable, a translation of the international application, must be filed in one, two or three copies, depending on the requirements of the receiving Office. Annex C contains the relevant information. See also Rule 21.

Article 12
Rule 21.1
22.1(a)
23.1(a)
Section 305

5.180. It is to be noted that there must eventually be three copies of every international application: one is kept by the receiving Office (the “home copy”), one is transmitted by the receiving Office to, and is kept by, the International Bureau (the “record copy”), and one is transmitted by the receiving Office to, and kept by, the International Searching Authority (the “search copy”). If less than the required number of copies is filed by the applicant (see paragraph 5.179), the receiving Office is responsible for preparing the additional copies and may charge a fee to the applicant.

Rule 12
12.3
21.1
22.1(a)
23.1(a)
Section 305bis

5.181. Where the international application was filed in a language which is accepted by the receiving Office but not by the International Searching Authority which is to carry out the international search, the applicant has to furnish a translation of the international application (see paragraphs 6.013 to 6.020 for details). In that case, the receiving Office forwards a copy of the international application in the language of filing

(the “record copy”) to the International Bureau, a copy (the “search copy”) to the International Searching Authority and retains one copy (the “home copy”). When the receiving Office receives the translation of the international application, it forwards one copy to the International Bureau (the “record copy – translation (Rule 12.3)”), keeps one copy for its files (the “home copy – translation (Rule 12.3)”) and forwards the third copy, together with a copy of the request (the “search copy – translation (Rule 12.3)”) to the International Searching Authority. If the translation is filed by the applicant in fewer than the required number of copies (see paragraph 5.179), the receiving Office is responsible for preparing the additional copies and may charge a fee to the applicant.

Rule 12.4
21.1
22.1(a)
Section 305bis

5.182. Where the international application was filed in a language which is accepted by the receiving Office and by the International Searching Authority which is to carry out the international search but which is not also in a language of publication, the applicant has to furnish a translation of the international application (see paragraphs 6.013 to 6.023 for details). In that case, the receiving Office forwards a copy of the international application in the language of filing (the “record copy”) to the International Bureau, a copy (the “search copy”) to the International Searching Authority and retains one copy (the “home copy”). When the receiving Office receives the translation of the international application, it forwards one copy to the International Bureau (the “record copy – translation (Rule 12.4)”) and keeps one copy for its files (the “home copy – translation (Rule 12.4)”). No copy of the translation of the international application will therefore be forwarded to the International Searching Authority by the receiving Office. If the translation is filed by the applicant in fewer than the required number of copies (see paragraph 5.179), the receiving Office is responsible for preparing the additional copy and may charge a fee to the applicant.

Rule 62.1(i)
Section 420

5.183. Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority is not part of the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as the International Searching Authority, the International Bureau will, promptly upon receipt of the international search report or, if the demand was received after the international search report, promptly upon receipt of the demand, send a copy of the international application and the international search report together with a copy of the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Where neither the language in which the international application was filed nor the language in which the international application is published is accepted by the International Preliminary Examining Authority that is to carry out the international preliminary examination, the applicant must furnish with the demand a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication. No such translation is required where the International Searching Authority and the International Preliminary Examining Authority are part of the same national Office or intergovernmental organization. In cases where, instead of the international search report, a declaration under Article 17(2)(a) was issued, references in the preceding sentences to the international search report shall be considered references to the said declaration.

FEES

Article 3(4)(iv)

5.184. **What fees are due in respect of an international application?** There are three kinds of fee which must be paid in connection with every international application.

Rule 14

(i) The “transmittal fee” is fixed by, and accrues to, the receiving Office for the performance of its tasks in connection with the receipt and checking of the international application, and for the transmittal of copies of it to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.

Rule 16.1

(ii) The “search fee” is fixed by, and accrues to the benefit of, the International Searching Authority for the carrying out of the international search and the establishment of the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority.

Rule 15.1
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(iii) The “international filing fee” is fixed in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations and accrues to the International Bureau for the performance of various tasks, including the publication of the international application and,

where applicable, the issuance on behalf of the International Searching Authority of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the PCT) and the communication of various notifications to the applicant, the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, and the designated and elected Offices.

- Rule 14.1(a)
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16.1(b) **5.185. To whom are the fees payable?** All three kinds of fee referred to in paragraph 5.184 are payable to the receiving Office with which the international application is filed. The receiving Office then [transfers the international filing fee to the International Bureau and the search fee to the International Searching Authority or, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions, to the International Bureau for further transfer to the beneficiary Office.](#)
- Rule 14.1(b)
15.2
16.1(b) **5.186. What is the currency in which the fees are payable?** Generally, the fees referred to in paragraph 5.184 are payable in the currency of the country in which the receiving Office is located. Complete information on this question is contained in Annex C and, for the search fee, in Annex D.
- Rule 14.1(b)
15.2
16.1(a) **5.187. What are the amounts of the fees?** Annex C and, for the search fee, Annex D indicate the amounts of the fees referred to in paragraph 5.184. Where the applicant has the choice between two or more International Searching Authorities (see paragraph 7.002), the amount of the search fee depends on which International Searching Authority is chosen and indicated in Box No. VII of the request form (see paragraphs 5.072 and 5.093) and in the fee calculation sheet (see paragraph 5.093). For details on how to calculate the fee for sequence listings, see paragraph 5.101.
- 5.188. What fee reductions are available?** An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below 25,000 US dollars (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US dollars values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent five-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, item 5, to a reduction of 90% of the international filing fee. In addition, an applicant who qualifies for the 90% reduction in the international filing fee will not have to pay the transmittal fee in respect of an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office. The same applies (i.e. the 90% reduction in the international filing fee and no transmittal fee to be paid if filing is made with the International Bureau as receiving Office) for an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country. (For a list of States whose nationals and residents are eligible for the fee reduction, see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction_july.pdf). However, it should be noted that the applicant is only entitled to the reduction if, at the time of filing the international application, the applicant is or all applicants are the true and only owner(s) 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. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy one or the other of the above-mentioned criteria. If the applicant is or all applicants are entitled to the reduction, this reduction applies on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request, without a need for a specific request to be made. The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them satisfies the above-mentioned criteria and that at least one of them is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application. Information about PCT Contracting States whose nationals and residents are entitled to a reduction of 90% of the international filing fee, is contained in Annex C and, in particular Annex C(IB). As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau. It is to be noted that, if both the reduction for electronic filing of an international application and the 90% reduction of the international filing fee are applicable, the 90%

reduction is calculated after the reduction for electronic filing of an international application.

Rule 89bis
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Section 702
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5.189. An applicant who files an international application is entitled to a reduction in the international filing fee provided that the international application is filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form and in compliance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions or the basic common standard.

The reduction is 100 Swiss francs or the equivalent where the request and the text of the description, claims and abstract are not in character coded format, 200 Swiss francs or the equivalent where the request is in character coded format and the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format and is 300 Swiss francs or the equivalent where the request and the text of the description, claims and abstract are in character coded format.

5.190. The international search fee as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see Annexes D and E).

Rule 14
15.3
16.1(f)

5.191. **When are the fees due?** All fees referred to in paragraph 5.184 may be paid at the same time, and, if they are paid upon filing of the international application with the receiving Office, no problem can arise. However, all fees can be paid as much as one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. The dates on which payments are deemed to have been received are determined by the receiving Office. The latter applies the same Rules as are applied in the case of payments for national applications.

Rule 15.3
16.1(f)

5.192. **What happens if the amounts of the fees are changed?** Where the amount of the international filing fee or of the search fee, in the currency in which the fee is payable, changes, the new amount must be paid as from the date of its entry into force. However, where the amount of any such fee changes between the date on which the international application was received and the date of payment, the amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of receipt of the international application. This system allows the applicant to pay all the fees for the international application, within the one month period, on the basis of the amounts applicable on the date on which the application was filed with the receiving Office.

Rule 16bis.1
16bis.2

5.193. **What happens if the fees are not paid or not paid in full?** Where, within the time they are due, the applicant has not paid any or all of the fees, the receiving Office invites the applicant to pay the missing amount, together with a late payment fee, within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation. If the applicant pays the amount (including the late payment fee) specified in the invitation, the deficiency in payment has no consequences for the international application. The amount of the late payment fee is 50% of the missing amount or, if that 50% is less than the transmittal fee, an amount equal to the transmittal fee; but the amount of the late payment fee may not exceed the amount of 50% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets (see Annex C).

5.194. Where, within the time by which they are due, the applicant has not paid any or all of the fees, any payment relating to the missing amount must be considered to have been received within the time by which those fees are due, if the payment is received by the receiving Office before that Office sends the invitation, referred to in the preceding paragraph, to pay the missing amount.

Article 14(3)
Rule 16bis.1(c)
27.1
29.1
Section 321

5.195. If the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee are not paid in the prescribed currency and within the prescribed time limits, including the time limit set in the invitation from the receiving Office to pay the missing amount together with the late payment fee (see paragraph 5.193), the international application is considered withdrawn, and the receiving Office promptly informs the applicant accordingly. However, any payment must be considered to have been received before the expiration of the applicable time limit if it is received by the receiving Office before

that Office makes the applicable declaration, under Article 14(3), that the international application is considered withdrawn.

5.196. If the amounts paid do not cover the transmittal fee (if applicable), the international filing fee and the search fee (if applicable), the moneys paid will be allocated as specified by the applicant or, in the absence of such specification, as prescribed by the Administrative Instructions by the receiving Office, which promptly notifies the applicant accordingly.

Rule 15.4
16.2

5.197. **In what cases are fees refunded?** There is no Rule under the PCT concerning the possibility of asking for a refund of the transmittal fee. The search fee and the international filing fee are refunded where, due to prescriptions concerning national security, the international application is not treated as such, or where the receiving Office refuses to accord an international filing date to the international application under Article 11(1). Such refusal occurs, generally speaking, where the international application is defective in certain respects (see paragraph 6.005). The receiving Office will also refund the international filing fee or the search fee to the applicant if the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the transmittal of the record copy to the International Bureau or the transmittal of the search copy to the International Searching Authority, as the case may be.

Rule 16.3
41.1

5.198. Most International Searching Authorities will refund part or all of the search fee if the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn after transmittal of the search copy but before the start of the international search (see Annex D). Where the International Searching Authority must, under Rule 41.1(i), or may, under Rule 41.1(ii), take into account the results of the earlier search when carrying out the international search (see also paragraph 5.073), in accordance with Rule 16.3, the International Searching Authority must refund the search fee to the extent and under the conditions provided for in the agreement under Article 16(3)(b). International Searching Authorities are free to decide the extent and conditions for such search fee reductions.

5.199. For refunds or reductions of fees in the national phase, see National Phase, paragraph 4.007 and National Chapters (Summaries).

CHAPTER 6

PROCESSING OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION BY THE RECEIVING OFFICE

GENERAL

6.001. **What are the main procedural steps at the receiving Office?** The main procedural steps that any international application goes through at the receiving Office are the following:

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| Article 10 | (i) the international application and the related fees are received by the receiving Office; |
| Article 11(1)
14(1)(a) | (ii) the international application is checked by the receiving Office to determine whether it meets the requirements prescribed by the PCT as to the language, form and contents of international applications (the checks performed by the receiving Office are of a formal nature and do not go into the substance of the invention); |
| Article 11(2)(a)
14(1)(b)
Rule 20.1
20.3
26.1 | (iii) where the checks made by the receiving Office show that the international application does not meet certain requirements as to fees, language, form and contents, that Office invites the applicant to furnish the necessary corrections; |
| Article 11(1)
11(2)(b)
Rule 20.2 | (iv) where – possibly after correction (see paragraphs 6.024 to 6.053) – the checks made by the receiving Office show that the international application meets the requirements prescribed for that purpose by the PCT, an international filing date is accorded to the international application by the receiving Office; |
| Article 12
Rule 22
23 | (v) copies of the international application, its translation, where applicable, and other related documents are transmitted by the receiving Office to the International Searching Authority and to the International Bureau so that they may carry out the procedural steps for which they are responsible in the further processing of the international application. |

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| Rule 92.4 | 6.003. How does the international application reach the receiving Office? The international application may be deposited with or mailed to the receiving Office. It may also be filed by other means of rapid communication, notably by facsimile machine, provided that the receiving Office places such facilities at the disposal of applicants and that the original is furnished within 14 days, if so required by the receiving Office (see Annexes B). The requirements in relation to filing the international application and any subsequent documents by facsimile machine are explained in more detail in paragraphs 11.067 to 11.070. |
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| Article 30 | 6.004. Is the international application treated as confidential by the receiving Office? Yes, it is. Third parties are not permitted to have access to the international application, unless requested or authorized by the applicant, before the date of international publication. Designated Offices are, however, permitted to publish the fact that they have been designated, together with a limited amount of bibliographic data. For further details as to confidentiality, see Article 30 and paragraphs 11.072 to 11.074. |
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INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

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| Article 11(1)
Rule 20.1
20.2 | 6.005. What are the conditions that must be fulfilled for the international application to be entitled to an international filing date? The receiving Office must accord an “international filing date” to the international application if it finds that the following conditions are fulfilled: |
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- (i) the applicant does not obviously lack, for reasons of residence or nationality, the right to file an international application with the receiving Office (see paragraphs 5.008, 5.020 and 5.023);
- (ii) the international application is in the prescribed language (see paragraph 6.006);

- (iii) the international application contains at least the following elements:
 - (a) an indication that it is intended as an international application,
 - (b) a request which constitutes the designation of a Contracting State bound by the PCT on the international filing date (under Rule 4.9(a) – see paragraph 5.052),
 - (c) the name of the applicant (for this purpose it is sufficient if the name of the applicant is indicated in a way which allows his identity to be established, even if the name is misspelled, or the given names are not fully indicated, or, in the case of legal entities, the indication of the name is abbreviated or incomplete),
 - (d) a part which on the face of it appears to be a description,
 - (e) a part which on the face of it appears to be a claim or claims.

Article 11(1)(ii)
and (iii)
Rule 12.1
20.1(c)
and (d)

6.006. For the purposes of according an international filing date, the requirement that the international application be in a prescribed language is met, in most receiving Offices, if the description and claims (but not necessarily the other elements of the international application) are in a language accepted by the receiving Office under Rule 12.1(a) and (c) (see Rule 20.1(c) and paragraph 5.013). If any of the other elements of the international application are not in a language accepted by the receiving Office, they may be corrected later without affecting the international filing date (see paragraphs 6.032 and 6.034). A translation will need to be furnished by the applicant in respect of any international application which is filed in a language which is not a language accepted by the International Searching Authority which is to carry out the international search and/or a language of publication; (see paragraphs 6.013 to 6.020). In certain Offices, however, Rule 20.1(c) is incompatible with the applicable national law. For as long as that incompatibility continues, that Rule will not apply for those Offices; all elements of an international application filed with those Offices as receiving Office must therefore comply with the language requirements of Rule 12.1 before an international filing date can be accorded (see Annex C for details).

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Article 11(1)
11(2)(b)
Rule 20.1
20.2

6.008. **What date is accorded as the international filing date?** The reply to this question depends on whether the requirements for according an international filing date (see paragraph 6.005) were fulfilled on the date on which the international application was received by the receiving Office, or, pursuant to Rule 20.6, considered to have been received (see paragraph 6.026 to 6.031), or – following correction of defects in relation to those requirements – on a later date. The international filing date will, in the former case, be the date on which the international application was received by the receiving Office and, in the latter case, the date on which the correction was received by the receiving Office. Naturally, any correction has to comply with some conditions; in particular it has to be filed within a certain time limit. More is said about this in paragraph 6.025. Where all the sheets pertaining to the same international application are not received on the same day by the receiving Office, see paragraph 6.026.

Article 11(3)
11(4)
14(3)
Rule 27

6.009. **Does non-payment, incomplete payment or late payment of fees influence the international filing date?** No, it does not, however, those defects will eventually lead the receiving Office to declare that the international application is considered withdrawn (see paragraphs 5.195 and 5.196). Although an international application which has not been accorded an international filing date and an international application which is considered withdrawn are both excluded from further processing in the international phase, an international application which fulfills the requirements necessary for it to be accorded an international filing date may be invoked as a priority application under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (if the conditions laid down by that Convention are fulfilled) even where the international application is considered withdrawn under the PCT (for non-payment of fees or other reasons).

Article 27(8)
Rule 22.1
Section 330

6.010. **Can the receiving Office refuse to treat an international application as such for reasons of national security?** Each Contracting State is free to apply measures deemed necessary for the preservation of its national security. For example,

each receiving Office has the right not to treat an international application as such and not to transmit the record copy to the International Bureau and the search copy to the International Searching Authority. Compliance with national security prescriptions where the international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office will not be checked by the International Bureau; such compliance is the applicant's responsibility. Where an international filing date has been accorded but national security considerations prevent transmittal of the record copy, the receiving Office must so declare to the International Bureau before the expiration of 13, or at the latest 17, months from the priority date.

Rule 20.2
20.4(i)
20.5(c)
20.5bis(c)
22.1
29.1(ii)

6.011. How does the applicant know whether his application has been accorded an international filing date or that his application is not treated as an international application or is considered to have been withdrawn? Where the receiving Office accords an international filing date to the international application, it promptly notifies the applicant of that date and of the international application number; where it decides that the international application is not to be treated as an international application (because of a negative determination for lack of compliance with Article 11, or because national security considerations prevent it from being treated as such) or is to be considered withdrawn, it promptly notifies the applicant accordingly.

Article 14(4)
Rule 29.3
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Section 312

6.012. Can an international filing date once accorded be “taken away”? If, after having accorded an international filing date, the receiving Office finds that it should not have accorded it, the international application is considered withdrawn and the receiving Office so declares and promptly notifies the applicant. If the International Bureau or the International Searching Authority finds that an international filing date should not have been accorded, it calls the relevant facts to the attention of the receiving Office. However, such a finding may validly occur only during the four months following the international filing date and must be preceded by a notification to the applicant of the intention to make the declaration which should, where applicable, also include an invitation to confirm the incorporation of missing elements in accordance with Rule 20.6(a). The applicant has the right to submit arguments within two months from the notification or, where applicable, confirm the incorporation by reference of missing elements. For the rectification of errors made by the receiving Office in according the international filing date, see Rule 82ter.1 and the National Phase, paragraph 6.028.

TRANSLATION OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Rule 12.1

6.013. When is a translation of the international application required? Every receiving Office must accept, for the purpose of filing international applications, at least one language which is both a language of publication and a language accepted by the International Searching Authority, or, if applicable, by at least one of the International Searching Authorities, competent for the international searching of international applications filed with that receiving Office. In addition, any receiving Office may accept one or more other languages for the purpose of filing international applications. A translation of the international application is required when the language in which the international application is filed is a language which is not a language of publication and/or a language accepted by the International Searching Authority which is to carry out the international search.

Rule 12.3

6.014. What are the translation requirements if the international application is filed in a language which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority? Where the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search, the applicant must furnish, to the receiving Office, a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication. Moreover, unless the international application was filed in a language of publication (see paragraph 9.017), the language into which the international application is translated must also be a language in which international applications may be filed with the receiving Office concerned. No translation is required of any sequence listing part of the description which complies with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions. (Concerning translation of the request, see paragraph 6.019.)

6.015. The translation of the international application must be furnished to the receiving Office within one month from the date on which the international application was received by that Office. Where, by the time the receiving Office notifies the applicant of the international application number and international filing date, the applicant has not furnished the required translation, the receiving Office will, preferably together with that notification, invite the applicant to furnish the required translation either within the time limit of one month from the date on which the international application was received by the receiving Office, or, in the event that the required translation is not furnished within that time limit, to furnish it and to pay, where applicable, the late furnishing fee (see paragraph 6.017), within one month from the date of the invitation or two months from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, whichever expires later.

6.016. Where the receiving Office has sent to the applicant an invitation to furnish the translation and, where applicable, pay the late furnishing fee, and the applicant has not done so within the applicable time limit, the international application will be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office will so declare. However, any translation and any payment which are received by the receiving Office before that Office makes the declaration that the international application is considered withdrawn, and before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date, will be considered to have been received before the expiration of the applicable time limit.

Rule 12.3(e) 6.017. The late furnishing fee which any receiving Office may collect for translations which are furnished after the expiration of the time limit of one month from the date on which the international application is received by the receiving Office, is equal to 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets.

Rule 26.3ter(a) 6.018. **What are the translation requirements if the abstract or text matter in the drawings of the international application are in a language which is different from the language of the description and claims?** If the abstract or text matter in the drawings of the international application is in a language which is different from the language of the description and claims, then the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or the text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. However, no such invitation will be issued if the abstract or text matter in the drawings is in the language in which the international application is to be published, or if a translation of the international application is required because the language in which the international application was filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority which is to perform the international search.

Rule 12.1(c)
26.3ter(c) 6.019. **What are the translation requirements if the request is in a language which is not a language of publication accepted by the receiving Office for the purpose of filing the request?** Whatever the language in which the description and claims are filed, the request must always be filed in a language of publication accepted by the receiving Office for the purposes of filing the request. If the request is in a language which does not fulfill this requirement, the receiving Office invites the applicant to file a translation that complies with it.

Rule 12.4
48.3 6.020. **What are the translation requirements if the international application is filed in a language which is accepted by the International Searching Authority, but is not a language of publication?** If the international application is filed in a language which is not a language of publication but is a language accepted by the International Searching Authority which is to carry out the international search, the applicant must furnish to the receiving Office a translation of the international application into a language of publication which the receiving Office accepts for that purpose. No translation is required of any sequence listing part of the description which complies with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions. (Concerning the translation of the request, see paragraph 6.019.)

6.021. The translation of the international application must be furnished to the receiving Office within 14 months from the priority date. Where the applicant has not

furnished the required translation within the applicable time limit, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish the required translation, and to pay, where applicable, the late furnishing fee (see paragraph 6.023), within 16 months from the priority date.

6.022. Where the receiving Office has sent to the applicant an invitation to furnish the translation and, where applicable, pay the late furnishing fee, and the applicant has not done so within the applicable time limit, the international application will be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office will so declare. However, any translation and any payment which are received by the receiving Office before that Office makes the declaration that the international application is considered withdrawn, and before the expiration of 17 months from the priority date, will be considered to have been received before the expiration of the applicable time limit.

6.023. The late furnishing fee which any receiving Office may collect for translations which are furnished after the expiration of the time limit of 14 months from the priority date, is equal to 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets.

CORRECTION OF DEFECTS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF MISSING ELEMENTS OR PARTS, OR CORRECT ELEMENTS OR PARTS IN CASE THEY HAVE BEEN ERRONEOUSLY FILED

6.024. **What defects in the international application may be corrected and within what time limits?** The following paragraphs attempt to give general answers to those questions in the characteristic cases of possible defects.

6.025. What defects influence the international filing date?

- (i) Where the receiving Office finds that the international application does not comply with the requirements for according an international filing date – in other words:

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| Article 11(1)(i) | (a) that the applicant obviously lacks, for reasons of residence and nationality, the right to file an international application with the receiving Office (but see also paragraphs 6.035 and 6.036); |
| Article 11(1)(iii)(a) | (b) that the international application does not contain an indication that it is intended as an international application; |
| Article 11(1)(iii)(b) | (c) that the international application does not contain a request which constitutes the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date (under Rule 4.9(a) – see paragraph 5.052); |
| Article 11(1)(iii)(c) | (d) that the international application does not contain the name of the applicant or does not contain at least the minimum indications concerning the name of the applicant which are indicated in paragraph 6.005(iii)(c); |
| Article 11(1)(iii)(d) and (e) | (e) that the international application does not contain a part which, on the face of it, appears to be a description and a part which, on the face of it, appears to be a claim or claims; |

Article 11(1)(ii)
Rule 19.4
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the receiving Office invites the applicant to correct the defect. The time limit for filing the correction is two months from the date of the invitation to correct. If the correction is made within the time limit, the date of receipt of the correction becomes the international filing date; otherwise, the application is not treated as an international application (but see also paragraphs 6.035 and 6.036 in relation to the applicant's residence and nationality, and paragraphs 6.013 to 6.020 for applications filed in a language which is accepted by the receiving Office but which is not both a language accepted by the International Searching Authority which is to carry out international searching, and a language of publication). Where the defect concerns item (i)(e) above, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to confirm in accordance with Rule 20.6 that the missing element concerned was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 (see paragraphs 6.027 to 6.031), in which case it may be possible to retain the earlier date as the international filing date. Where the required elements of the international application are not in a language accepted by the receiving Office, that Office will transmit the international application to the International Bureau as receiving Office

under Rule 19.4 (noting that the International Bureau as receiving Office is prepared to accept international applications filed in any language; see paragraph 6.034 and Annex C).

Article 14(2)
Rule 20.5
20.5bis
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- (ii) Where the receiving Office finds that parts of the description, claims, all drawings or parts thereof are, or appear to be, missing **or that the description, claims, parts of the description or claims, all drawings or parts thereof are or appear to be erroneously filed**, it notifies the applicant accordingly and invites the applicant to correct the defect or else, where appropriate, to confirm in accordance with Rule 20.6 that the missing part **or correct element or part** was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 (see paragraph 6.027 to 6.031 for details). The time limit for furnishing such missing parts **or correct elements or parts** is two months from the date of the invitation. If there is no such invitation and if the applicant notices and wishes to correct the defect on his own initiative, this is also permitted within a time limit of two months from the date on which papers were first received by the receiving Office. If the missing **parts or correct elements or parts** are furnished within that time limit, the date of their receipt becomes the international filing date, unless the applicant is able to confirm in accordance with Rule 20.6 that the missing part **or correct element or part** concerned was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 (see paragraphs 6.027 to 6.031), in which case it may be possible to retain the earlier date as the international filing date. Where missing drawings referred to in the international application are not furnished within the time limit, any references to drawings in the international application are considered non-existent and the international filing date remains as originally accorded. **However**, where the international filing date is corrected to a later date, any priority claim will be considered void, for the purposes of the procedure under the PCT, if the accorded international filing date falls outside the two month period after the expiration of the priority period of the priority claim concerned (see paragraphs 5.060 and 6.038).

Rule 20.5(e)
20.5bis(e)

- (iii) Where the international filing date has been corrected, the applicant may, in a notice submitted to the receiving Office within one month from the date of mailing of the notification of later submitted **elements or parts** (Form PCT/RO/126), request that the missing **part or the correct element or part** be disregarded in order to preserve the date on which papers were first received as the international filing date and, where applicable, to retain the priority claim (Rule 20.5(e) **or 20.5bis(e)**). **The applicant will be notified of the decision made by the receiving Office on whether the international filing date has been restored (Form PCT/RO/129).**

Rule 20.3(b)
20.5(b),
(c) and (d)
20.5bis(b),
(c) and (d)
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6.026. **What happens if all sheets of the international application are not received on the same day?** The receipt of further sheets after an invitation to correct has been sent under Article 11(2)(a) or 14(2) (see paragraph 6.025) generally results in the date of receipt of those further sheets being accorded as the international filing date, provided that they are received within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, and unless the applicant is able to include these later submitted sheets by way of incorporation by reference (see paragraphs 6.027 to 6.031). If no invitation to correct has been sent but all the sheets relating to the same purported international application (apart from the abstract) are not received on the same day by the receiving Office, and the applicant has not confirmed the incorporation by reference of those later submitted sheets, the Office corrects the request by marking on it the date on which the papers completing the international application were received, and that later date is accorded as the international filing date, provided that the later sheets were received within two months from the date on which sheets were first received. Each sheet is marked with the date on which it was actually received. **In case those later submitted sheets are to correct erroneously filed sheets, and the applicant has not confirmed the incorporation by reference of those later submitted sheets, the erroneously filed sheets concerned are removed from the application.** The absence or late receipt of the abstract does not, of itself, result in correction of the date marked on the request or in the according of a later international filing date.

Rule 19.4(a)(iii)
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20.5bis
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6.027. Can missing or correct pages be added to an international application without affecting the international filing date? This is possible under certain circumstances, but the resulting international filing date will not be recognized in some Contracting States (see paragraph 6.031). Under Rule 4.18, where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a), or an element or part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5bis(a) is not otherwise contained in the international application but is completely contained in the earlier application of which priority is claimed on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, it is possible to incorporate by reference these missing or correct elements or parts into the international application. Such incorporation by reference will have the effect that the elements or parts which have been incorporated by reference will be considered to have been received on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received. As a result, the international filing date would remain the date when one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received (provided that all other Article 11 requirements for the according of a filing date are met). These procedures do not apply to missing pages if the receiving Office has notified the International Bureau under Rule 20.8(a) that any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with its national law. Moreover, these procedures do not apply to correct pages if the receiving Office has notified the International Bureau under Rule 20.8(a-bis) that any of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with its national law. Such a receiving Office will therefore neither invite nor accept a confirmation of the incorporation by reference. Instead, the receiving Office would apply the above described correction procedure (paragraph 6.025). A list of Offices which have notified the International Bureau under Rule 20.8(a) and/or 20.8(a-bis) and which will therefore not accept the incorporation by reference of missing or correct elements or parts can be found on WIPO's website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html. If the need to incorporate certain missing or correct elements or parts becomes apparent after the international application has been filed, the applicant may request the receiving Office to transmit the international application to the receiving Office of the International Bureau under Rule 19.4(a)(iii), which does accept the incorporation by reference of missing or correct elements or parts.

Rule 4.18
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6.028. How should missing or correct elements or parts be incorporated by reference into the international application? A statement of incorporation by reference referred to in Rule 4.18 must have been included in the international application on the date when one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) are first received by the receiving Office. Such a statement is automatically included if Form PCT/RO/101 is used in paper or electronically. If such a statement was not contained in the request at the time of filing, it can only be added to the request if it was otherwise contained in, or submitted with, the international application on the date of filing. Furthermore, one or several priority claims to earlier applications which completely contain the missing or correct element or part must have been made in the international application at the time of filing. Adding such priority claims under Rule 26bis.1(a) would not be sufficient. If these requirements have been met, the applicant should confirm the incorporation by reference by way of a written notice to the receiving Office within the time limit indicated below. Such notice should be accompanied by:

- a sheet or sheets embodying the entire element or part as contained in the earlier application;
- where the applicant has not already complied with the requirements of Rule 17.1(a), (b) or b-bis, a copy of the earlier application as filed;
- where Rule 20.6(a)(iii) applies, a translation or translations of the earlier application; and
- in the case of a missing or correct part, an indication as to where the part is contained in the earlier application and, where applicable, in any translation of the earlier application.

Rule 20.7

6.029. What is the time limit for confirming the incorporation by reference of missing or correct elements or parts? Where no invitation by the receiving Office has been sent to submit missing or correct elements or parts (Form PCT/RO/103 or PCT/RO/107), the time limit to confirm is two months from the date on which papers were first received by the receiving Office. Where such an invitation has been issued, the time limit to confirm is two months from the date of mailing of this invitation. If this time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of the earliest application, the priority of which is claimed, the receiving Office will draw this circumstance to the attention of the applicant (as a warning that, if the missing or correct elements or parts are not confirmed to have been incorporated by reference and the international filing date is thus corrected to a date after the expiration of the priority period, the correction of the international filing date may result in the loss of the right of priority; the same applies, even if the missing or correct elements or parts are confirmed to have been incorporated by reference, with regard to those States which do not apply the provisions concerning incorporation by reference (see paragraph 6.031)). For missing elements, where the applicant has neither submitted a correction under Article 11(2) nor a notice under Rule 20.6(a) confirming the incorporation by reference of missing elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) prior to the expiration of this two month time limit, any such correction or notice received by the receiving Office after the expiration of that time limit, but before it has sent a notification under Rule 20.4(i) (Form PCT/RO/104) to the applicant, is considered to have been received within the time limit (Rule 20.7(b)).

Rule 20.5bis(d)
Section 309(b)(iv)

6.029A What happens to the erroneously filed element or part if the incorporation by reference of the correct element or part is confirmed? Where a correct element or part is considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office under Rule 20.6(b), the erroneously filed element or part concerned will remain in the application. The receiving Office will mark those erroneously filed sheets as “ERRONEOUSLY FILED (RULE 20.5bis)” and move those sheets to the end of the corresponding element of the purported international application. The receiving Office will transmit the erroneously filed sheets to the International Bureau and they will be published as part of the international application.

Rule 20.3(b)(i)
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20.5(c)
20.5(e)
20.5bis(c)
20.5bis(e)

6.030. What are the consequences if the requirements for the incorporation by reference are not complied with? If not all of the requirements for the incorporation by reference are fulfilled (for example, if a missing or correct element or part is not entirely contained in the earlier application), the international application will be assigned a later international filing date (the date of receipt of the missing or correct element or part, to the extent that all other requirements of Article 11(1) are complied with on that date) (see paragraphs 6.025 and 6.026). The applicant may, however, request that the missing part or correct element or part be disregarded, in accordance with Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5bis(e) (see paragraph 6.025(iii)). In this case, the international filing date will be reinstated and the missing part or correct element or part will be considered not to have been submitted.

Rule 20.8(c)
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6.031. What are the effects of the successful incorporation of missing or correct elements or parts on designated or elected Offices? In most Contracting States, the elements or parts will be treated as if they had actually been contained in the international application as originally filed. Designated and elected Offices may, to a limited extent, review decisions by receiving Offices which have allowed incorporation by reference (Rule 82ter.1(b)). If the designated or elected Office finds that: the applicant did not comply with the obligation to furnish a priority document; the statement of incorporation was missing or not submitted with the request; no written notice confirming incorporation by reference was submitted; no required translation was furnished; or the element or part in question was not completely contained in the priority document; then the designated or elected Office may treat the international application as if the international filing date had been accorded on the basis of the date on which the sheets containing the missing or correct elements or parts were submitted, but only after giving the applicant the opportunity to make observations on this outcome and/or

to request that, at least, the missing parts **or the correct elements or parts** which had been furnished be disregarded, in accordance with Rule 82~~ter~~.1(d).

However, those designated Offices which have submitted notifications of incompatibility under Rule 20.8(b) **and/or (b-bis)**, may treat the international application as if the international filing date had been accorded on the basis of the date on which the sheets containing the missing **or correct** elements or parts, **as the case may be**, were submitted, but also only after having given the applicant the opportunity to make observations on this outcome and/or to request that, at least, the missing parts **or the correct elements or parts** which had been furnished be disregarded, pursuant to Rule 20.8(c).

6.032. What defects do not influence the international filing date? Where the receiving Office finds that:

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| Article 14(1)(a)(i)
Rule 2.3
4.1(d)
4.15 | (i) the international application is not signed (or, in the cases referred to in paragraph 5.091, does not bear a seal; see also paragraph 11.027 for cases where an applicant refuses to sign or cannot be found or reached); |
| Article 14(1)(a)(ii)
Rule 4.4
4.5 | (ii) the international application does not contain the name of the applicant presented in the prescribed way (other than those referred to in paragraph 6.005(iii)(c), for which case see paragraph 6.025(i)(d)), or the prescribed indications in respect of at least one of the applicants – these indications are specified in Rules 4.4 and 4.5; they include, in particular, the applicant's address, residence and nationality; |
| Article 14(1)(a)(iii)
Rule 4.3 | (iii) the international application does not contain a title (that is, a title for the claimed invention); |
| Article 14(1)(a)(iv)
Rule 8 | (iv) the international application does not contain an abstract; |
| Article 14(1)(a)(v)
Rule 11
26.3 | (v) the international application and, where applicable, the translation of the international application, does not comply, to the extent provided for in the Regulations, with the prescribed physical requirements (the physical requirements are specified in detail in Rule 11; compliance with them must be checked only to the extent that such compliance is necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication, and no international application will be considered withdrawn for lack of such compliance if it complies to the extent necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication); |
| Article 3(4)(i)
Rule 12.1
26.3 ter (a) | (vi) any element of the international application, other than the description and claims, is not in an admitted language (see paragraphs 5.013, 6.005(ii) and 6.006); |
- the receiving Office invites the applicant to correct the defect (however, regarding international applications which are filed in a language which is accepted by the receiving Office but require translation, see paragraphs 6.013 to 6.020). The time limit for filing the correction is two months from the date of the invitation. If the correction is made within the time limit (including any extension – see paragraph 6.037), the international filing date remains the date on which the international application was received by the receiving Office; otherwise, the international application is considered withdrawn. In certain Offices, however, the provisions of Rule 26.3~~ter~~(a) for correction of elements not in an accepted language are incompatible with the applicable national law. For as long as that incompatibility continues, that Rule will not apply for those Offices; all elements of an international application filed with those Offices as receiving Office must therefore comply with the language requirements of Rule 12.1 before an international filing date can be accorded (see also paragraph 6.006 and see Annex C for details).

6.033. [Deleted]

Rule 19.4(a)(iii),
(b) and (c)

6.034. What happens if the application is filed in a language which is not accepted by the receiving Office? If the international application is filed in a language which is not a language accepted by the national (or regional) Office with which it is filed, but is in a language accepted by the International Bureau as receiving Office, that international application will be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office. In fact, the International Bureau

as receiving Office accepts international applications filed in any language (see Annex C). In such a case, the international application will be date-stamped by the national (or regional) Office concerned and promptly transmitted to the International Bureau (unless this is prevented by national security prescriptions). That transmittal may be subjected to the payment of a fee equal to the transmittal fee (see paragraph 5.184(i) and Annex C), but other fees paid will be refunded by the national (or regional) Office to the applicant and the applicable fees will then have to be paid to the International Bureau as receiving Office (see Annex C). The international application so transmitted will be considered to have been received by the International Bureau as receiving Office on the date on which it was received by the national (or regional) Office, except that, for the purposes of calculating the time limits for paying the fees due on filing the international application to the competent receiving Office, the date of receipt of the international application is considered to be the date on which the international application was actually received by the International Bureau as receiving Office.

Rule 19.4(a)(i),
(b) and (c)

6.035. What happens if the applicant is a resident or national of a Contracting State but files the application with a “non-competent” receiving Office? If the international application is erroneously filed with a national (or regional) Office which acts as a receiving Office under the Treaty by an applicant who is a resident or national of a Contracting State, but that Office is not competent under Rule 19.1 or 19.2 (having regard to the applicant's residence and nationality) to receive the international application, the international application will be considered to have been received by the Office with which it was filed on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office (see paragraphs 5.008 and 5.009). In such a case, the international application will be date-stamped by the national (or regional) Office concerned and promptly transmitted to the International Bureau (unless this is prevented by national security prescriptions). That transmittal may be subjected by the national Office to the payment of a fee equal to the transmittal fee (see paragraph 5.184(i) and Annex C), but other fees paid will be refunded by the national Office to the applicant and the applicable fees will then have to be paid to the International Bureau as receiving Office (see Annex C (IB)). The international application so transmitted will be considered to have been received by the International Bureau as receiving Office on the date on which it was received by the national (or regional) Office, except that, for the purposes of calculating the time limits for paying the fees due on filing the international application, the date of receipt of the international application is considered to be the date on which the international application was actually received by the International Bureau as receiving Office.

Article 11(1)(i)
14(1)(a)(ii)
Rule 4.5
Section 329

6.036. May the applicant correct indications of residence and nationality? If the indications of the applicant's residence and nationality as stated in the request do not support the applicant's right to file an international application (see paragraphs 5.020, 5.023 and 6.005(i)), that is, if the applicant appears not to be (or, where there are two or more applicants, none of the applicants appears to be) a resident or national of a Contracting State, there is *prima facie* a defect under Article 11(1)(i) and the receiving Office issues an invitation accordingly to correct that defect (see paragraph 6.025(i)(a)). In such a case, it may be that the applicant is able to show that he had, on the date on which the international application was actually received by the receiving Office, the right to file an international application with that receiving Office. In those circumstances, the applicant should submit evidence to the receiving Office accordingly, together with a proposed correction of the indications concerning his residence and/or nationality. If the receiving Office is satisfied, on the basis of that evidence, of the applicant's right to file the international application, the invitation to correct the defect under Article 11(1)(i) will be considered to be an invitation to correct a defect under Article 14(1)(a)(ii) and Rule 4.5 in the prescribed indications concerning the applicant's residence and/or nationality, and the indications may be corrected accordingly. If such a correction is made, no defect will be considered to exist under Article 11(1)(i), and the defect will thus not prevent the accordance of the actual date of receipt of the international application as the international filing date. Note, however, that the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office has stated that it will not apply the procedure outlined above.

Rule 26.2

6.037. Can time limits to correct certain defects be extended? The time limit of two months for the correction of defects under Article 14(1) (see paragraph 6.032)

may be extended by the receiving Office. The receiving Office may extend the time limit *ex officio* or at the request of the applicant at any time – even after the time limit fixed in the invitation has expired – before a decision is taken on whether the applicant has submitted the correction within the time limit and whether or not the international application so corrected is to be considered withdrawn. On the other hand, the time limits fixed by the receiving Office for the correction of defects under Article 11 or Article 14(2) (see paragraph 6.025) and for the payment of missing or underpaid fees under Rule 16*bis* (see paragraphs 5.193 and 5.195) may not be extended.

Rule 26*bis*.1(a)
26*bis*.2(b)

6.038. **Can defects in priority claims be corrected?** Any defective priority claim may be corrected and any missing priority claim added by a notice which may be submitted to the receiving Office or the International Bureau. The time limit for correcting or adding a priority claim is 16 months from the priority date or, where the correction or addition would cause a change in the priority date, 16 months from the priority date as so changed, whichever 16 month period expires first, provided that a notice correcting or adding a priority claim may in any event be submitted until the expiration of four months from the international filing date. If a correction of a priority claim is received before the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, declares the priority claim void (see paragraph 6.043) and not later than one month after the expiration of the applicable time limit, it is considered to have been received before the expiration of that time limit. To correct a priority claim, any indication relating to that priority claim may be changed, added or deleted.

6.039. Where the applicant has made a request for early publication of the international application, any notice to correct or add a priority claim received by the receiving Office or the International Bureau after that request was made will be considered not to have been submitted, unless that request is withdrawn before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

Rule 26*bis*.1(c)

6.040. Where the correction or addition of a priority claim causes a change in the priority date, any time limit which is computed from the previously applicable priority date and which has not already expired will be computed from the priority date as so changed.

Rule 26*bis*.2

6.041. **Can the applicant be invited to correct defects in a priority claim?** Where the receiving Office or, if the receiving Office fails to do so, the International Bureau, finds in relation to a priority claim that;

- (i) the international application has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired and that no request for restoration of the right of priority has been submitted;
- (ii) the priority claim does not comply with the requirements of Rule 4.10 (see paragraph 5.057); or
- (iii) any indication in a priority claim is not the same as the corresponding indication appearing in the priority document;

the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, will invite the applicant to correct the priority claim.

Rule 26*bis*.2(a)
26*bis*.3

6.042. Where the defect consists of the fact that the filing date of the international application is outside the priority period but is within two months from the date on which the priority period expired, the receiving Office also informs the applicant of the possibility of submitting a request for the restoration of the right of priority in accordance with Rule 26*bis*.3 (see paragraphs 5.062 to 5.069), except where the receiving Office has notified the International Bureau under Rule 26*bis*.3(j) of the incompatibility of Rule 26*bis*.3(a) to (i) with the national law applied by that Office.

Rule 26*bis*.2(c)

6.043. If the applicant fails to respond to an invitation from the receiving Office or the International Bureau to correct a priority claim before the expiration of the time limit for doing so, that priority claim will, for the purposes of the procedure under the Treaty, be considered void and the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, will so declare and inform the applicant accordingly. However, a priority claim will not be considered void only because the indication of the number of the earlier application is missing, an indication in the priority claim is not the same as the

corresponding indication appearing in the priority document, or the international application has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired, provided that the international filing date is within two months of that date.

Rule 26bis.2(d)
26bis.2(e)

6.044. Where the receiving Office or the International Bureau has made a declaration that a priority claim will be considered void, for the purposes of the procedure under the PCT, or where the priority claim has only not been considered void because Rule 26bis.2(c) applies (see last sentence of paragraph 6.043), the International Bureau will publish, together with the international application, information concerning the priority claim, as well as any information submitted by the applicant concerning such priority claim which is received by the International Bureau prior to the completion of the technical preparations for international publication. Where the applicant wishes to correct or add a priority claim but the time limit to do so under Rule 26bis.1 has expired, the applicant may, prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date and subject to the payment of a special fee (see Section 113(c) of the Administrative Instructions), request the International Bureau to publish information concerning the matter.

Rule 26ter.1

6.045. **Can defects in declarations referred to in Rule 4.17 be corrected? Can declarations be added?** Any defective declaration may be corrected and any new (missing) declaration may be added by a notice submitted to the International Bureau by the applicant, either in response to an invitation to correct (see paragraph 6.046) or on his own initiative. The time limit for correcting or adding a declaration is 16 months from the priority date. Any correction or addition which is received by the International Bureau after that time limit is considered to have been received on the last day of the time limit if it reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

Rule 26ter.2(a)

6.046. **Which are the defects in declarations made under Rule 4.17 in respect of which the applicant may be invited to submit a correction?** Where the receiving Office or the International Bureau finds that any declaration contained in the request appears to be defective or incomplete, the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, may invite the applicant to correct the declaration within the time limit referred to in paragraph 6.045. The kinds of defects which may give rise to an invitation are, for example, the fact that a declaration does not contain the standardized wording as prescribed, or that the blank spaces have not been filled in with names, dates, etc., furthermore, in respect of the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, that it is not signed as prescribed.

Section 216
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6.047. **How should a correction or addition of a declaration referred to in Rule 4.17 be presented?** Any correction or addition of a declaration must be made by way of a notice consisting of the corrected or added declaration itself accompanied by a letter explaining the correction or addition. Such notice should be submitted directly to the International Bureau in all cases, even if that notice is in response to an invitation issued by the receiving Office. Any notice nevertheless submitted to the receiving Office will be date stamped by that Office and transmitted to the International Bureau.

Section 214(c)

6.048. In the case of a corrected declaration, the applicant must submit a replacement sheet, using the relevant Box (amongst Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v)). In the case of an added declaration, the applicant may either use the relevant sub-box mentioned above or a blank sheet of paper. Any corrected or added declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America should be signed and dated by the inventor and should be entitled "Supplemental declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))".

Rule 48.2(b)(iv)

6.049. **What happens when the applicant fails to correct a declaration referred to in Rule 4.17?** The International Bureau will publish declarations, either as originally filed, or as corrected, whether or not they comply with Rule 4.17. Furthermore, an indication about the fact that declarations were made will be included in the front page of the published international application.

Rule 26ter.1
Section 419(c)

6.050. **What happens where the International Bureau receives a correction or addition of a declaration referred to in Rule 4.17 after the applicable time limit?** Where the International Bureau receives a correction or addition of a declaration after

the applicable time limit (see paragraph 6.045), it will notify the applicant accordingly. It does not publish that declaration, or communicate that declaration to the designated Office(s), but informs the applicant that any such declaration should be submitted directly by him to the designated Office(s) concerned. In the case of a declaration of inventorship signed by at least one of the inventors, the International Bureau will return the declaration to the applicant.

Rule 28

6.051. Is the receiving Office the only authority which may note any of the above defects during the international phase? If, in the opinion of the International Bureau, the international application is not signed as provided in the Regulations by at least one of the applicants, or does not contain the name of the applicant presented in the prescribed way, or the prescribed indications in respect of at least one of the applicants, or does not comply to the extent provided in the Regulations with the prescribed physical requirements, the International Bureau, brings such defects to the attention of the receiving Office. Unless that Office believes that there is no defect, it must then invite the applicant to correct it, within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation (see paragraph 6.032).

Rule 26.4
92.1

6.052. How should a correction be presented? The correction must generally be filed in the form of one or more replacement sheets incorporating the correction and accompanied by a letter. The letter accompanying a replacement sheet must explain the differences between the replacement sheet and the one it replaces. Correction by letter without replacement sheets is possible only for corrections of the request where the correction is of such a nature that it can be transferred from the letter to the request or other part of the record copy without any adverse effect on the clarity and the direct reproducibility of the sheet onto which the correction is to be transferred. As to the signature and other requirements of such letters, see Rule 92.1.

6.053. Does a correction entail the payment of a fee? Both the request for and the making of any correction are free of charge. There is also no fee for the extension of a time limit for correction (see paragraph 6.037).

6.054. Can the applicant appeal or file a petition against an unfavorable decision of the receiving Office? The PCT does not expressly provide for any appeal or petition during the international phase. However, practice has shown that receiving Offices reconsider their decisions on petition, and that some national courts or appeal boards have accepted appeals against decisions taken by national (or regional) Offices in their capacity as receiving Offices. However, the latter possibility, even where the applicant is successful in obtaining a revision of the decision of the receiving Office in his favor, may remain without effect in the States designated in the international application, particularly when the applicant has not performed the acts required under Article 22(1), 39(1)(a) or 25 within the applicable time limit.

Article 25
Rule 29.1
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6.055. The PCT provides for the review by designated Offices of any decision of the receiving Office refusing to accord an international filing date or declaring that the international application is considered withdrawn. (For details of the procedure, including the time limit for requesting such review, see National Phase, paragraphs 6.018 to 6.021.)

Article 24(2)
48(2)
Rule 82bis

6.056. Can failure to meet a time limit in the proceedings before the receiving Office or a delay in furnishing documents to that Office be excused? The PCT provides that any Contracting State must, as far as that State is concerned, excuse, for reasons allowed by the national law, any delay in meeting any time limit. Moreover, any Contracting State may, as far as it is concerned, excuse for other reasons any delay in meeting any time limit. Finally, any designated Office may maintain the effect of an international application (see paragraphs 5.003 to 5.007), even where the decision of the receiving Office to the effect that the international application, or the designation of the State concerned, is considered withdrawn is found to be correct. (For details, see National Phase, paragraph 6.021.)

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Article 12(2)
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6.057. How does the record copy reach the International Bureau? What are the consequences if it does not reach the International Bureau within the

24(1)(ii)
and (iii)
Rule 22.1
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prescribed time limit? The record copy (see paragraph 5.180), which incidentally is, for the purposes of the procedure under the PCT, considered the true copy of the international application, must reach the International Bureau in time because, if the record copy has not been received by that Bureau within the prescribed time limit, the international application is considered withdrawn. However, no international application is considered withdrawn in such a case without the applicant having been informed beforehand (see paragraph 6.058). Failure to transmit the record copy does not relieve the applicant of the obligation to enter the national phase before the designated Offices within the applicable time limit (see National Phase, paragraphs 6.022 to 6.027).

Rule 20.2(c)
22.1(e)

6.058. How does the International Bureau monitor the receipt of the record copy? The International Bureau, once informed by the receiving Office of the international application number and of the international filing date, monitors the receipt of the record copy. If the International Bureau has not received the record copy within 13 months from the priority date, it urges the receiving Office to send it. If, one month later, the record copy has still not been received, the International Bureau notifies the applicant of the fact. The applicant can then ask the receiving Office either to transmit the record copy or to issue – and this must be done free of charge – a certified copy of the international application which he can himself transmit to the International Bureau. Only after the expiration of three months from the above-mentioned notification from the International Bureau to the applicant may the International Bureau make the finding that no record copy has been received within the prescribed time limit. Thus the applicant will always have been warned and offered the possibility of taking care of the transmittal of the record copy himself before any loss of rights can occur. The certification of a copy of the international application must be made free of charge in such a case, and may be refused only in certain cases (for instance where national security considerations prevent the international application from being treated as such; for details, see Rule 22.1(e)).

Article 12(1)
Rule 12.1(c)
23.1
25.1

6.059. How does the search copy reach the International Searching Authority? The search copy (see paragraph 5.180) is transmitted by the receiving Office to the International Searching Authority. The search copy is only transmitted if the international search fee has been fully paid to the receiving Office (see paragraphs 5.184(ii), 5.193, 5.195 and 5.198), and, where the international application was filed in a language not accepted by the International Searching Authority, only after the required translation has been furnished (see paragraph 5.181). Therefore, it is in the applicant's interests to pay the search fee promptly, and, where applicable, furnish the translation promptly, in order to avoid any delay in establishment of the international search report. The International Searching Authority notifies the International Bureau, the applicant and the receiving Office of the fact and date of receipt of the search copy.

Rule 21.2

6.060. Can the applicant obtain certified copies of the international application? On payment of a fee, the receiving Office must furnish to the applicant, at his request, certified copies of the international application as filed and of any corrections to it. The certified copy of the international application is the priority document where the applicant claims the priority of that international application. For copies of priority documents referred to in the international application, see paragraph 5.070.

CHAPTER 7

THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH PROCEDURE: PROCESSING OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

GENERAL

Article 15
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Rule 43
43bis.1

7.001. What are the main procedural steps before the International Searching Authority? The main procedural steps that any international application goes through before the International Searching Authority are the following:

- (i) conducting the international search,
- (ii) preparing the international search report, and
- (iii) establishing a written opinion.

Article 16
Rule 4.14bis
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7.002. Which International Searching Authority is competent? Each receiving Office (except the International Bureau as receiving Office – see paragraph 5.008) specifies one or more International Searching Authorities as competent to carry out international searches on international applications filed with it. For some receiving Offices, different International Searching Authorities are competent depending on the language in which the international application is filed or, where the international application is filed in a language accepted by the receiving Office but not by the International Searching Authority, translated. Where several International Searching Authorities are specified as competent by the receiving Office, the applicant may choose between them (subject to any such language restriction). Annex C indicates the International Searching Authority or Authorities specified as competent by each receiving Office, and the languages in which international applications filed with that Office are accepted for international search by those Authorities. Where the international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the competent International Searching Authority (or Authorities) is that (or are those) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with a competent national (or regional) Office as receiving Office. All of the languages accepted for search by each International Searching Authority are set out in Annex D. Where two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, the applicant must indicate the Authority of his choice in the request form (see paragraph 5.072) and should also indicate it in the fee calculation sheet (see paragraphs 5.093 and 5.187). Finally, within the framework of the respective agreements relating to the functioning of certain Offices as International Searching Authorities, these Authorities may provide for limitations of their competence in respect of certain international applications. The consolidated texts of these Agreements are available on the WIPO website at the following address: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html. For more detailed information, see Annex D.

7.002A. May the applicant submit comments on earlier search results to the Authority that shall carry out the international search? Where an international application claims the priority of an earlier application in relation to which a search had already been carried out by the same Office that acts as International Searching Authority, some International Searching Authorities have indicated that they would, when carrying out the international search, consider comments made by applicants in response to the earlier search results relating to the priority application. Applicants who wish to have such comments taken into account should submit them to the receiving Office together with the international application, typically by checking Box No. IX of the request, sub-box “Other”, and indicating “Informal comments on earlier search results”. These informal comments would then be transmitted to the International Searching Authority and the International Bureau together with the search copy and the record copy. Informal comments on earlier search results will be published on PATENTSCOPE (For information on which International Searching Authorities offer this service, see Annex D.)

Article 15(4)
Rule 33

7.003. What is the purpose of the international search? The purpose of the international search is to discover relevant prior art. “Prior art” consists of everything which has been made available to the public anywhere in the world by means of written disclosure (including drawings and other illustrations); it is “relevant” in respect of the international application if it can help determine whether or not the claimed invention is new, whether or not it involves an inventive step (in other words, whether it is or is not obvious), and whether the making available to the public occurred prior to the international filing date (for further details, see Rule 33). The international search is made on the basis of the claims, with due regard to the description and the drawings (if any) contained in the international application. The results of the international search are set out in the international search report (see paragraphs 7.023 to 7.026).

Article 15(4)
Rule 34.1

7.004. What documents are searched by the International Searching Authority? The International Searching Authority must endeavor to discover as much of the relevant prior art as its facilities permit, and it must in any case consult the so-called “minimum documentation.” Roughly stated, the latter comprises the published patent documents issued after 1919 by France, by Germany from 1920 to 1945 and by the Federal Republic of Germany since 1945, by Japan (for International Searching Authorities other than the Japan Patent Office (JPO), only those documents for which English abstracts are generally available), by the People's Republic of China (for International Searching Authorities other than the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), only those documents for which English abstracts are generally available), by the Republic of Korea (for International Searching Authorities other than the Korean Intellectual Property Office, only those documents for which English abstracts are generally available), by the former Soviet Union and now by the Russian Federation (for International Searching Authorities other than the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) only those documents for which English abstracts are generally available), by Switzerland (except documents in Italian), by the United Kingdom, by the United States of America, by the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), by the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), by the Eurasian Patent Office and by the European Patent Office; published international (PCT) applications; and, from various dates, about 135 technical periodicals. It is emphasized, however, that, where the International Searching Authority has more than the “minimum documentation” at its disposal, it is obliged also to consult that additional documentation to the extent permitted by its facilities.

Rule 20.5
20.5bis

7.004A. What if the international application contains later submitted missing parts or correct elements or parts? The international search will usually be carried out on the basis of the application containing the missing parts or the correct elements or parts. In the case of incorporation by reference of correct elements or parts, although the erroneously filed elements or parts remain in the international application as per Rule 20.5bis(d), they will not have to be considered for the purpose of international search.

Rule 20.5(c), (d)
20.5bis(c), (d)
40bis.1

7.004B. However, if the inclusion or incorporation by reference of missing parts or correct elements or parts is notified to the International Searching Authority only after it has begun to draw up the international search report, it may invite the applicant to pay an additional fee for that purpose. The invitation will invite the applicant to pay the additional fee within one month from the date of the invitation and indicate the amount of the fee to be paid. The applicant will then have to pay this additional fee directly to the International Searching Authority. If the additional fee is not paid within the time limit, the International Searching Authority will draw up the international search report and the written opinion without taking into account the missing parts or correct elements or parts.

NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS

Rule 5.2
13ter.1
Section 208
513(a)

7.005. What special requirements apply during the international search to a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing? Where the International Searching Authority finds that an international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences and that the listing of such sequences complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions

(see paragraph 5.099) has not already been furnished (either as part of the international application or separately for the purposes of international search – see paragraphs 5.100 and 5.102), that Authority may invite the applicant to furnish a listing complying with this standard and, if applicable, to pay a late furnishing fee. The listing required by the International Searching Authority is for the purpose of carrying out the international search; the application of the requirements of national law in relation to disclosure of inventions involving a sequence listing is a matter for the national phase of processing.

Rule 13ter.1(a)
13ter.1(b)
Section 208

7.006. Do all International Searching Authorities require a sequence listing in electronic form? All International Searching Authorities in operation require the applicant to furnish the sequence listing in electronic form as an Annex C/ST.25 text file for the purposes of international search. If the International Searching Authority finds that the applicant has not already furnished a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, it may invite the applicant to furnish a listing to it in such a form and if applicable, to pay a late furnishing fee (see paragraph 5.102).

Section 208
Annex C of the
Administrative
Instructions

7.007. What electronic formats for sequence listings are acceptable? Paragraph 40, Annex C of the Administrative Instructions requires that the entire printable copy of the sequence listing in electronic form must be contained within one electronic file on an electronic carrier that is acceptable to the competent International Searching Authority. The file must be encoded as a text file using IBM Code Page 437, IBM Code Page 932 (both of which are *de facto* standards for personal computers), or a compatible code page to represent the sequence listing with no other codes included (IBM is a registered trademark of International Business Machines Corporation, United States of America). A compatible code page, as would be required for, for example, Japanese, Chinese, Cyrillic, Arabic, Greek or Hebrew characters, is one that assigns the Roman alphabet and numerals to the same hexadecimal positions as do the specified code pages.

7.008. Does the International Bureau recommend any software for the preparation of sequence listings in electronic format? The electronic form of a sequence listing should preferably be created by dedicated software such as “PatentIn” (see paragraph 5.104).

Annex F,
Appendix IV, 2.(f) of
the Administrative
Instructions

7.009. The diskette or any other electronic carrier that is acceptable to the competent International Searching Authority must have a label permanently affixed thereto on which has been typed, or hand-printed in block capitals, the name of the applicant, the title of the invention, a reference number, the date on which the data were recorded, the computer operating system and the name of the competent Authority. If the diskette or any other electronic carrier that is acceptable to the competent Authority is submitted after the date of filing of an application, the labels must also include the filing date of the application and the application number.

Rule 13ter.1(a)
13ter.1(b)
13ter.1(c)
13ter.1(d)

7.010. What is the procedure for furnishing a sequence listing upon invitation? An invitation from the International Searching Authority to furnish a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in Annex C to the Administrative Instructions (see paragraphs 7.005 to 7.008), will specify a time limit for response to the invitation. The furnishing of a sequence listing in response to the invitation may be subjected by the International Searching Authority to the payment of a late furnishing fee. The amount of the late furnishing fee shall be determined by the International Searching Authority but shall not exceed 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees (excluding any fee paid for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30). Any sequence listing furnished by the applicant must be accompanied by a statement to the effect that the listing does not include matter which goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed. If the applicant does not comply within that time limit, the search undertaken by the International Searching Authority may be restricted (see paragraph 7.013).

Rule 13ter.1(e)

7.011. Does a sequence listing furnished to the International Searching Authority form part of the international application? Generally, a sequence listing, furnished separately to the International Searching Authority under Rule 13ter,

is used only for the purposes of the international search and does not form part of the international application. Nevertheless, once the international application has been published, any such sequence listing will be made available for public inspection by the International Bureau on PATENTSCOPE (<https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/>).

Rule 13ter.2

7.012. Will a sequence listing furnished to the International Searching Authority also meet any requirements of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or, in the national phase, of a designated Office? The same requirements in relation to sequence listings for the purposes of international search apply during international preliminary examination (see paragraph 10.063). The International Preliminary Examining Authority may, for example, invite the applicant to furnish to it a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions for the purposes of international preliminary examination. Concerning designated Offices, no designated Office may require the applicant to furnish to it a sequence listing other than a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions. If a designated Office finds that a sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions and/or are not in an electronic form provided for in the Administrative Instructions, it may invite the applicant to furnish a listing complying with those requirements (see National Chapters).

LIMITATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

Article 17(2)(a)(i)
and (b)
Rule 13ter.1(d)
39.1

7.013. May the International Searching Authority refuse to search certain subject matter? The International Searching Authority is not required to perform an international search on claims which relate to any of the following subject matter: (i) scientific and mathematical theories, (ii) plant or animal varieties or essentially biological processes for the production of plants and animals, other than microbiological processes and the products of such processes, (iii) schemes, Rules or methods of doing business, performing purely mental acts or playing games, (iv) methods for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods, (v) mere presentation of information, and (vi) computer programs to the extent that the Authority is not equipped to search prior art concerning such programs. However, certain International Searching Authorities do, in practice, search these fields to varying extents – for example, several International Searching Authorities search subject matter which is normally searched under the national (or regional) procedure (for details, see Annex D). In addition, the International Searching Authority is not required to search the international application, to the extent that a meaningful search cannot be carried out, in certain cases where a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing is not furnished in accordance with the prescribed standard or in an electronic form (see paragraphs 7.005 to 7.012). If the International Searching Authority is not required to search any of the claims, it may declare that it will not establish an international search report. It should, nevertheless, be noted that the lack of an international search report in such a case does not, in itself, have any influence on the validity of the international application, the processing of which, including its communication to the designated Offices, continues. In respect of the possibility for the International Searching Authority to limit its competence, see paragraph 7.002.

Article 17(2)(a)(ii)
and (b)
Rule 6.4(a)

7.014. May the International Searching Authority refuse to search international applications which are unclear or have other defects? If the International Searching Authority considers that the description, the claims or the drawings fail to comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that a meaningful search cannot be carried out, it may declare that it will not establish a search report (such a declaration may also be made in respect of some of the claims only). This may in particular occur where the description or the claims are unclear. The lack of an international search report does not, of itself, have any influence on the validity of the international application, the processing of which, including its communication to the designated Offices, continues. Where only some of the claims are found to be “unsearchable,” the International Searching Authority will not search them but will search the rest of the international application; as a result, it will then establish a partial search

report in relation to the searched claims. This partial search report also contains a declaration under Article 17(2)(b) that certain claims were found unsearchable. The same may apply in the case of multiple dependent claims which do not comply with the manner of drafting provided for in the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a) (see paragraph 5.113).

UNITY OF INVENTION

Article 17(3)(a)
Rule 13

7.015. What is the purpose of the requirement of “unity of invention”? The search fee (see paragraph 5.184(ii) and Annex D) is intended to compensate the International Searching Authority for carrying out an international search on the international application, but only where the international application meets the requirement of “unity of invention.” That means that the international application must relate to only one invention or must relate to a group of inventions which are so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. The requirement of unity of invention is explained in detail in paragraphs 5.114 to 5.123.

Article 17(3)(a)
Rule 13
40.1
40.2(a)
and (b)
40.2(e)

7.016. What happens where the International Searching Authority considers that the international application does not meet the requirement of unity of invention? If the International Searching Authority finds that the international application does not meet the requirement of unity of invention, it invites the applicant to pay additional fees, specifying the reasons for its finding and indicating the number of additional fees to be paid. The invitation will also invite the applicant to pay, where applicable, and will indicate the amount of, the protest fee as referred to in Rule 40.2(e). Such additional fees are payable directly to the International Searching Authority within one month from the date of the invitation. Annex D indicates the amount of the additional search fee per additional invention charged by each International Searching Authority.

7.017. When the International Searching Authority invites the applicant to pay additional fees, it may annex to the invitation the results of a partial international search limited to the invention first mentioned in the claims (the relevant claims are identified in the invitation). The results of such a partial search will be included in the international search report when it is established, together with the results of the search of any further invention for which the applicant pays additional fees within the time limit fixed in the invitation.

Article 17(3)(a)
Rule 13

7.018. The International Searching Authority establishes the international search report in any case on those parts of the international application which relate to the “main invention,” that is, the invention – or group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept – first mentioned in the claims. Moreover, the International Searching Authority establishes the international search report also on those parts of the international application which relate to any invention – or any group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept – in respect of which the applicant has paid the additional fee within the time limit fixed in the invitation.

Rule 40.2(c)
and (d)

7.019. May the applicant protest against payment of the additional fees? Yes, any applicant may pay the additional fee under protest, that is, accompanied by a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the number of the required additional fees is excessive. Any such protest is examined by a review body constituted in the framework of the International Searching Authority, and a decision is taken on it. To the extent that the applicant's protest is found to be justified, the additional fee is totally or partly reimbursed. At the request of the applicant, the texts of both the protest and the decision on it are notified to the designated Offices together with the international search report.

Rule 40.1
40.2(e)

7.020. Where the applicant pays additional fees under protest, the International Searching Authority may also require the applicant to pay a fee for the examination of the protest (“protest fee”). Details of the protest fee, if any, charged by the International Searching Authorities appear in Annex D. Where the applicant has not, within one month from the date of the invitation to pay additional fees, paid any required protest fee, the protest shall be considered not to have been made and the International Searching Authority shall so declare.

Article 17(3)(b)

7.021. What happens if the applicant does not pay the additional fees as invited? Where, within the prescribed time limit, the applicant does not pay all the additional fees indicated by the International Searching Authority, but pays only some of them, or does not pay any additional fee at all, certain parts of the international application are not searched by that Authority. The lack of an international search report in respect of those parts of the international application does not, of itself, have any influence on the validity of the international application, the processing of which, including its communication to the designated Offices, continues in respect of all claims. Nevertheless, the national law of any designated State may provide that such unsearched parts of the international application will be considered withdrawn as far as that State is concerned unless a special fee is paid by the applicant to its national Office. There are only a few Offices which apply such provisions. Details of special fees are given in the respective National Chapters.

TITLE AND ABSTRACT

Rule 37
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44.2

7.022. What happens if the International Searching Authority finds that the title of the invention or the abstract is missing or defective? In such cases, and in certain circumstances, it is the International Searching Authority which eventually establishes an appropriate title or abstract. For details, see Rules 37, 38 and 44.2, and paragraph 5.173.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Article 18(1)
Rule 42

7.023. When must the international search report be established? The international search report must be established within three months from the receipt of the search copy by the International Searching Authority (see paragraph 6.059) or nine months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later.

Rule 43

7.024. What are the contents of the international search report? The international search report contains, among other things, the citation of the documents considered relevant, the classification of the subject matter of the invention (according to the International Patent Classification) and an indication of the fields searched (those fields being identified by a reference to their classification) as well as any electronic data base searched (including, where practicable, the search terms used). Citations of particular relevance must be indicated specially. Citations which are not relevant to all the claims must be indicated in relation to the claim or claims to which they are relevant. If only certain passages of the document cited are relevant or particularly relevant, they must be identified, for example by an indication of the page on which, or the column or lines in which, the passage appears. It is important to note that an international search report must not contain any expression of opinion, reasoning, argument or explanation of any kind whatsoever. For full details, see Rule 43.

Article 18(2)
Rule 44.1

7.025. How do the applicant and the International Bureau receive the international search report? The International Searching Authority transmits, on the same day, one copy of the international search report (or, where none is established, a declaration to that effect – see paragraphs 7.013 and 7.014) and the written opinion established by it to the applicant and to the International Bureau. The latter publishes the international search report with the published international application (see paragraph 9.015) and sends a copy to the designated Offices.

7.025A. May the applicant respond to the international search report? The Regulations do not specifically provide for an opportunity for the applicant to respond to the international search report, except that after receipt of the report, the applicant is entitled, under Article 19, to one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application (see paragraphs 9.004 to 9.011). For the possibility to respond to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, see paragraph 7.030.

Article 20(3)
Rule 44.3

7.026. How can the applicant obtain copies of the documents cited in the international search report? The applicant can obtain copies of the documents cited in the international search report by requesting them from the International Searching Authority. Certain International Searching Authorities, however, transmit such copies automatically without extra charge to the applicant, together with the international search

report. Annex D indicates those International Searching Authorities and indicates for the other Authorities the fees charged for furnishing copies on request.

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

- Rule 43bis.1(a) 7.027. **What is the written opinion of the International Searching Authority?** The International Searching Authority will establish, at the same time that it establishes the international search report or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), a preliminary and nonbinding written opinion on the questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable, very similar in scope to the written opinion established by the International Preliminary Examining Authority during international preliminary examination.
- Rule 44.1 7.028. The relevant date for determining prior art for the purposes of establishing the written opinion is the international filing date or, where priority of an earlier application is claimed, the priority date – this date is different from that used in establishing the international search report but is consistent with the date used in international preliminary examination. The written opinion of the International Searching Authority is established in the language in which the international search report is established, and is communicated to the applicant and to the International Bureau together with the international search report or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) (see paragraph 7.025). The written opinion, unless it is not yet available to the International Bureau, is also made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE on the same day that the international application is published.
- Article 18(1)
Rule 42 7.029. **When must the written opinion be established?** The International Searching Authority must, as a rule, establish the international search report and the written opinion within three months from the receipt of the search copy sent to it by the receiving Office or within nine months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later.
- 7.030. **May the applicant respond to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority?** Even though no special provisions are included in the Regulations providing for the applicant to comment on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, in accordance with the decision of the PCT Assembly, applicants may submit comments on an informal basis to the International Bureau. The purpose of such informal comments is to give the applicant an opportunity to rebut the written opinion of the International Searching Authority in the event that international preliminary examination is not requested. There is no maximum word count for informal comments. When submitting informal comments to the International Bureau, they should be clearly identified as such. Informal comments will be made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE as from the date of international publication. It is recommended to submit informal comments before the expiration of 28 months from the priority date, so that they will be available to designated Offices upon entry into the national phase. Any informal comments received after 30 months from the priority date will only be kept in the file of the International Bureau and not be transmitted to the designated Offices. As far as the language of the informal comments is concerned, it is the practice of the International Bureau to accept and communicate to designated Offices informal comments in any language. Any formal response to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority must be submitted directly to the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 34 as part of the procedure under Chapter II. If a demand is filed, informal comments submitted under Chapter I will not be forwarded to the designated Offices, however they will still be made available to the public on PATENTSCOPE.
- Rule 44bis 7.031. **What is the relationship between the written opinion of the International Searching Authority and the international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter I)?** If no international preliminary examination report has been or will be established, the written opinion of the International Searching Authority will form the basis for the issuance by the International Bureau, on behalf of the International Searching Authority, of the international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter I) which will be communicated to all designated Offices, together with

any informal comments submitted by the applicant. The international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is made available on PATENTSCOPE for public inspection after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

Rule 43bis.1(c)
66.1bis

7.032. If a demand for international preliminary examination is filed in respect of an international application, the written opinion which has been established by the International Searching Authority will, in general, be used by the International Preliminary Examining Authority as its own first written opinion, unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority notifies the International Bureau to the contrary.

CHAPTER 8

SUPPLEMENTARY INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

GENERAL

- Rule 45bis 8.001. **What is supplementary international search?** Supplementary international search permits the applicant to request, in addition to the international search carried out under Article 15(1) (the “main international search”, as explained in Chapter 7), one or more supplementary international searches each to be carried out by an International Authority (the “Authority specified for supplementary search”) other than the International Searching Authority that carries out the main international search.
- 8.002. **What are the benefits of supplementary international search for the applicant?** Requesting supplementary international search reduces the risk of new prior art being cited in the national phase. The increasing diversity of prior art in different languages and different technical fields means that the Authority carrying out the main international search is not always capable of discovering all of the relevant prior art. Requesting one or more supplementary international searches, during this early phase of the patent prosecution, expands both the linguistic and technical scope of the search. In addition, it may also be possible to have the supplementary search carried out in a State where they are likely to enter the national phase later on.
- Rule 45bis.1(e) 8.003. **Which authorities can be requested to carry out a supplementary international search?** Only an International Searching Authority that has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches (see Annex SISA) and 45bis.9(b) which is not the International Searching Authority that carried out the main international search, can be requested to carry out a supplementary international search.
- Rule 45bis.9(a) 8.004. **Does each Authority offer the same supplementary international and (c) search service?** The Authorities prepared to offer supplementary international searches may specify any limitations and conditions on this service in their agreement with the International Bureau (see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html). These limitations may include limitations as to the subject matter for which supplementary searches will be carried out, beyond those limitations that can be evoked in respect of the main international search (see paragraphs 7.013 and 7.014), and limitations as to the total number of supplementary international searches which will be carried out in a given period (see Annex SISA).
- Rule 45bis.1(a) 8.005. **When should the request for a supplementary search be filed?** In many 45bis.1(e)(i) cases, requests for supplementary search will be filed once the applicant has received the main international search report. In any event, the applicant must file a request for a supplementary international search prior to the expiration of 22 months from the priority date. If the request is received after the expiration of this time limit, it will be considered not to have been submitted and there are no provisions to extend this time limit.

SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH REQUEST

- Rule 45bis.1(b) 8.006. **How should a supplementary search request be filed?** To facilitate Section 102(f) preparation of the supplementary search request, the International Bureau has made and (g) available Form PCT/IB/375 “Supplementary Search Request” in PDF editable format on WIPO’s website (instructions on how to complete and save the editable form are also available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/instructions.htm>). This form should be completed in accordance with indications in the Notes attached to the form. While use of this form is optional, it is highly recommended. It is further recommended to submit the form to the International Bureau through ePCT.
- Rule 45bis.1(a) 8.007. If the applicant wishes more than one supplementary international search to be carried out, a separate request, preferably using Form PCT/IB/375, should be submitted for each supplementary international search requested.

- Rule 45bis.1(b)
45bis.4(e) 8.008. **Where should a supplementary search request be filed?** A supplementary search request must be filed with the International Bureau and not with the Authority specified for supplementary search. The International Bureau will transmit the request to the Authority specified for supplementary search once it has verified that all formal requirements have been complied with.
- Rule 92.2(d)
Section 104 8.009. **In which language should the supplementary search request be filed?** The supplementary search request should be filed in either English or French.
- Rule 92.2(d)
Section 104 8.010. **What is the language of correspondence with the International Bureau in connection with supplementary international search?** Any correspondence between the applicant and the International Bureau should be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant, provided that it is in the same language as the international application – if the latter was filed in English or French. However, communications from the applicant to the International Bureau via ePCT may also be in the language of publication of the international application.
- Rule 45bis.1(b)(ii) 8.011. **How should the Authority specified for supplementary search be identified?** The Authority specified for supplementary search should be identified, by an indication of the name or two-letter code of the Authority at the top of the first sheet of the supplementary search request form.
- Rule 13ter.1
45bis.1(c) 8.012. **Which documents, other than the supplementary search request must be submitted?** Where neither the language in which the international application was filed, nor the language in which a translation (if any) has been furnished for the purposes of main international search or international publication, is accepted by the Authority specified for supplementary search, a translation of the international application into a language which is accepted by that Authority must be submitted together with the request. Where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, the applicant, if so required, should preferably furnish a copy of the sequence listing in electronic form (complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions) to the International Bureau together with the supplementary search request.

Box No. I: Identification of the International Application

- Rule 45bis.1(b)(i)
Section 109
110 8.013. **How should the international application be identified?** The applicant should clearly identify the international application by its international application number, international filing date (for the date format, see paragraph 5.061) and title, as provided for in Box No. I. If a new title has been established by the International Searching Authority, that title should be indicated.
- 8.014. Where the international application claims the priority of several earlier applications, the filing date of the earliest application, whose priority is claimed, should be indicated as the priority date. A file reference not exceeding 25 characters may also be indicated, if desired by the applicant (see paragraph 5.017).

Box No. II: Applicant

- Rule 45bis.1(b)(i) 8.015. **How should the applicant be identified?** The applicant should be identified by the indication of his name and address in Box No. II. The requirements for the indication of the name and address of the applicant are the same as those for the request form (PCT/RO/101) (see paragraphs 5.025 to 5.034).
- 8.016. Where there are two or more applicants, only one needs to be indicated for the purposes of requesting supplementary search. It is recommended that the applicant who will represent all the applicants, and to whom notifications are to be sent, be indicated. If an agent or a common representative is indicated in Box No. III of the request, notices will be sent to that agent or common representative (see also paragraphs 11.015 to 11.017).
- Rule 4.4(c) 8.017. **How can the applicant receive notifications via e-mail?** If the applicant has authorized either the sending of advance copies of notifications by e-mail or the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail, by marking the corresponding check-box in Box No. II of the supplementary search request form, the International Bureau and

the Authority specified for supplementary search may, if they wish to do so, send such notifications to the applicant, thus avoiding processing or postal delays. Where the agent or common representative has also provided e-mail authorization, the International Bureau and the Authority specified for supplementary search will send e-mail communications only to the appointed agent or common representative (see paragraph 8.018). Note that not all Authorities will send such notifications by e-mail (see Annex B). If an e-mail notification is followed by the official notification on paper, only the paper copy of the notification is considered to be the legal copy of the notification and only the date of mailing of the paper copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of Rule 80. Where the applicant requests the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail, the date of mailing indicated on the electronic copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of Rule 80. It is the applicant's responsibility to keep any e-mail address details up-to-date and to ensure that incoming e-mails are not blocked, for any reason, on the recipient's side. Changes to the e-mail address indicated should be requested to be recorded, preferably directly at the International Bureau, under Rule 92*bis*.

Box No. III: Agent or Common Representative

Rule 45*bis*.1(b)(i)
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8.018. **How is an agent appointed for the purposes of the procedure before the Authority specified for supplementary search?** The appointment of an agent to represent the applicant for the purposes of all procedures during the international phase, including the procedure before the Authority specified for supplementary search, may be made in Box No. IV of the request form (PCT/RO/101) or in a separate power of attorney submitted to the receiving Office (see also paragraphs 5.041 to 5.046 and 11.001 to 11.014).

8.019. Where, however, an agent is to be appointed specifically for the purposes of the procedure before the Authority specified for supplementary search, this should be indicated in Box No. III of the supplementary search request form and the form signed by the applicant.

8.020. The appointment of an agent may also be made in a separate power of attorney signed by the applicant. The indications in Box No. III or in a separate power of attorney must include the name and address of the agent (see paragraphs 5.025 to 5.029). It is recommended that the agent's telephone number, facsimile number and/or e-mail address also be indicated. It is also recommended that where an agent is registered with the Office, that is acting as the Authority specified for supplementary search, the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered should be included. Model powers of attorney are available in editable PDF format on the WIPO website. Any separate power of attorney must be submitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search if the appointment was made specifically for the purposes of the procedure before that Authority. Where a general power of attorney authorizes an agent to represent the applicant before the Office, which acts as the Authority specified for supplementary search, and the appointment was made specifically for the purposes of the procedure before that Authority, the general power of attorney must be deposited with the said Authority. The Authority specified for supplementary search may waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney or a copy of the general power of attorney be submitted to it (see Annex SISA).

Rule 4.4(c)

8.021. **How can an agent receive notifications via e-mail?** If the check-box in Box No. III is marked indicating that either the sending of advance copies of notifications by e-mail or the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail is authorized, the International Bureau and the Authority specified for supplementary search may, if they wish to do so, send such notifications to the agent or common representative at the indicated e-mail address, thus avoiding processing or postal delays (see paragraph 8.017).

Section 108

8.022. **What is the address for correspondence?** Where an agent is appointed specifically for the purposes of the procedure before the Authority specified for supplementary search, all notifications issued by that Authority will be addressed only to that agent. Otherwise, correspondence will be sent to the agent appointed previously or to the common representative, as the case may be. However, where no agent or

common representative is appointed and the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address other than that indicated in Box No. II, he may indicate that address in Box No. III. In such cases, the last check-box of Box No. III must be marked. However, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes “agent” or “common representative” in Box No. III has been marked.

Box No. IV: Basis for Supplementary International Search

Rule 45bis.1(b)(iii) 8.023. **Where should the language, for the purposes of supplementary international search, be indicated?** The applicant should indicate the language, for the purposes of supplementary international search, in Box No. IV and whether that language is that of the international application as originally filed, or of any translation furnished to the receiving Office under Rule 12.3 or 12.4. Where neither the language in which the international application was filed, nor the language in which a translation (if any) has been furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4, is accepted by the Authority specified for supplementary search, a translation of the international application, into a language, which is accepted by that Authority, must be furnished together with the request. In such cases, the last check-box concerning language should be marked. Where more than one of the above applies, the applicant may indicate, which language version is to form the basis of the supplementary international search, by marking the corresponding check-box.

Rule 45bis.1(d)
45bis.5(d) 8.024. **When and how may the applicant select certain inventions to be searched?** Where the International Searching Authority has found that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention, the applicant may choose, among the several inventions, which invention he wishes to be searched by the Authority specified for supplementary search. If he wishes to limit the supplementary international search to an invention, other than the main invention referred to in Article 17(3)(a), he may indicate this wish by marking the last check-box in Box No. IV of the supplementary search request form, and state the corresponding numbers of the claims relating to this invention in the space provided. Where the international search report is available to the Authority specified for supplementary search before it starts the supplementary international search, it may, however, exclude from the search any claims which were not the subject of the main international search.

Box No. V: Check List

8.025. **What is the purpose of the check list?** Box No. V should be completed by the applicant to allow the International Bureau to verify the completeness of the documents accompanying the supplementary search request and, in particular, to check whether a translation of the international application and a sequence listing, where indicated in the respective check-boxes, are actually received.

Box No. VI: Signature of Applicant, Agent or Common Representative

Rule 90.3(a)
92.1 8.026. **Who must sign the supplementary search request?** The supplementary search request must be signed by one of the applicants or by the appointed agent. It should be noted, however, that additional signatures may be required for withdrawal of the supplementary search request (see paragraphs 11.048 to 11.061).

Notes to the Supplementary Search Request Form

8.027. **What are the Notes to the supplementary search request form?** The Notes to the supplementary search request form are intended to facilitate the completion of that form. They indicate, in relation to each Box of that form, what indications are required and how they are to be made. The Notes are not required to be submitted with the supplementary search request.

Fee Calculation Sheet

8.028. **What is the fee calculation sheet?** The fee calculation sheet is intended to help the applicant calculate the total amount of fees payable to the International Bureau. The sheet is usually annexed to the supplementary search request form (see 8.006). It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the fee calculation sheet

and submit it to the International Bureau. This will help the International Bureau to verify the fee calculations and identify any errors. The Notes to the fee calculation sheet provide details about completion of the sheet. For more information about the payment of fees generally, see paragraphs 5.184 to 5.199.

FEES

Rule 45bis.2(a)
45bis.3(a)

8.029. Which fees must be paid by the applicant? Two fees must be paid for supplementary international search: (i) the supplementary search fee for the benefit of the Authority specified for supplementary search; and (ii) the supplementary search handling fee for the benefit of the International Bureau. The supplementary search fee charged by each Authority varies and is fixed by the Authority in its agreement with the International Bureau (see: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html and Annex SISA). The supplementary search handling fee is fixed by the PCT Assembly and listed in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations.

8.029A. Is any fee reduction available? An applicant is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, item 5, to a reduction of 90% of the supplementary search handling fee if he is a natural person and a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below 25,000 US dollars (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US dollars values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent 5-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau or if he is, whether a natural person or not, a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country. (For a list of States whose nationals and residents are eligible for the fee reduction, see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction_july.pdf). However, it should be noted that the applicant is only entitled to the reduction if, at the time of filing the supplementary search request, the applicant is or all applicants are, the true and only owner(s) 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. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy one or the other of the above-mentioned criteria. If the applicant is or all applicants are entitled to the reduction of the supplementary search handling fee, this reduction applies on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Box No. II of the supplementary search request, without the need for a specific request to be made.

Rule 45bis.2(b)
and (c)
45bis.3(b)
and (c)
45bis.4(c)
and (d)

8.030. When must the applicable fees be paid? Both the supplementary search fee and the supplementary search handling fee must be paid to the International Bureau within one month from the date of receipt of the supplementary search request. If they are not paid in full within that time limit, a late payment fee will become due (see Form PCT/IB/377). If the fees remain unpaid, the International Bureau will consider the request not to have been submitted.

8.031. In which currencies may fees for supplementary international search be paid? Payment of fees will only be accepted in Swiss francs. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of payment.

Rule 45bis.2(d)
45bis.3(d)
and (e)

8.032. Can fees already paid be refunded in some circumstances? If, before the International Bureau has transmitted the relevant documents to the Authority specified for supplementary search, the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted, the International Bureau will refund both the supplementary search fee and the supplementary search handling fee to the applicant. If, before the Authority specified for supplementary search has started the search, the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted, that Authority will refund the supplementary search fee to the applicant in accordance with its agreement with the International Bureau (see paragraph 8.029).

PROCESSING OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH REQUEST BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

- Rule 45bis.1(e) 8.033. **What does the International Bureau check upon receipt of the supplementary search request?** Following receipt of the supplementary search request, the International Bureau will check whether the request was received within the prescribed time limit, that is, before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date. It will verify whether the Authority specified is competent to carry out the search, that is, an International Authority which is prepared to offer supplementary international searches and which is not the International Searching Authority that carried out the main international search. If these requirements have not been complied with, it will declare the supplementary search request not to have been submitted, and will notify the applicant accordingly using Form PCT/IB/379 (see also paragraphs 8.003 to 8.005).
- Rule 45bis.4(a) 8.034. **What happens if there are other defects in the supplementary search request?** The International Bureau will then check whether the supplementary search request has clearly indicated the name and address of at least one applicant and of the agent (if any), the title of the invention, the international filing date and the international application number. It will also verify whether a translation of the international application is needed to carry out the supplementary international search, and where necessary, whether that translation has been furnished. If any of these requirements have not been complied with, it will invite the applicant to correct these defects within one month from the date of the invitation using Form PCT/IB/378 (see also paragraphs 8.013 to 8.016, 8.018 to 8.020, and 8.023).
- Rule 45bis.4(b) and (c) 8.035. **What happens if the fees are not paid or not paid in full?** The International Bureau will also check whether the supplementary search fee and the supplementary search handling fee have been paid in full. If not, and the one month time limit has not expired, it will invite the applicant to pay the amount required to cover those fees using Form PCT/IB/376. If the one month time limit has already expired, the International Bureau will issue Form PCT/IB/377 inviting the applicant to pay the amount required, together with a late payment fee equal to 50% of the supplementary search handling fee, within one month from the date of the invitation (see also paragraphs 8.029 and 8.030).
- Rule 45bis.4(d) 8.036. If the applicant fails to correct these defects, or does not pay the fees in full, before the expiration of the respective time limit, the supplementary search request will be considered not to have been submitted, and the International Bureau will make a declaration to this effect and notify the applicant accordingly using Form PCT/IB/379.
- Rule 45bis.4(e) 8.037. **When will the International Bureau transmit the relevant documents to the Authority specified for supplementary search?** Once the International Bureau finds that all of the preceding requirements (see paragraphs 8.033 to 8.035) have been complied with, it will transmit the relevant documents (see paragraph 8.038) to the Authority specified for supplementary search, promptly after it receives the international search report, or after the expiration of 17 months from the priority date, whichever occurs first. If some documents are still not available to it at the above time, it will promptly transmit them once they are available.
- Rule 45bis.4(e) and (f) 8.038. **Which documents are transmitted by the International Bureau to the Authority specified for supplementary search?** The International Bureau will transmit to the Authority specified for supplementary search a copy of each of the following, where applicable: (i) the supplementary search request, (ii) the international application, (iii) any electronic copy of the sequence listing furnished therewith, (iv) any translation furnished which is to be used as the basis for the supplementary international search, (v) the international search report and the written opinion (including an English translation), (vi) any invitation by the International Searching Authority to pay additional fees concerning unity of invention, and (vii) any protest by the applicant against the opinion of the International Searching Authority concerning unity of invention, and the decision thereon by the same Authority.

SUPPLEMENTARY INTERNATIONAL SEARCH PROCEDURE

- Rule 45bis.5(a) 8.039. **When will the Authority start work on the supplementary international search?** On receipt of the relevant documents from the International Bureau, the Authority specified for supplementary search should promptly begin its work (see paragraph 8.037). However, if on receipt of the relevant documents, the international search report and written opinion are not yet available, the Authority may postpone the start of the search until it receives these documents. Work on the supplementary international search must, however, commence promptly after the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, regardless of the lateness of the international search report and written opinion. The absence of those documents will be noted on the international search report.
- Rule 13ter.1
45bis.4(e)
45bis.5(c) 8.040. **Which documents may the applicant submit directly to the Authority specified for supplementary search?** The applicant should furnish all the required documents to the International Bureau with the supplementary search request (see paragraph 8.012), and the International Bureau will transmit these, together with all other relevant documents, to the Authority specified for supplementary search (see paragraph 8.038). Any amendments filed under Article 19 or 34 will not be taken into account. If, however, the applicant did not submit, a copy in electronic form (Annex C/ST.25 format) of the sequence listing to the International Bureau, together with the request for supplementary search (see paragraph 8.012), he will be invited by the Authority specified for supplementary search to submit such a copy to the said Authority. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in that Authority only carrying out the supplementary international search to the extent that a meaningful search can be carried out without the sequence listing (see also paragraphs 7.005 to 7.012 for more relevant information).
- Rule 45bis.5(g)
and (h)
45bis.9 8.041. **What are the consequences if the Authority finds that carrying out the supplementary international search is excluded by a limitation or condition?** If the Authority specified for supplementary search finds that carrying out the search is entirely excluded by a limitation or condition set out in its Agreement with the International Bureau (see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html), other than a limitation under Article 17(2), it will declare that the supplementary search request be considered not to have been submitted, and promptly notify the applicant and the International Bureau accordingly. If, however, the Authority finds that carrying out the search is not entirely excluded, it may restrict the search to certain claims only and will indicate this fact in the supplementary international search report.
- Article 17(2)(a)
Rule 45bis.5 8.042. **May the Authority refuse to search certain claims?** In certain circumstances the Authority is not obliged to conduct a supplementary search on some or all of the claims in the international application. These include subject matter that the Authority would not search in a main international search and claims which have not been searched by the main searching Authority. If the Authority specified for supplementary search finds that it is not obliged to search any of the claims, it will declare that no supplementary international search report will be established (see paragraph 8.048) and promptly notify the applicant and the International Bureau accordingly.
- Rule 45bis.5(f) 8.043. **What is the scope of the supplementary international search?** The supplementary international search shall cover at least the documentation indicated for that purpose in the Agreement between the International Authority acting as the Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Bureau (see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html). For some Authorities this may comprise all PCT documentation plus other patent and technical documents held by that Authority, while others will focus specifically on documentation in certain languages (see Annex SISA).
- Rule 13
45bis.5(e) 8.044. **What will happen where the main International Searching Authority finds that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention?** If the main International Searching Authority finds that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and

the applicant did not pay any additional search fees, the Authority specified for supplementary search is not obliged to carry out any supplementary search on claims which have not been searched by the main International Searching Authority. The requirements for unity of invention are set out in detail in paragraphs 5.114 to 5.123. The Authority specified for supplementary search is not, however, obliged to agree with the main International Searching Authority and may make its own finding on unity of invention.

Rule 45bis.6(a)
and (c)

8.045. What will happen where the Authority specified for supplementary search considers that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention? If the Authority specified for supplementary search finds that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention (the requirements for unity of invention are set out in detail in paragraphs 5.114 to 5.123) it will not invite the applicant to pay additional fees, as the International Searching Authority does in the main international search. Instead, it will establish the supplementary international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims ("main invention"), and notify the applicant of its opinion that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and specify the reasons for that opinion. The applicant may, within one month from the date of the notification, request the Authority to review its opinion, subject to the payment of any review fee (see Annex SISA). The review fee will be refunded in full, where the opinion is found to be unjustified (see paragraph 8.046) and a revised supplementary international search report will be issued, where appropriate.

Rule 45bis.6(d)
and (e)

8.046. What will happen when the applicant requests a review of the opinion of the Authority on unity of invention? If the applicant requests a review of the opinion of the Authority specified for supplementary search that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and pays any required review fee, the Authority will review its opinion on unity of invention. The review may not be carried out only by the person who made the decision which is the subject of the review. The result of the review will be notified to the applicant. If the opinion is found to be entirely unjustified, the Authority will establish the supplementary international search report on all parts of the international application and refund the review fee to the applicant. If the opinion is found to be partially unjustified, and the Authority still considers that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention, it will establish a corrected supplementary international search report where necessary. Independent of the review, the applicant may always request that the text of both the request for review and the decision thereon be communicated to the designated Offices together with the supplementary international search report.

Rule 45bis.7(a)

8.047. When is the supplementary international search report established? The supplementary international search report must be established within 28 months from the priority date using Form PCT/SISA/501.

Rule 45bis.7(a)

8.048. What happens when the Authority specified for supplementary search declares that no supplementary international search report will be established? A declaration that no supplementary international search report will be established must be made within 28 months from the priority date using Form PCT/SISA/502 (see paragraphs 8.003 and 8.004).

Rule 45bis.7(d)
and (e)

8.049. What does the supplementary international search report contain? The supplementary international search report is generally similar in contents and appearance to the main international search report (see paragraph 7.024). It does not, however, contain comments on the title of the invention or the abstract, nor does it contain the classification of the subject matter. Further, it does not repeat relevant prior art documents which have already been cited in the international search report, unless this is necessary because of new relevance when read in conjunction with other documents discovered during the supplementary international search. On occasion, the supplementary international search report may contain more detailed explanations concerning citations of documents than those in the main international search report. This is due to the fact that, unlike the main international search, no written opinion is

established with the supplementary international search report, and these additional details are helpful for a full understanding of the prior art. Furthermore, it may contain additional comments on the scope of the supplementary search which has been conducted. This is of particular relevance when the supplementary search has been carried out without the benefit of the main international search report.

Article 20(3)
Rule 44.3
45bis.7

8.050. How can the applicant obtain copies of the documents cited in the supplementary international search report? Many Authorities which have stated their preparedness to carry out supplementary international search transmit such copies automatically, without extra charge to the applicant, together with the supplementary international search report. Annex SISA indicates whether an Authority charges a fee for furnishing copies of these documents.

Article 20(1)
Rule 45bis.8
47.1(d)

8.051. How is the supplementary international search report transmitted? The Authority specified for supplementary search will, on the same day, transmit one copy of the supplementary international search report (or, the declaration that no supplementary international search report will be established) to the International Bureau and one copy to the applicant. The International Bureau will include the supplementary international search report in its communication to each designated Office, as if it were part of the international search report, unless the designated Office has waived this requirement.

Rule 45bis.8(b)
and (c)
Section 420(b)

8.052. Is a copy of the supplementary international search report sent to the International Preliminary Examining Authority? Where the applicant files a demand for international preliminary examination, and the International Preliminary Examining Authority is not the same Authority as that specified for supplementary search, the International Bureau will, promptly on receipt of the supplementary international search report, transmit a copy of said report to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The report, together with the international search report, will all be taken into account by that Authority during the process of international preliminary examination. Note, however, if that Authority has already begun to draw up the international preliminary examination report, it need not take into account the supplementary international search report for the purposes of that report.

Article 20(3)
Rule 44.3
94.1(b)

8.053. Will the supplementary international search report be published? The supplementary international search report is not published per se nor as part of the international publication. Nevertheless, once the international application has been published, and the supplementary international search report has been received, it is made available for public inspection by the International Bureau on PATENTSCOPE (<https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/>).

CHAPTER 9

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION, AMENDMENT OF
CLAIMS, AND OTHER PROCESSING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION BY THE
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

GENERAL

9.001. **What are the main procedural steps at the International Bureau?** The main procedural steps that any international application goes through at the International Bureau are the following:

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| Rule 22.1
24.2 | (i) the International Bureau monitors the receipt of the record copy of the international application and notifies the fact, and the date of receipt, to the applicant and the authorities concerned; for details, see paragraph 9.002; |
| Article 19
Rule 46 | (ii) the applicant may amend the claims of the international application under Article 19 by means of a communication addressed to the International Bureau; for details, see paragraphs 9.004 to 9.011; |
| Article 21
Rule 48 | (iii) the international application is published by the International Bureau (such publication usually takes place just after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date); for details, see paragraphs 9.012 to 9.024; |
| Article 20
Rule 43bis
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47 | (iv) copies of the international application, the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (in the form of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the PCT) (see (v) and (vi) below) pertaining to it are transmitted by the International Bureau to the designated Offices; for details, see paragraphs 9.028 and 9.029; |
| Rule 44bis | (v) where a preliminary examination report (international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT)) has not been established, the International Bureau issues an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the PCT) (see paragraph 7.031); |
| Rule 44bis.2
44bis.3 | (vi) copies of that report are transmitted by the International Bureau to the applicant, and to the designated Offices in accordance with Rule 93bis, but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date; the International Bureau may also if so requested by any designated State, transmit a copy of a translation into English of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the PCT) to any interested designated Office and to the applicant at the same time as it communicates the report to that Office; |
| Article 36
Rule 70
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74 | (vii) where a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed, the International Bureau notifies the elected Offices, transmits the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) and related documents to them and makes a translation of that report into English (if required by any elected Office); for further details, see paragraphs 10.006, 10.045, 10.078 10.079 and 10.079A . |

Rule 24.2
47.1(a-bis)
93bis.1

9.002. **When and to whom does the International Bureau notify its receipt of the record copy of the international application? When are designated Offices notified?** How the International Bureau receives the record copy and how it monitors that receipt is explained in paragraphs 6.057 and 6.058. The record copy of the international application should normally reach the International Bureau before the expiration of 13 months from the priority date. After receiving the record copy, the International Bureau notifies the applicant, the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority (unless it has informed the International Bureau that it wishes not to be so notified) of the fact and of the date of receipt of the record copy. All those notifications are effected promptly after the International Bureau's receipt of the record copy.

Rule 24.2(a)
53.7
90bis.2

9.003. What should be done by the applicant when he receives the notification of receipt of the record copy? The notification sent to the applicant (Form PCT/IB/301) contains the list of the designated Offices. This notification will allow the applicant to check whether the fact that certain designations (DE, JP and/or KR) were specifically excluded in the request, and/or any subsequent withdrawal of designations have been properly reflected. The applicant may wish to withdraw the designation of any designated State at this point, or at any time prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS UNDER ARTICLE 19

Article 19(1)
Rule 46
49.5(a)(ii)
49.5(c)
49.5(c-bis)

9.004. When and how may the claims of the international application be amended in the international phase? The applicant is entitled, under Article 19, to one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application in the international phase. (Further opportunities to amend the claims, and also the description and the drawings, are available during the international phase under Article 34 if, and only if, the applicant files a demand for international preliminary examination – see paragraphs 9.011, 10.024 to 10.028, and 10.067 to 10.071). Any amendment to the claims under Article 19 must be filed with the International Bureau – not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority. The amendments must be in the language in which the international application is published (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish – see paragraphs 9.017 to 9.019). The opportunity to make amendments under Article 19 is available after the applicant has received the international search report and the written opinion of the International Search Authority, and remains available until the end of 16 months from the priority date or two months after the transmittal (that is, the date of mailing) of that report and opinion, whichever expires later. Amendments received by the International Bureau after the time limit are still accepted if they have been received before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed. Amendments to the claims under Article 19 are not allowed where the International Searching Authority has declared, under Article 17(2)(a), that no international search report would be established. However, it should be noted that, where an international search report has been established but nevertheless also contains, in Box No. II, a declaration under Article 17(2)(b) that certain claims were found unsearchable, either because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by the Authority or because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that a meaningful international search could not be carried out, amendments under Article 19 are allowed in relation to the claims that were searched (see paragraph 7.014). Upon entry into the national phase, if the claims have been amended under Article 19, a translation of both the claims as filed and as amended (in the form of a translation of the complete set of claims furnished under Rule 46.5(a) in replacement of all the claims originally filed and any statement may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices (see National Chapters (Summaries)). (As to amendments in the national phase, see paragraphs 5.111, 5.127 and 5.162, the National Phase and National Chapters.) The submission of Article 19 amendments should comprise:

- (i) a complete set of claims in replacement of the claims originally filed (see paragraph 9.005)
- (ii) a letter which must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and those as amended plus the basis for the amendments (see paragraphs 9.005-9.006A)
- (iii) an optional statement under Article 19 (see paragraphs 9.007-9.008)

Rule 6.1
46.5
Section 205

9.005. When filing amendments to the claims under Article 19, the applicant is required to file a sheet or sheets containing a complete set of claims in replacement of the claims originally filed. The replacement sheet or sheets must be accompanied by a letter drawing attention to the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must also indicate the basis for the amendment to the claims with specific references to particular parts of the application (description, claims, drawings) as originally filed (see paragraph 9.006). Where an amendment results in the cancellation

of an entire sheet of the international application as originally filed, the amendment (that is, the cancellation) is evidenced only by the letter addressed to the International Bureau. Amendments may consist in the cancellation of one or more entire claims, in the addition of one or more new claims, or in the amendment of the text of one or more of the claims as filed. All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals (corresponding to the order of the claims). Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. However, where the applicant does renumber claims, they must be renumbered consecutively.

Rule 46.5
Section 205

9.006. What should the accompanying letter contain? The letter, which must accompany the replacement sheets containing amendments to the claims, must indicate firstly the differences between the claims as filed and those as amended and secondly the basis for the amendments in the application as filed. This should be done by stating, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application, whether:

- (i) the claim is unchanged,
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed, etc.

The replacement sheets containing the amended claims should not, however, contain marked-up text; they should contain clean text only. This should be followed by an indication of the basis for the amendments in the application as filed. The basis for the amendments has to be indicated so that the examiner may, by consulting those precise references in the application, assess whether the amendments contain subject-matter which extends beyond the disclosure of the application as filed. Therefore, non-specific indications such as “see the description as filed” or “see the claims as filed” are generally not considered sufficient for an indication of the basis for the amendment.

Example:

“Claim 1 amended; claims 2 to 7 unchanged; claims 8 and 9 amended; claims 10 to 14 cancelled; claims 15 to 17 unchanged; new claim 18 added.

- (i) Basis for the amendment: Claim 1 has been amended at lines 4 and 11 to 14 and now indicates that the filter comprises a periodic backwashing means serially coupled to a first and second chamber. The basis for this amendment can be found in original claims 2 and 4 as filed.
- (ii) Basis for the amendment: Concerning amended claims 8 and 9, the indication of ‘quick-fire piston’ is in paragraph Nos. 2 and 19 in the description as filed.
- (iii) Basis for the amendment: Claim 18 is new, the indication is in drawing No. III of the original application.”

Rule 92.2(d)

9.006A. What happens where the international application is not in the same language as the accompanying letter? The accompanying letter should be furnished in English or French. References may, however, be made to the international application in the language of the international application where to do so will facilitate the work of the examiner in finding the reference, for example:

- (i) Basis for the amendment: Concerning amended claim 2, the indication of “請求項1に基づくパーキングアシストシステム” is in paragraph Nos. 23, 46 and 85 in the description as filed.

Article 19(1)
Rule 46.4
48.2(a)(vi)

9.007. What is a statement accompanying an amendment? Any amendment may be accompanied by a brief statement by the applicant explaining the amendment and indicating any impact it might have on the description and the drawings. Such a statement is published together with the international application itself (see paragraphs 9.012 to 9.024). Statements not referring to a specific amendment are not permitted. The statement must not exceed 500 words if in English or when translated into English. It may not contain disparaging comments on the international search report

or on the relevance of any of the citations contained in that report. References to certain citations in the report may be made only in connection with an amendment made to a specific claim. The statement must be in the language in which the international application is published (see paragraphs 9.017 and 9.018).

Rule 46.4(a)
48.2(a)(vi)

9.008. A statement explaining the amendment is not to be confused with and must be clearly distinguished from the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and those as amended and the basis for the amendment (see paragraph 9.006). It is also distinct from the statement concerning amendments which must be included in a demand for international preliminary examination (see paragraphs 10.024 to 10.027). It must therefore be identified as such by a heading "Statement under Article 19(1)." Where the statement does not comply with the requirements, it is neither published by the International Bureau nor communicated to the designated Offices.

Article 19(2)
and (3)
Rule 66.2(a)(iv)
70.2(c)

9.009. **May the amended claims include new matter?** The PCT provides that amendments are not to go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed. This requirement is not directly enforceable during Chapter I of the international phase, but failure to comply with it may have adverse consequences for the applicant during the international preliminary examination and in the national phase (see paragraphs 10.070 and 11.047 below).

Rule 46.5(b)
70.2(c-bis)

9.009A. **What happens where the replacement sheets were not accompanied by a letter?** The PCT requires that replacement sheets filed with Article 19 amendments must be accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment to the claims (see paragraph 9.006). Substantive compliance with this requirement is not checked during the international phase unless the applicant requests international preliminary examination but failure to comply with it may have adverse consequences for the applicant during international preliminary examination and in the national phase (see also paragraph 11.047A below).

Rule 53.9(a)(i)
55.3
62.1
62.2

9.010. **Should a copy of amendments under Article 19 be filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority?** If the applicant submits a demand for international preliminary examination, he should file a copy of the amendments to the claims under Article 19, the letter which accompanied the amended claims and the statement under Article 19(1) (if any) with the International Preliminary Examining Authority with the demand (if the amendment has already been filed) or at the same time as he files the amendment with the International Bureau (if the amendment is filed after the demand). Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority requires a translation of the international application under Rule 55.2, the applicant should also furnish a translation of any amendments made under Article 19 and any letter that accompanied the amendments if he wishes those amendments to be taken into account for international preliminary examination. The International Bureau transmits a copy of any amendment, accompanying letter and any statement under Article 19 received prior to the filing of the demand to the International Preliminary Examining Authority unless that Authority indicates that it has already received a copy. If an amendment, the accompanying letter and any statement under Article 19 are received after the demand has been filed, the International Bureau transmits a copy to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in any event, but timely filing of a copy of these documents by the applicant direct with that Authority ensures that the international preliminary examination will proceed without undue delay or uncertainty. See paragraphs 10.024 to 10.028 in connection with the demand form.

Article 34(2)(b)
Rule 48.2(f)
66.1(b)

9.011. **In what circumstances should the claims be amended under Article 19?** Since any amendments of the claims under Article 19 are published with the international application (see paragraph 9.015), such amendment may be useful to the applicant if there is a reason to better define the scope of the claims for the purposes of provisional protection in those designated States whose national law provides for such protection (see paragraph 9.024). It is to be noted that, where international preliminary examination takes place, the applicant has the right under Article 34(2)(b) to file amendments to the claims (as well as to the description and the drawings) with the International Preliminary Examining Authority, regardless of whether or not he has filed amendments to the claims under Article 19 with the International Bureau (see paragraphs 10.024, 10.028, 10.067 to 10.071, and 11.045 to 11.047). There is

therefore normally no need to amend the claims under Article 19 where a demand for international preliminary examination is filed, unless there is a particular reason related to provisional protection or otherwise for amending the claims before international publication.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION

9.012. When and how is the international application published by the International Bureau? International applications are published by the International Bureau except in any of the following cases:

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| Rule 20.4 | (i) if the international application is not accorded an international filing date by the receiving Office (see paragraphs 6.005 to 6.012); |
| Article 21(5) | (ii) if the international application is considered withdrawn before the technical preparations for publication have been completed; |
| Article 21(5) | (iii) if the international application is withdrawn by the applicant (see paragraphs 11.048 and 11.049) before the technical preparations for publication have been completed; |
| Article 64(3) | (iv) if the only designated State remaining at the time of the completion of the technical preparations for publication, is the United States of America (since the United States of America made a declaration under Article 64(3)(a)), unless any of the exceptions specified in Article 64(3)(c) applies. |

Article 21(2)
Rule 48.4
Section 113

9.013. When does international publication take place? International publication takes place promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date. However, when the applicant asks the International Bureau to publish his international application earlier, the International Bureau does so. If the applicant asks for early publication and the international search report, or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), is not available for publication with the international application, a special fee, the amount of which is indicated in Annex B (IB), is payable to the International Bureau. Normally, international publication takes place every Thursday except when the International Bureau is closed for business. In such cases, the publication date will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter*.

9.014. When are the technical preparations for international publication completed? The technical preparations for publication are completed by the 15th day prior to the date of publication. However, any change that should be taken into consideration for publication on a specific publication date, should reach the International Bureau at least one day before the 15-day time limit to allow the International Bureau to process the change. The last day for receipt of such changes will therefore always be on Tuesday at midnight (Central European time (CET)), i.e. 16 days before the publication date when publication falls on a Thursday (or 17 days before the publication date when publication exceptionally takes place on a Friday because the International Bureau is closed for business on a Thursday).

Article 21(3)
Rule 48.1
48.2(a), (f), (g)
and (h)
Section 404
406(b)

9.015. What constitutes international publication? Publication of international applications filed under the PCT takes place wholly in electronic form. The published international application will include any declaration filed under Rule 4.17 and, if available at the time of publication, the international search report or declaration by the International Searching Authority to the effect that no international search report will be established, and also any amendment, including any statement, under Article 19. Where the time limit for amending the claims has not expired at the time of the completion of the technical preparations for publication, the international application is published with an annotation accordingly, and any amendment received within the time limit is published later. Similarly, if the international search report or declaration by the International Searching Authority is not available, the international application is published with an annotation accordingly and the report or declaration is published separately after it has been received by the International Bureau. Each published international application is assigned an international publication number consisting of the code WO followed by an indication of the year and a serial number (for example,

WO 2004/123456). For further details governing international publication, see Article 21 and Rule 48.

Rule 86.1(i)
Section 407(b)

9.016. On the same date the international application is published, the bibliographic data, the title of the invention, the abstract and a characteristic drawing (if any) of each published international application are made available on PATENTSCOPE.

Rule 26.4
48.2(l)

9.016A. **Can the applicant request that certain information be omitted from international publication?** The applicant can make a reasoned request to the International Bureau to omit certain information from publication. He should preferably use form PCT/IB/384 for such a request, accompanied by replacement sheets from which the relevant information has been omitted, except for cases where the omission of information would result in the omission of an entire sheet, and an accompanying letter drawing attention to the differences between the replaced sheet(s) and the replacement sheet(s). In his request, the applicant must also explain why the information does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application, that the publication of such information would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of a person and that there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information. The request for omission of information from publication must be received by the International Bureau prior to the completion of technical preparations for international publication (see paragraph 9.014).

If the International Bureau finds that the reasoned request satisfies all of the above-mentioned criteria, it will omit that information from international publication (and/or public file access, see paragraph 11.073A) and inform the applicant of its decision (form PCT/IB/385). If the International Bureau decides not to omit the requested information from international publication, it will inform the applicant accordingly (form PCT/IB/386).

Where the International Bureau has omitted information from international publication, and that information is also contained in the file of the international application held by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau will also promptly notify that Office or Authority accordingly, so that they do not make that information publicly available either.

Article 21(4)
Rule 45.1
48.3
Section 406bis

9.017. **In what language is the international application published?** If the international application is filed in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish, it is published in the language in which it was filed. Where the language of publication is Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish, the International Bureau prepares English translations of the title of the invention, the abstract and the international search report (or the declaration referred to in paragraph 7.014) and includes the translations in the published international application. Where the applicant wishes to propose an English translation of the title of the invention, she/he may furnish the suggested translation to the International Bureau before the expiration of 14 months from the priority date. The International Bureau shall, to the extent possible, take the suggested translation into account in the preparation of the translation. The International Bureau also prepares, where applicable, French translations of the title and the abstract. The title and abstract are published on PATENTSCOPE.

Rule 48.3(b)

9.018. If the international application is filed in a language which is a language other than Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish and is a language accepted by the International Searching Authority for international search, the applicant must furnish a translation of the international application into a language of publication accepted by the receiving Office for that purpose. The international application will be published in that language of translation only (see paragraphs 6.020 to 6.023).

9.019. If the international application is filed in a language which is neither a language of publication (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish) nor a language accepted by the International

Searching Authority for international search, it is published in the language of the translation furnished by the applicant (see paragraphs 6.013 to 6.020).

Rule 86.2(a)

9.020. The bibliographic data, titles and abstracts, and any figure which appears on the front page of each published international application are published in English and in French on PATENTSCOPE.

Rule 86.1(i)
86.4

9.021. **How can copies of the published international application be obtained?** In addition to downloading the published international application from the WIPO website anyone may obtain a copy of the published international application by ordering it from the International Bureau, preferably referring to its international publication number (if available).

Rule 86.1(i)
86.4

9.022. **How can the published international application in electronic form be accessed?** The published international application in electronic form is available on PATENTSCOPE.

Rule 4.10(b)
17.2(c)

9.023. **How can copies of the priority document be obtained?** Third parties who wish to receive a copy of the priority document may apply to the Office with which the earlier application was filed, to certain designated Offices or to the International Bureau. The International Bureau makes copies of priority documents, after international publication of the international application available on PATENTSCOPE, or on paper upon request and subject to reimbursement of the cost. However, the International Bureau does not furnish such copies if, prior to the international publication, the international application was withdrawn, or the relevant priority claim was withdrawn or was considered not to have been made, or the relevant declaration of the priority claim was cancelled.

Article 21(5)
Rule 90bis.1(c)

9.023A. **How can international publication be prevented?** The applicant may prevent international publication by withdrawing the international application, provided that the applicant submits a notice of withdrawal and that the notice of withdrawal reaches the International Bureau before the completion of technical preparations for that publication (see paragraph 9.014). It is strongly recommended to send the notice of withdrawal directly to the International Bureau through ePCT (signing in with strong authentication at <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>), preferably using the corresponding Action. Using an ePCT Action will ensure that the international application is immediately flagged as withdrawn in the International Bureau's processing system and will prevent publication if submitted before the completion of technical preparations for international publication. In the rare situation where ePCT cannot be used, an alternative document upload system is available at <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html>. The notice of withdrawal may state that the withdrawal is to be effective only on the condition that international publication can still be prevented. In such a case the withdrawal is not effective if this condition cannot be met – that is, if the technical preparations for international publication have already been completed. The same effect may possibly be achieved if, for example through non-payment of the applicable fees, the international application is considered withdrawn and the receiving Office so declares (Form PCT/RO/117). Issuance of this declaration by the receiving Office alone, however, will not prevent international publication unless the declaration is also received by the International Bureau before completion of technical preparations for international publication (Rule 29.1(v)).

International publication may be postponed by withdrawing the priority claim as outlined in paragraphs 11.056 and 11.057.

Article 29

9.024. **What are the legal effects of international publication?** Article 29 has the effect of ensuring, with certain qualifications, that provisional protection is available after the international publication of an international application in the same way as it is after national publication of unexamined national applications. The qualifications are such as to enable Contracting States to make such protection conditional on the furnishing of translations (in some circumstances), on the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, and/or on receipt by the designated Office of a copy of the international application as published under the PCT. For further details, see Article 29. Annexes B indicate what the position is in each Contracting State.

Rule 94

9.025. Can access be gained at the International Bureau to the file of an international application? For international applications filed before 1 July 1998, the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant may, subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service, obtain copies from the International Bureau of any document contained in its file. For international applications filed on or after 1 July 1998, the International Bureau makes certain documents in its file available on PATENTSCOPE together with the published international application. In addition, it will, at the request of any person but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to Article 38, furnish, upon reimbursement of the cost of the service, copies of any document contained in its file, except for information which has been omitted from international publication or public file access following a reasoned request by the applicant (see paragraphs 11.072 to 11.074 for details concerning the confidentiality of international applications).

9.026. [Deleted]

Rule 94.1(c)

9.027. Concerning access to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), the International Bureau, if so requested by an elected Office, makes copies of that report available on PATENTSCOPE to third parties on behalf of that Office, **but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date**. A number of elected Offices have made this request to the International Bureau, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html. Similarly, the International Bureau also makes related documents received from the International Preliminary Examining Authority under PCT Rule 71.1(b) available on PATENTSCOPE (see paragraph 10.079A).

COMMUNICATION OF COPIES TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

Article 20(1)(a)
22(1)Rule 47.1(a)
47.2
47.3
93bis

9.028. How and when do the designated Offices receive copies of the international application? Subject to what is said in this paragraph and in paragraph 9.029, the International Bureau communicates a copy of the international application in the language in which the international application is published, to each designated Office upon their request and at the time specified by that Office, pursuant to Rule 93bis, but not prior to the international publication. Where the language in which the international application is published is different from the language in which it was filed, the International Bureau will furnish to any designated Office, upon the request of that Office, a copy of that application in the language in which it was filed. In practice, the communication is effected by sending a copy of the published international application (for details concerning the contents of published international applications, see paragraph 9.015). The International Bureau also sends, promptly after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date in respect of designated Offices which do not apply the 30 month time limit, and again promptly after the expiration of 28 months from the priority date in respect of designated Offices which do apply the 30 month time limit, a notice (Form PCT/IB/308 (First Notice) (*19 months*) and Form PCT/IB/308 (Second and Supplementary Notice) (*28 months*)) to the applicant informing him of the Offices to which the communication has been effected and of the date of such communication. The notices must be accepted by all designated Offices as conclusive evidence that the communication has duly taken place on the date specified in the notices. On receiving the notices, the applicant knows that he does not have to send a copy of the international application to any of the designated Offices indicated on them as having been sent the communication.

Article 13
23(2)
40(2)Rule 31
47.4
61.2(d)

9.029. A copy of the international application (albeit without the international search report) is communicated by the International Bureau, prior to the communication referred to in the preceding paragraphs, to any designated Office which so requests; this transmittal may not be done before the expiration of one year from the priority date. It should be noted that, to date, no national or regional Office has asked for a copy of all the international applications designating it to be the subject of such an early communication. If he wishes, the applicant may at any time transmit, or ask the International Bureau to transmit, a copy of his international application to any designated Office. Such special transmittal by the International Bureau requires the payment of a fee, the amount of which is indicated in Annex B (IB). Further details are to be found in

Article 13 and Rule 31. It is to be noted that transmittal in this way does not, unless expressly requested by the applicant, entitle the designated Office to start its processing of the international application. If, however, the applicant makes an express request to a designated or elected Office (under Article 23(2) or 40(2), respectively) for early commencement of national processing, the International Bureau then promptly effects the communication to the Office concerned upon request by the applicant or the designated or elected Office.

CHAPTER 10

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION UNDER CHAPTER II OF THE PCT

GENERAL

Article 31(1)
31(4)(a)
32(1)
33(1)
Rule 53.7

10.001. What is international preliminary examination? International preliminary examination of an international application may be requested under Chapter II of the PCT to obtain “a preliminary and non-binding opinion on the questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), and to be industrially applicable” (Article 33(1)). It is carried out by an “International Preliminary Examining Authority” at the request – called “demand” – of the applicant, for use before the “elected” Offices, that is, the designated Offices which are elected by the applicant for that purpose, (note that the filing of a demand constitutes the election of all Contracting States which are designated and bound by Chapter II of the Treaty). Not every applicant who has the right to file an international application has the right to demand international preliminary examination; the following paragraphs explain who may make a demand.

Article 39(1)
40(1)
64(2)(a)(i)
and (ii)

10.002. What are the main effects of the international preliminary examination? Since the criteria on which the international preliminary examination is based (see paragraph 10.001) correspond to internationally accepted criteria for patentability, the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) gives the applicant the opportunity to evaluate the chances of obtaining patents in elected Offices before incurring the expense and trouble of entering the national phase. Moreover, the fact that the carrying out of such an examination has been demanded has the result that the national phase in each elected State is normally delayed until the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (longer times apply in some elected Offices), provided that the demand is submitted before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Note, however, that the 30-month time limit applies in any case, to all but two designated Offices even if they have not been elected within the 19-month time limit; see paragraph 5.005 for details). For further details, see paragraph 10.010, and also the National Chapters, (Summaries).

Article 38
Rule 94

10.003. With the exception of the fact that a demand has been filed and the names of those designated States for which a notice of withdrawal has been submitted to the International Bureau or to the International Preliminary Examining Authority are available on PATENTSCOPE, the international preliminary examination procedure remains confidential between the applicant, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the International Bureau. In respect of international applications filed before 1 July 1998, a copy of the international preliminary examination report, when it has been established, is sent by the International Bureau to each elected Office as well as the applicant, but is not available from the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau to any other persons or Offices. In respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 1998, copies of all documents contained in the file of the International Preliminary Examining Authority, except for information which has been omitted from international publication or public access following a reasoned request by the applicant (see paragraphs 9.016A and 11.073A), may be obtained by third parties via those elected Offices whose national law provides for access to the files of national applications (see also paragraphs 10.080 and 10.081, and 11.072 to 11.074). Concerning the availability of the international preliminary examination report [and related documents](#) from the International Bureau, see paragraph 9.027.

MAKING A DEMAND FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Article 31(2)(a)
Rule 18.1
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10.004. On what conditions may a demand for international preliminary examination be submitted? There are two conditions which have to be fulfilled for a demand to be submitted. First, the applicant – or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of them – must be a resident or a national of a Contracting State bound by Chapter II of the PCT. Second, the international application must have been filed with

the receiving Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State bound by Chapter II. Annexes A and B indicate whether or not each Contracting State is bound by Chapter II. Potential applicants who have residence and/or nationality in more than one Contracting State, and thus generally have a choice of receiving Office, should therefore file the international application with a receiving Office of or acting for a Contracting State bound by Chapter II if they wish to take advantage later of the international preliminary examination procedure. However, it should be noted that the right to make a demand may be lost if, following a change in the applicants named in the international application, there is no longer, at the time the demand is made, at least one applicant who is a resident or national of a Contracting State bound by Chapter II. The concepts of residence and nationality are defined in Rule 18.1 (see paragraph 5.023). If the applicant does not have the right to make a demand, the demand is considered not to have been submitted.

Article 31(4)
64(1)
Rule 53.7
90bis.4

10.005. Which States may be elected? In relation to demands for international preliminary examination filed on, or after, 1 January 2004, all Contracting States which are designated in the international application and are bound by Chapter II of the PCT are elected. The printed demand form (available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf) contains a pre-printed statement that the filing of the demand constitutes the election of all Contracting States which are designated and are bound by Chapter II of the Treaty (see paragraph 10.029). Please note that States whose designation has been withdrawn cannot subsequently be elected. If the applicant does not wish to elect a particular State, the election of that State may be withdrawn after a demand has been filed. It should be also noted that withdrawal of the designation of a State which has been elected shall entail withdrawal of the corresponding election.

Article 31(3)
31(6)(a)
32(2)
Rule 59

10.006. Where should the demand for international preliminary examination be submitted? The demand must be made separately from the international application, and be submitted directly to an International Preliminary Examining Authority which is competent to carry out international preliminary examination on the international application concerned. Each receiving Office (except the International Bureau as receiving Office – see paragraph 5.008) specifies one or more International Preliminary Examining Authorities as competent to carry out international preliminary examination on international applications filed with it. In addition, different International Preliminary Examining Authorities may be competent in relation to an international application depending on the language in which the international application was filed and on which International Searching Authority carried out the international search. Where several International Preliminary Examining Authorities are competent in relation to a particular international application, having regard to which receiving Office the international application was filed with and the language of the international application, the applicant may choose between them. Where the international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (or Authorities) is that (or are those) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with a competent national (or regional) Office as receiving Office. The International Preliminary Examining Authority or Authorities competent for international applications filed with each national (or regional) Office acting as receiving Office, and the languages accepted for international preliminary examination by each International Preliminary Examining Authority, may be ascertained by consulting Annexes C and E. Finally, within the framework of the respective agreements relating to the functioning of certain Offices as International Preliminary Examining Authorities, these Authorities may provide for limitations of their competence in respect of certain international applications. The consolidated texts of these Agreements are available on the WIPO website at the following address: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html. For more detailed information, see Annex E.

Rule 59.3(a),
(b) and (e)

10.007. If a demand is submitted to a receiving Office, an International Searching Authority, an International Preliminary Examining Authority which is not competent for the international preliminary examination of the international application, or the International Bureau, that Office or that Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, will mark on it the date of receipt, which will be considered to be the date on

which the demand was received on behalf of the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Rule 59.3(c)
and (f)

10.008. When a demand is filed with a receiving Office, an International Searching Authority, or an International Preliminary Examining Authority which is not competent for the international preliminary examination of the international application, that Office or Authority may send the demand either directly to the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority, or to the International Bureau which will in turn forward the demand to the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Rule 59.3(c)
and (d)

10.009. If two or more International Preliminary Examining Authorities are competent, the applicant will be invited, by the Office or Authority to which the demand was submitted, or by the International Bureau, as the case may be, to indicate, within the time limit applicable under Rule 54*bis*.1(a), or within 15 days from the date of the invitation whichever is later, the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority to which the demand should be transmitted. Where the applicant furnishes that indication, the demand will promptly be transmitted to the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority. Where no indication is so furnished, the demand will be considered not to have been submitted, and the Office or Authority to which the demand was submitted, or the International Bureau, as the case may, will declare that the demand is considered not to have been submitted.

Article 39(1)
Rule 54*bis*.1(a)
69.1(a)(iii)
69.2

10.010. **At what stage of the procedure should the demand for international preliminary examination be submitted?** A demand may be submitted at any time prior to the expiration of the following time limits, whichever expires later:

- (i) three months from the date of transmittal to the applicant of the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, or of the declaration, referred to in Article 17(2)(a) that no international search report will be established; or
- (ii) 22 months from the priority date.

In addition, in respect of some Offices (see paragraph 5.005), in order to secure the full effect of the demand – including the delaying of the national phase until 30 months from the priority date – it must be submitted before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Since international preliminary examination will normally not start before the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are available (see paragraphs 10.051 to 10.055), the applicant will normally wish to take that report and opinion into account before deciding whether to proceed further on his quest for patent protection. Note, however, that the 19 month time limit will expire regardless of whether the establishment of the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are delayed. On the other hand, the length of time available for the international preliminary examination depends on the earliest possible submission of the demand after the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are available, since the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) must in most cases be established before the expiration of 28 months from the priority date, or six months from the time provided for the start of the international preliminary examination, or six months from the date of receipt by the International Preliminary Examining Authority of the translation furnished by the applicant, if applicable, whichever period expires last (see paragraph 10.074). The more time available for the international preliminary examination, the better will be the result and quality which can be expected. Therefore, a demand should be filed as soon as possible after the applicant's evaluation of the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority has shown that it is worthwhile to pursue the international application further.

TRANSLATION OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Rule 55.2

10.011. **What happens if the international application was filed or published in a language which is not accepted by the International Preliminary Examining Authority?** Where neither the language in which the international application was filed

nor the language in which the international application is published is accepted by the International Preliminary Examining Authority that is to carry out the international preliminary examination, the applicant must furnish with the demand a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority, and a language of publication. No such translation is required where the International Searching Authority and the International Preliminary Examining Authority are part of the same national Office or intergovernmental organization, in which case the international preliminary examination will be carried out on the basis of the translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (see paragraphs 6.014 to 6.017). Details about the languages accepted for international preliminary examination by the various International Preliminary Examining Authorities appear in Annex E. See paragraph 9.010 in connection with the need to file a translation of amendments under Article 19.

THE DEMAND

Article 31(3)
Rule 53
Section 102(b)
and (i)

10.012. What requirements as to form, contents and language must the demand for international preliminary examination comply with? The demand must either be made on a printed form to be filled in with the required indications or be presented as a computer print-out complying with the Administrative Instructions. To facilitate preparation of the demand, the International Bureau has prepared downloadable PDF (portable document format) versions on its website at <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>. The editable PDF version of the form (PCT/IPEA/401) may be completed using a computer or printed out and filled in using a typewriter. The demand, and instructions on how to complete the editable version, is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

Sample filled-in forms are also available from the above website address. Copies of forms may also be obtained, free of charge, from the receiving Office or the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

The demand may also be filed online by using the ePCT service (signing in with strong authentication at <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>).

Rule 53
55.1

10.013. The completed demand must identify the applicant and the international application to which it relates. The demand contains a petition that the international application be the subject of international preliminary examination. The filing of the demand constitutes the automatic election of all Contracting States which are designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT – see paragraph 10.029 and the sample filled-in demand form, at the addresses indicated in paragraph 10.012). It must, where applicable, contain a statement concerning amendments, on the basis of which the international preliminary examination will start (see paragraphs 10.025 and 10.026) and an indication of the language in which international preliminary examination will be carried out. The demand must be in the language of the international application or, if the international application has been filed in a language other than the language in which it is published, in the language of publication. However, where a translation of the international application is required because the International Preliminary Examining Authority accepts neither the language in which the international application is filed nor the language in which the international application is published (see paragraphs 5.013 and 10.011), the demand must be in the language of that translation. The demand must be signed (see paragraphs 10.031, 10.032 and 11.027). Details for the filling in of the demand form are given below in respect of each Box of that form. Where more than one International Preliminary Examining Authority is competent in relation to the international application (see paragraph 10.006), the Authority chosen by the applicant, and with which the demand is filed, should be identified, preferably by an indication of the name or two-letter code of the Authority (see Annex K), at the top of the first sheet of the demand form in the space provided for that purpose.

Box No. I: Identification of the International Application

Rule 53.6

10.014. What are the requirements with respect to the identification of the international application? The international application must be identified by its international application number, filing date and title. If the international application number is not known to the applicant at the time of filing of the demand, the name of the receiving Office with which the international application was filed must be indicated. The title of the invention must be the same as that which appears in the published international application (that is, the same as that indicated in the request, unless it was modified by the International Searching Authority – see paragraph 7.022).

10.015. It is recommended that the applicant indicate his file reference, if any, not exceeding 25 characters in length, in the box provided for this purpose on the first sheet of the demand form (see paragraphs 5.017 and 5.105 in relation to the request and the description).

10.016. Indication of the priority date on the demand is not mandatory, but is recommended since it will assist the International Preliminary Examining Authority to ascertain promptly whether or not the demand was filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

Box No. II: Applicant(s)

Article 31(2)

Rule 4

53.4

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60.1(a-bis)

10.017. Who may file a demand for international preliminary examination? What indications are required? If there is a sole applicant, he must be a resident or national of a Contracting State bound by Chapter II of the PCT. If there are two or more applicants, it is sufficient that one of them be a resident or national of a Contracting State bound by Chapter II, regardless of the elected State(s) for which each applicant is indicated. The detailed requirements for the various indications required in connection with each applicant (full names and addresses, telephone, facsimile and/or e-mail address, nationality and residence) are the same as those required under Rule 4 in connection with the request (see paragraphs 5.023 to 5.034). Where the applicant is registered with the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered may also be indicated in Box No. II. Note that any inventor who is not also an applicant is not indicated in the demand. Where a question of the applicant's residence or nationality arises, the International Preliminary Examining Authority will request the receiving Office or, where the international application was filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the national Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State concerned to decide the question and will inform the applicant of such request. The applicant has the opportunity to submit arguments relating to the issue of residence or nationality directly to the Office concerned, which will decide the question promptly.

Rule 92bis.1

10.018. Who should be indicated if there has been a change in the name or person of the applicant? If the recording of a change in the name or person has been requested under Rule 92bis.1 before the demand was filed (see paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022), it is the applicant(s) on record at the time when the demand is filed who must be indicated in the demand.

10.018A. How can the applicant receive notifications via e-mail? If the applicant has authorized either the sending of advance copies of notifications by e-mail or the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail, by marking the corresponding check-box in Box No. II of the demand form, the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority may, if they wish to do so, send such notifications to the applicant, thus avoiding processing or postal delays. Where the agent or common representative has also provided e-mail authorization, the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority will send e-mail communications only to the appointed agent or common representative (see paragraph 10.022). Note that not all Authorities will send such notifications by e-mail (see Annex B). If an e-mail notification is followed by the official notification on paper, only the paper copy of the notification is considered to be the legal copy of the notification and only the date of mailing of the paper copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of Rule 80. Where the applicant requests the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail, the date of mailing indicated on the electronic copy will commence any time limit within the meaning of Rule 80. It is the applicant's responsibility to keep any e-mail address details

up-to-date and to ensure that incoming e-mails are not blocked, for any reason, on the recipient's side. Changes to the e-mail address indicated should be requested to be recorded, preferably directly at the International Bureau, under Rule 92*bis*.

Box No. III: Agent or Common Representative

10.019. **Does the applicant have to be represented by an agent before the International Preliminary Examining Authority?** No, the applicant is not obliged to be represented by an agent, but he may be, and in most cases it is highly advisable for him to be represented (see paragraph 1.004).

10.020. **May the applicant be represented by an agent before the International Preliminary Examining Authority?** Yes, he may. He may be represented by the agent who represented him for the filing of the international application (if any) or by another agent having the right to practice before the receiving Office with which the international application was filed (see Annex C). He may also be represented by an agent appointed specifically for the purposes of the international preliminary examination procedure and chosen from among those persons who have the right, according to the Rules applicable in the national or regional Office acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, to practice before that Office (see National Chapters, (Summaries)). See paragraphs 11.001 to 11.014 for more information about representation.

10.021. **When and how may an agent be appointed for the purposes of the procedure concerning the international preliminary examination?** If an agent has already been appointed for the filing of the international application, that agent may also represent the applicant for the purposes of the international preliminary examination procedure and may sign the demand on behalf of the applicant. Alternatively, a different agent or an additional agent may be designated in the demand for international preliminary examination or in a separate power of attorney. The detailed requirements for the various indications required in connection with each agent (full names and addresses, telephone, facsimile, e-mail address(es) and/or teleprinter numbers) are the same as those required under Rule 4 in connection with the request (see paragraph 5.043). Where the agent is registered with the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered may also be indicated in Box No. III. Further information about the manner of appointing agents, including sub-agents, appears in paragraphs 11.001 to 11.014.

10.021A. **How can an agent (or common representative) receive notifications via e-mail?** If the check-box in Box No. III is marked indicating that either the sending of advance copies of notifications by e-mail or the sending of notifications exclusively by e-mail is authorized, the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority may, if they wish to do so, send such notifications to the agent or common representative at the indicated e-mail address, thus avoiding processing or postal delays (see paragraph 10.018).

10.022. **May the applicants be represented by a common representative?** The provisions relating to common representatives which apply at earlier stages (see paragraph 5.048) continue to be applicable during the international preliminary examination procedure. That is, if no common agent is appointed, one of the applicants may be appointed by the other applicants as the common representative of all the applicants, and if neither a common agent nor a common representative is appointed, the applicant named first in the request who is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned will be considered to be the common representative ("deemed common representative") (see paragraph 11.006). A separate power of attorney must be filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau or the receiving Office, if the person appointed at the time the demand is filed signs the demand on behalf of the applicant. However, the receiving Office, the International Bureau or the International Preliminary Examining Authority may waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney be filed. For further details see Annexes B (IB), C and E.

10.023. **What other provisions apply to agents and common representatives during the international preliminary examination procedure?** The same general

Article 49
Rule 2.2
90.1(a)
and (c)

Rule 53.2(a)(ii)
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Rule 2.2*bis*
90.2
90.4

provisions apply to agents and common representatives during the international preliminary examination as apply during other stages of the international phase (for example, in relation to their legal position and revocation and renunciation of appointments – see paragraphs 11.001 to 11.014).

Box No. IV: Basis for International Preliminary Examination (Statement Concerning Amendments and Indication of the Language for the Purposes of International Preliminary Examination)

Article 34(2)(b)
Rule 66.1(b)
and (d)

10.024. Can the applicant amend the claims, the description and the drawings before and during the international preliminary examination? The applicant has the right, under Article 34(2)(b), to amend the claims, the description and the drawings before the start of the international preliminary examination and also during the examination, if time permits, until the preparation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT). (As far as the claims are concerned, this is in fact the second opportunity to amend them before the international preliminary examination starts; the first opportunity is offered by the possibility of submitting amendments under Article 19 to the International Bureau as described in paragraphs 9.004 to 9.009, and 9.011.) For further details concerning amendments under Article 34(2)(b), see paragraphs 10.028, 10.067 to 10.071, 11.045 to 11.047.

Rule 53.2(a)(iv)
53.9

10.025. What is the purpose of indicating the basis for international preliminary examination? Do the statement concerning amendments and the indication of the language for the purposes of the international preliminary examination have to be filled in?

- (i) The statement concerning amendments should be completed, since it enables the International Preliminary Examining Authority to identify those documents which will serve as the basis for the start of the international preliminary examination with a view to starting it as soon as possible. However, failure to complete the statement or to complete it correctly is not fatal to the application. In particular, if no amendments have been filed under Article 19 or Article 34 and if the applicant does not wish to file such amendments at the time when he files the demand, the result will simply be that the international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed. The applicant will not be precluded from making amendments at a later stage of the international preliminary examination, provided that they reach the International Preliminary Examining Authority in sufficient time to be taken into account. On the other hand, if there have been amendments but they are not indicated, or if the applicant wishes later to file amendments but does not so indicate, the start of the international preliminary examination may be delayed or the applicant may find that there is insufficient time at a later stage to have his intended amendments taken into account.
- (ii) Completing the indication of the language for the purposes of the international preliminary examination and its associated check-boxes helps the International Preliminary Examining Authority determine quickly, with a view to starting international preliminary examination as soon as possible, whether the demand and the international application are in a language accepted by that Authority, or whether a translation of the international application is required. Completing the indication also helps the International Preliminary Examining Authority decide whether any amendments filed with the demand (see paragraph (i) above) are in the appropriate language.

10.026. How should the statement concerning amendments be completed? If amendments to the claims have been made under Article 19 (see paragraphs 9.004 to 9.009) prior to the filing of the demand, the statement must indicate whether, for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the applicant wishes the amendments to be taken into account (in which case a copy of the amendments should be filed with the demand) or to be considered as reversed by an amendment under Article 34. If no amendments under Article 19 have been made but the time limit for filing such amendments (see paragraph 9.004) has not expired at the time when the demand is filed, the statement may, if the applicant so chooses, indicate that the

applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed (see paragraph 10.054). If any amendments under Article 34 are submitted with the demand, the statement must so indicate. A more detailed explanation is given below for each of the check-boxes in Box No. IV.

- “1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☐ the international application as originally filed”

This check-box should be marked either where the applicant has not made any amendments under Article 19 and does not intend at the time of filing the demand to file any amendments, or where the applicant has already made amendments under Article 19 but is no longer interested in pursuing them.

“the description ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 34

the claims ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 19

☐ as amended under Article 34

the drawings ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 34”

Rule 60.1(g)
69.1(e)

These check-boxes should be marked only where the applicant wishes amendments to be taken into account for the start of the international preliminary examination. Where the applicant wishes amendments which have previously been made under Article 19 to be taken into account, a copy of the amendments, and any statement accompanying such amendments, should be attached to the demand. If a check-box is marked but the demand is not accompanied by the documents referred to, the start of international preliminary examination will be delayed until the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives them. Amendments under Article 34 should be submitted with, and attached to, the demand. The applicant should also indicate, by marking the appropriate check-box(es), which parts of the international application are so amended.

Rule 53.9(a)(ii)

- “2. The applicant wishes any amendments to the claims made under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.”

This check-box should be marked only where the applicant, after having previously made amendments under Article 19, no longer wishes them to be considered for international preliminary examination. Marking this check-box will have the effect that those amendments will be considered as reversed by an amendment under Article 34.

- “3. Where the IPEA wishes to start the international preliminary examination at the same time as the international search in accordance with Rule 69.1(b), the applicant requests the IPEA to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69.1(d).”

This check-box should be marked only where, at the time when the demand is filed, the time limit for filing amendments under Article 19 has not expired (see paragraph 9.004) and the applicant intends to file such amendments after filing the demand. In practice, this situation is only likely to arise if the demand is filed before the international search report is available. If this check-box is marked but the applicant later decides not to file amendments under Article 19, he should send a notice to the International Preliminary

Examining Authority that he does not wish to file such amendments and the international preliminary examination will then start.

- “4. The applicant expressly requests to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a).”

This check-box should be marked if the applicant wishes to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a). Otherwise, where the International Searching Authority and the International Preliminary Examining Authority are not the same Authority, the examination will commence once the International Preliminary Examining Authority is in possession of the required fees, the international search report, or a notice of the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority.

10.027. **May several check-boxes be marked in Box No. IV?** Yes – for example, under item (1), two or three check-boxes may be marked if the applicant has already filed amendments to the claims under Article 19 and wishes those amendments to be taken into account along with further amendments under Article 34 to the description and/or drawings (and possibly further amendments to the already amended claims).

Rule 66.1(b)
66.4*bis*

10.028. **May the applicant make amendments during the international preliminary examination in addition to any amendments mentioned in Box No. IV?** Yes, the applicant is not precluded from later making amendments, or further amendments, during the course of the international preliminary examination (see paragraphs 10.067 to 10.071), regardless of what appears in the statement concerning amendments, and in this sense the statement is not binding on the applicant or on the conduct of the international preliminary examination. For example, the applicant may choose to file amendments under Article 34 at a later stage which supersede amendments previously made under Article 19, even though the statement indicates that those previous amendments should be taken into account. However, the information contained in the statement is used by the International Preliminary Examining Authority to determine when, and on what basis, the international preliminary examination is to start (see paragraphs 10.051 to 10.055). Moreover, amendments or arguments need not be taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) if they are received after the Authority has begun to draw up that report (see paragraph 10.068). Since the time available for international preliminary examination is limited, it is in the applicant's interests to be as definite as possible, at the time of filing the demand, as to what should form the basis of the international preliminary examination. If the applicant intends to file amendments under Article 34 but is not in a position to submit them with the demand, that intention should preferably be mentioned in a letter filed with the demand. It is to be noted that since, under Rule 66.1*bis*, the written opinion of the International Searching Authority will in the majority of cases be considered to be the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority, if amendments under Article 34 are not filed together with the demand, the International Preliminary Examining Authority might, shortly after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a), start to draw up the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT).

Box No. V: Election of States

Rule 53.7

10.029. **Which States may be elected?** The making of a demand on, or after, 1 January 2004 has the effect of electing all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

Box No. VI: Check List

10.030. **What is the purpose of the Check List?** The Check List in Box No. VI should be completed by the applicant to allow the International Preliminary Examining Authority to verify the completeness of the documents filed with the demand. Of particular importance in the Check List are the indications relating to amendments

referred to in the statement concerning amendments. The indications given in the Check List should correspond with the indications given in Box No. IV.

Box No. VII: Signature of Applicant, Agent or Common Representative

Rule 53.4
53.8
60.1(a-ter)
90.3

10.031. **Who must sign the demand?** The demand must be signed by the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, by all the applicants making the demand – that is, the applicants for the States which are elected. However, an agent or common representative may sign the demand on behalf of the applicant or applicants who appointed him. The demand may be signed on behalf of all the applicants by an appointed common agent or common representative, or by the applicant who is considered to be the common representative (“deemed common representative”) if no common agent or common representative has been appointed (see paragraph 11.006). However, if the signature(s) of one or more applicants is missing, the International Preliminary Examining Authority will not invite the applicants to furnish the missing signature(s) provided that at least one of the applicants has signed the demand. Should a notice of withdrawal be filed at any time during the international phase, that notice will have to be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants by all of them (Rule 90*bis*.5), or by any agent or common representative whose appointment has been effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request, the demand or a separate power of attorney (Rule 90*bis*.4(a)).

Rule 2.3

10.032. **When must or may a seal be used instead of a signature?** In the demand or other papers filed with the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) as International Preliminary Examining Authority, a seal may be used instead of a signature. In the case of a demand or other papers filed in English with the European Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority in respect of international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) as receiving Office, a signature must be furnished instead of a seal. In the demand or other papers filed with the Korean Intellectual Property Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, a seal may be used instead of a signature (see paragraph 5.091 in respect of the request).

Notes to the Demand Form

10.033. **What are the Notes to the demand form?** The Notes to the demand form (see the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/demand/ed_demand.pdf) are intended to facilitate the completion of that form. They indicate, in relation to each Box of the form, what indications are required and how they are to be made. The Notes are not required to be filed with the demand.

Fee Calculation Sheet

10.034. **What is the fee calculation sheet?** The fee calculation sheet is intended to help the applicant calculate the total amount of fees payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The sheet is usually annexed to the printed demand form which the applicant obtains from the receiving Office or the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is not part of the form, however, and its use is not mandatory. Nevertheless, it is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the fee calculation sheet and submit it to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. This will help the International Preliminary Examining Authority verify the calculations and identify any errors. See the Notes to the fee calculation sheet at the WIPO Internet address in paragraph 10.033 for details about completion of the sheet. For further information about the payment of fees, see paragraphs 10.035 to 10.043.

FEES

Article 31(5)

10.035. **What fees are payable in respect of a demand for international preliminary examination?** There are two kinds of fees which have to be paid in connection with the demand:

Rule 58.1(a)
and (c)

- (i) the “preliminary examination fee,” which is fixed by and accrues to the International Preliminary Examining Authority, mainly for carrying out the

international preliminary examination and for establishing the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT);

- Rule 57.1 (ii) the “handling fee,” which is fixed in the Schedule of Fees to the PCT Regulations and accrues to the International Bureau for carrying out various tasks, including, where required, the translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) into English (see paragraph 10.039).

10.036. **Is any fee payable for effecting an election?** There is no “election fee”. The only fees payable for filing a demand are those specified in paragraph 10.035.

- Rule 57.1
58.1(c) 10.037. **To whom are these fees payable?** The preliminary examination fee and the handling fee are payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority, which forwards the handling fee to the International Bureau.

- Rule 57.2(b)
58.1(c) 10.038. **In what currency are these fees payable?** Generally, the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee are payable in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Complete information on this question is contained in Annex E.

- Rule 57.2(a)
57.3
58.1(b) 10.039. **What are the amounts of these fees?** Annex E indicates the amounts of the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee payable to each International Preliminary Examining Authority.

10.040. **What fee reductions are available?** A reduction of the preliminary examination fee charged by the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office may be available to applicants from certain States – see Annexes E for further details.

10.041. An applicant is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, item 5, to a reduction of 90% of the handling fee if he is a natural person and a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below 25,000 US dollars (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US dollars values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent 5-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau or if he is, whether a natural person or not, a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country. (For a list of States whose nationals and residents are eligible for the fee reduction, see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction_july.pdf). However, it should be noted that the applicant is only entitled to the reduction of the handling fee if, at the time of filing the demand, the applicant is or all applicants are the true and only 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, as outlined above. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy one or the other of the above-mentioned criteria. If the applicant is or all applicants are entitled to the reduction of the handling fee, this reduction applies on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Box No. II of the demand, without the need for a specific request to be made.

- Rule 57.3
58.1(b) 10.042. **When are these fees due?** The preliminary examination fee and the handling fee must be paid within one month from the date on which the demand was submitted or 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later, provided that, where the demand was transmitted to the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 59.3, the handling fee must be paid within one month from the date of receipt by that Authority or 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later. As to the consequences of non-payment or late payment of these fees, see paragraph 10.047.

- Rule 54.4
57.4
58.3 10.043. **In what cases are these fees refunded?** The International Preliminary Examining Authority will refund the handling fee if the demand is withdrawn before being sent to the International Bureau or if the demand is considered not to have been submitted because none of the applicants had the right to file a demand (see

paragraph 10.004). Each International Preliminary Examining Authority decides at its discretion whether it will refund the preliminary examination fee, or any part thereof, in other circumstances. Details are indicated in Annex E.

PROCESSING OF THE DEMAND FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Rule 60.1(a)
61.1

10.044. What happens to the demand for international preliminary examination once it has been received? The International Preliminary Examining Authority promptly notifies the applicant of the date of receipt of the demand, and then examines the demand to ascertain whether it meets all the requirements. If it does not, the International Preliminary Examining Authority invites the applicant to comply. For full details on the correction of defects in the demand, see Rule 60.1 and paragraphs 10.047 to 10.049, and paragraph 10.050.

Article 31(7)
Rule 61.1(a)
61.2
61.3
61.4
Section 431

10.045. The International Preliminary Examining Authority sends the demand or a copy thereof to the International Bureau. The International Bureau then notifies Offices of their election and informs the applicant that it has done so. For full details, see Rules 61.2 and 61.3. In addition, the International Bureau, promptly after the filing of the demand but not before the international publication, publishes information on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/> on the demand and the elected States concerned, as provided in the Administrative Instructions.

Article 31(2)(a)
Rule 61.1(b)
Section 614

10.046. What action can the applicant take if the indications on the demand form do not support the applicant's right to file the demand? If the indications of the applicant's residence and nationality given in Box No. II of the demand form do not support the applicant's right to file a demand with the International Preliminary Examining Authority concerned (see paragraph 10.004), the International Preliminary Examining Authority notifies the applicant that the demand is considered not to have been submitted. It may happen, however, that those indications were incorrectly stated or that the applicant in fact had a residence and/or nationality supporting the applicant's right to file the demand. In such a case, evidence should immediately be submitted indicating that, in fact, the applicant had, on the date on which the demand was received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the right to file the demand with that Authority. If that evidence is to the satisfaction of the Authority, it will then regard the requirements of Article 31(2)(a) as having been fulfilled on the date of actual receipt of the demand, and the indications in the demand can be corrected.

10.047. Can defects in the demand for international preliminary examination, non-compliance with certain language requirements, and non-payment of certain fees be corrected, and if so how? What are the consequences? If the International Preliminary Examining Authority finds that:

Article 31(3)
Rule 53
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Rule 57.3

- (i) the demand does not meet the requirements as to form, contents and languages (see paragraph 10.012),
- (ii) the handling fee was not paid within one month from the date on which the demand was submitted or, where the demand was transmitted to the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 59.3, within one month from the date of receipt by that Authority, or was not paid in the prescribed currency (see paragraphs 10.035 and 10.038), or

Rule 58.1(b)
58bis
60.1(b)

- (iii) the preliminary examination fee was not paid within one month from the date on which the demand was submitted or, where the demand was transmitted to the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 59.3, within one month from the date of receipt by that Authority, or was not paid in the prescribed currency (fixed by the International Preliminary Examining Authority – see paragraphs 10.035 and 10.038), it invites the applicant to correct the defect(s) and comply with the requirements and/or to pay the required fee(s). In the case of defects as to form or language, the invitation specifies a time limit of at least one month from the date of the invitation, which time limit may be extended by the International Preliminary Examining Authority at any time before a decision is taken. In the case of defects as to fee payment, the invitation

specifies a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation; a late payment fee may also be required; no extension of this time limit is available. However, any payment must be considered to have been received before the expiration of the applicable time limit if it is received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of the time limit for paying the fee(s) or, where an invitation to pay missing fees has been sent, before that Authority makes the declaration that the demand is considered not to have been made.

- Rule 60.1(b)
61.1(b) 10.048. There is no adverse consequence for the applicant, other than possibly delaying the start of the international preliminary examination (see paragraph 10.050), if he complies with the invitation within the time limit so specified (including any extensions, where applicable), except where the defect was that the demand did not permit the international application to be identified. In the latter case, the demand is considered to have been received on the date on which the required correction to it is received, and the International Preliminary Examining Authority informs the applicant of that date.
- Rule 60.1(c)
61.1(b) 10.049. If, after the expiration of the time limit specified (including any extensions), a signature (of at least one applicant), or other required indication (in respect of one applicant who has the right according to Rule 54.2 to make a demand) is still lacking the demand is considered not to have been submitted and the International Preliminary Examining Authority will so declare.
- Article 39(1)(a) 10.050. Where the demand is considered to have been received, as described in paragraph 10.048, on a date later than that on which it was actually submitted, the effect of postponing the commencement of the national phase (see paragraph 10.002 above) is lost if that later date is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. This is, however, only relevant in respect of any State whose designated Office has notified the International Bureau that the 30 month time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from April 1, 2002, is incompatible with the national law applied by that Office. The effect of postponing the commencement of the national phase is also lost where the demand is considered not to have been submitted (see paragraph 10.049).

THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

- Rule 69.1(a) 10.051. **When does the international preliminary examination start?** Subject to the exceptions mentioned in paragraphs 10.052 to 10.055, the International Preliminary Examining Authority starts the international preliminary examination when it is in possession of the demand, the amount due (in full) for the handling fee and the preliminary examination fee, including, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 58*bis*.2, and of either the international search report and the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1 or a declaration by the International Searching Authority that no international search report will be established and the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1, unless the applicant expressly requests to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a).
- Rule 69.1(b) 10.052. If the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority is part of the same (national or regional) Office as the competent International Searching Authority, the international preliminary examination may, if the Office wishes and except where the applicant has requested that the international preliminary examination be postponed (see paragraph 10.054), start at the same time as the international search (often called a “telescoped” procedure since the international search and international preliminary examination partly overlap).
- Rule 53.9(a)(i)
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69.1(c) 10.053. Where the statement concerning amendments made in the demand contains an indication that amendments under Article 19 are to be taken into account, the International Preliminary Examining Authority will not start the international preliminary examination before it has received a copy of the amendments concerned and the accompanying letter. Therefore, a copy of those amendments and accompanying letter should be attached to the demand by the applicant in order to allow as much time as possible for the international preliminary examination (see paragraphs 9.010, 10.025 and 10.026). The International Bureau will, in any event, send a copy of those amendments and accompanying letter to the International

Preliminary Examining Authority unless that Authority has indicated that it has already received them (see paragraph 9.010), but waiting for those copies to be sent may delay the start of the international preliminary examination.

Rule 53.9(b)
69.1(d)

10.054. Where the statement concerning amendments contains an indication that the start of the international preliminary examination is to be postponed (see paragraph 10.026), the International Preliminary Examining Authority will not start the international preliminary examination before whichever of the following occurs first:

- (i) it has received a copy of any amendments under Article 19;
- (ii) it has received a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make amendments under Article 19; or
- (iii) the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 46.1.

Therefore, where the applicant gives such an indication in the demand, he should ensure that the International Preliminary Examining Authority is informed promptly of any amendments or of any decision on his part not to file amendments, in order to gain the maximum time possible for the international preliminary examination procedure.

Rule 53.9(c)
55.2
55.3(a), (b)
(c) and (d)
69.1(e)

10.055. Where the statement concerning amendments contains an indication that amendments under Article 34 are submitted with the demand (see paragraph 10.026), but no such amendments are, in fact, submitted with the demand, the International Preliminary Examining Authority will not start the international preliminary examination before it has received the amendments or before it has invited the applicant to file them and the time limit fixed in that invitation has expired, whichever occurs first. Where the international application was not filed in the language of publication, any amendments under Article 34 and any accompanying letter (as well as any letter accompanying Article 19 amendments) must be in the language of publication. Where the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application (see paragraph 10.011), any such amendments, and any amendments under Article 19 which are to be taken into account, and any letter that accompanied such amendments must be in the language of that translation. Where such amendments have been or are filed in another language, a translation of the amendments into the language in which the international preliminary examination is carried out must also be furnished (see also paragraph 11.046). If the amendments or accompanying letter are not in the required language, the International Preliminary Examining Authority will invite the applicant to furnish them within a reasonable time limit. If the applicant fails to furnish the amendments and/or the accompanying letter within the time limit set in the invitation, the International Preliminary Examining Authority will not take the amendments into consideration for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

Rule 66.7

10.056. **May the International Preliminary Examining Authority ask for the priority document and a translation of it?** If the International Preliminary Examining Authority needs a copy of an application the priority of which is claimed in the international application ("the priority document") and the International Bureau already has the priority document in its possession (see paragraph 5.070), the International Bureau furnishes a copy of it to the Authority on request. Should the applicant have failed to provide the priority document under Rule 17.1, the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) may be established as if the priority had not been claimed, but no elected Office may later disregard the priority claim under those circumstances before giving the applicant an opportunity to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances. Where the priority document is in a language other than the language or one of the languages indicated for the International Preliminary Examining Authority in Annex E, and that Authority is of the opinion that the validity of the priority claim is relevant for the formulation of the opinion on whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable, the Authority may invite the applicant to furnish to it a translation in that language. The applicant must comply with that invitation within two months from its date; otherwise, the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) may be established as if the priority had not been claimed.

- Article 33(1) 10.057. **What is the purpose of the international preliminary examination?** As already stated in paragraph 10.001, the purpose of the international preliminary examination is to formulate an opinion – which is “preliminary” (since a final opinion will be formulated only in the national phase by the national or regional Patent Office or by a competent national or regional court) and “non-binding” (on anyone, including elected Offices) – on whether the claimed invention appears (i) to be novel, (ii) to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), and (iii) to be industrially applicable. While there is not a fully uniform approach to these criteria in national laws, their application under the PCT during the international preliminary examination procedure is such that the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) gives a good idea of the likely results in the national phase.
- Article 33(2)
Rule 64 10.058. For the purposes of the international preliminary examination, a claimed invention is considered novel if it is not anticipated by the prior art. Rule 64 defines “prior art” for the purposes of the examination.
- Article 33(3)
Rule 65 10.059. For the purposes of the international preliminary examination, a claimed invention is considered to involve an inventive step if, having regard to the prior art as defined in the Regulations (see paragraph 10.058), it is not, at the prescribed relevant date, obvious to a person skilled in the art. For further details, see Rule 65.
- Article 33(4) 10.060. For the purposes of the international preliminary examination, a claimed invention is considered industrially applicable if, according to its nature, it can be made or used (in the technological sense) in any kind of industry.
- Rule 66.1
66.4bis 10.061. **What documents form the basis of the international preliminary examination?** The international preliminary examination is based on the claims, the description and the drawings comprised in the international application. Amendments to the claims under Article 19 made before the demand was filed are taken into account unless they are superseded by a subsequent amendment under Article 34 (see paragraph 10.028) or considered as reversed by an amendment under Article 34 (see paragraph 10.026). Amendments made after the demand is filed, whether under Article 19 or under Article 34, are also taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, except that they need not be taken into account for the purposes of a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) if they are received after the International Preliminary Examining Authority has begun to draw up that opinion or report. As to the allowability of amendments in general, see paragraph 11.047.
- Rule 66.2(a)(vi) 10.062. **What happens if no international search report has been established in respect of certain claims?** Claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established (see paragraphs 7.013 to 7.021) need not be the subject of international preliminary examination and any written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), will so indicate.
- Rule 66.1ter 10.062A. **Does the International Preliminary Examining Authority carry out any additional search?** The International Preliminary Examining Authority normally carries out a top-up search to discover any documents referred to in Rule 64, which have been published or have become available to the Authority for search subsequent to the date on which the international search report was established, unless where it considers that this would serve no useful purpose, for example, where it finds that the international application, in its entirety, relates to subject matter on which it is not required to carry out an international preliminary examination. The international preliminary examination report indicates whether a top-up search was carried out. When establishing the international preliminary examination report, the Authority may include results of the top-up search.
- Rule 13ter.2 10.063. **What special requirements apply during the international preliminary examination to nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings?** Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority finds that an international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence and that listings of the sequences complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative

Instructions (see paragraph 5.099) have not already been furnished (as part of the international application or for the purposes of international preliminary examination, as the case may be), that Authority may invite the applicant to furnish sequence listings complying with this standard. If the International Preliminary Examining Authority finds that the applicant has not already furnished (as part of the international application or for the purposes of international preliminary examination, as the case may be), sequence listings in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, it may invite the applicant to furnish sequence listings to it in such a form. The listings required by the International Preliminary Examining Authority are for the purposes of carrying out the international preliminary examination. National law requirements, in relation to disclosure of inventions involving sequence listings, are a matter for the national phase of processing.

- Rule 66.2 10.064. **What matters concerning the international application may be the subject of comment by the International Preliminary Examining Authority?** The International Preliminary Examining Authority notifies the applicant in a “written opinion” if it considers that
- Article 34(4)(a)(i)
35(3)(a)
Rule 66.2(a)(i)
67 (i) the international application relates to subject matter on which it is not required to carry out an international preliminary examination, and decides not to carry out such an examination (this situation being the same as the one described in paragraph 7.013 in relation to the international search),
 - Article 34(4)(a)(ii)
Rule 66.2(a)(i) (ii) the description, the claims or the drawings are so unclear, or the claims are so inadequately supported by the description, that no meaningful opinion can be formed on the novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) or industrial applicability of the claimed invention (this situation being the same as the one described in paragraph 7.014 in relation to the international search),
 - Rule 66.2(a)(ii) (iii) the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) should be “negative” (see paragraph 10.075) in respect of any of the claims because the invention claimed therein does not appear to be novel, does not appear to involve an inventive step (be non-obvious), or does not appear to be industrially applicable,
 - Rule 66.2(a)(iv) (iv) any amendment goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed (see paragraphs 10.070 and 11.047),
 - Rule 66.2(a)(v) (v) the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) should be accompanied by (unfavorable) observations on the clarity of the claims, the description and the drawings, or on the question of the claims being fully supported by the description,
 - Rule 66.2(a)(vi) (vi) a claim relates to an invention in respect of which no international search report has been established (see paragraphs 7.013 to 7.021) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority has decided not to carry out the international preliminary examination in respect of that claim,
 - Rule 66.2(a)(vii) (vii) a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing is not available to it in such a form that a meaningful international preliminary examination can be carried out (similarly to paragraph 5.099 in relation to the international search),
 - Rule 66.2(a) (viii) the national law applied by the national Office which acts as the International Preliminary Examining Authority does not allow multiple dependent claims to be drafted in a manner different from that provided for in the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a) (this situation being the same as the one described in paragraphs 5.113 and 7.014 in relation to the international search).
 - Rule 66.2(a)(iii) 10.065. The Authority also proceeds as indicated in paragraph 10.064 where it notices some defect in the form or contents of the international application. Where observance of the unity of invention requirement (see paragraphs 5.114 to 5.123) is in question, see paragraph 10.072.
 - Rule 66.2
66.4(a) 10.066. **What is a “written opinion”?** A “written opinion” is a notification, issued by the International Preliminary Examining Authority to the applicant, which indicates any comments by the Authority on the matters mentioned in paragraph 10.064. The

written opinion must fully state the reasons for it, must invite the applicant to submit a written reply and must fix a time limit for the reply (usually two months, but extendible at the applicant's request – for more details, see Rule 66.2(d)). There may be no written opinion if the Authority has no such comments to make (in which case the Authority will proceed directly to the issuance of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT)). The Authority may issue one or more additional written opinions if time permits, particularly if the applicant makes a prompt and serious attempt to address the Authority's comments by argument or amendment.

Article 34(2)(a)
and (d)
Rule 66.2(b), (c)
and (d)
66.3
66.4
66.5
66.6
66.8

10.067. How may the applicant react to a written opinion by the International Preliminary Examining Authority? May the applicant amend the international application at this stage? The applicant may ask for further clarifications from the International Preliminary Examining Authority and may himself give clarifications to it, since the PCT expressly provides that the applicant has a right to communicate orally, by telephone or personally, or in writing with the Authority (Article 34(2)(a); see also Rule 66.6). More specifically, where the applicant receives a written opinion from the Authority on any of the matters referred to in paragraphs 10.064 and 10.065, he may respond to that written opinion (see Article 34(2)(d)). The response may consist of amendments and/or arguments. Any change – other than the rectification of obvious mistakes (see paragraphs 11.033 to 11.044) – in the claims, the description or the drawings (including cancellation of claims, omission of passages in the description or omission of certain drawings) is considered an amendment. For the form of amendments, see paragraph 10.071. If the International Preliminary Examining Authority issues one or more additional written opinions, the applicant's reaction possibilities are the same as in the case of the first written opinion. The applicant may request the International Preliminary Examining Authority to give him one or more additional opportunities to submit amendments or arguments if sufficient time remains.

Rule 66.4bis

10.068. Will amendments and arguments always be taken into account? Amendments and arguments submitted will be taken into account if they are received in sufficient time. In view of the limited time available for international preliminary examination, however, it is in the applicant's interest to reply as soon as possible to any written opinion. Amendments or arguments need not be taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of a written opinion or the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) if they are received after the Authority has begun to draw up that opinion or report.

10.069. It should be noted that the International Preliminary Examining Authority cannot force the applicant to make any change in the international application. In other words the applicant may disregard any opinion of the said Authority, either wholly or in part. Such an attitude may lead to an unfavorable or less favorable international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), but the applicant may prefer such a report (in the hope that he will overcome, in the national phase, any difficulties that it may cause him) to a change which he does not believe in.

Article 34(2)(b)
Rule 70.2(c)

10.070. May amendments include new matter in the international application? As for amendments under Article 19 (see paragraph 9.009), amendments under Article 34(2)(b) may not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed. If the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that any amendments do not comply with this requirement, it will comment accordingly in any written opinion and in the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), and the report will be established as if such amendment had not been made (see also paragraph 11.047).

Rule 11.14
46.5
55.3
66.8
70.2(c-bis)

10.071. What must be done to effect amendments to the international application before the International Preliminary Examining Authority? The applicant must submit a replacement sheet for every sheet which, on account of an amendment, differs from the sheet previously filed. The amendment must be submitted with an accompanying letter which explains the difference between the replaced sheet and the replacement sheet and which preferably explains the reasons for the amendment. In addition, the letter must indicate the basis for the amendment in the application as filed. The basis for the amendment must always refer to the application (description, claims, drawings) as originally filed, even if multiple amendments were

made during the international phase. When filing amendments to the claims, a complete set of claims in replacement of the claims as originally filed (or previously amended under Article 19) shall be submitted. For an example of how the basis for the amendment should be indicated, see paragraph 9.006. For the consequences of not furnishing an accompanying letter with the replacement sheets, see paragraph 11.047A. Where the amendment consists in the deletion of passages or in minor alterations or additions, the alterations or additions may be made on a copy of the relevant sheet of the international application, provided that the clarity and direct reproducibility of that sheet are not adversely affected. No replacement sheet is required where the amendment results in the cancellation of an entire sheet; such an amendment may be communicated in a letter which preferably explains the reasons for the amendment. For amendments to the claims, see also paragraphs 9.005 and 9.006 in relation to the international search, which apply *mutatis mutandis*. Where the international application was not filed in the language of publication, any amendments under Article 34 and any accompanying letter (as well as any letter accompanying Article 19 amendments) must be in the language of publication. Where the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application (see paragraphs 10.011, 10.054 and 10.055), any amendments under Article 34 and any amendments under Article 19, which are to be taken into account, and any accompanying letter must be in the language of that translation. Where such amendments have been or are filed in another language, a translation of the amendments into the language in which the international preliminary examination is carried out must also be furnished (see paragraphs 5.013, 10.011 and 11.046). No fee is payable in respect of filing any amendments under Article 34(2)(b). If the amendments or accompanying letter are not in the required language, the International Preliminary Examining Authority will invite the applicant to furnish them within a reasonable time limit. If the applicant fails to furnish the amendments and/or the accompanying letter within the time limit set in the invitation, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall not take such amendments into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

Rule 68
70.13

10.072. What happens where the International Preliminary Examining Authority finds that “unity of invention” is lacking? If the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that the international application does not comply with the unity of invention requirement (see paragraphs 5.114 to 5.123 for the notion of “unity of invention”), it may choose between two courses of action: it may carry out the international preliminary examination on the entire international application and express its views on the lack of unity of invention in the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), or it may invite the applicant, at his option, either to restrict the claims so that they meet the requirement (in which case the Authority must specify at least one possibility of restriction) or to pay additional fees (since the preliminary examination fee is calculated to cover cases where unity of invention exists). If the applicant chooses to restrict the claims as required, the examination is carried out on the claims as restricted. If the applicant chooses to pay the additional fees, the international preliminary examination is carried out on the claims for the main invention and those claims in respect of which additional fees were paid, and the report will indicate that such additional fees have been paid. The additional fees may be paid under protest, in which case procedures similar to those explained in relation to the international search apply (see paragraphs 7.019 and 7.020). If the applicant neither restricts the claims nor pays additional fees, the examination is carried out on the main invention as identified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the applicant, or in cases of doubt as defined in Rule 68.5 (namely, the invention first mentioned in the claims is considered to be the main invention).

Article 34(3)

10.073. A finding of lack of unity of invention may continue to be important during the national phase. Any elected Office which agrees with the finding of lack of unity may, during the national procedure, require the applicant to restrict the claims or to divide the application into a number of divisional applications, or to pay special fees in order to maintain those parts of the international application which do not relate to the main invention (for further details, see Article 34(3)).

THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (CHAPTER II OF THE PCT)

Article 35(1)
Rule 69.2

10.074. When must the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) be established? The time limit for establishment of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) is whichever of the following which expires last: 28 months from the priority date; six months from the time provided under Rule 69.1 for the start of the international preliminary examination; or six months from the date of receipt by the International Preliminary Examining Authority of the translation furnished under Rule 55.2 (see paragraphs 10.051 to 10.055). Thus, under normal circumstances, the applicant receives the report, at the latest, two months before national processing at the elected Offices may start. This ensures that he has time to consider whether, and in which elected Offices, he wants to enter the national phase and to prepare the necessary action (for details, see National Phase).

Article 35(1)
and (2)
Rule 70
Section 604

10.075. What are the form and contents of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT)? The international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) contains, among other things, a statement (in the form of a simple “yes” or “no”), in relation to each claim which has been examined, on whether the claim appears to satisfy the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) and industrial applicability. The statement is, where appropriate, accompanied by the citation of relevant documents together with concise explanations pointing out the criteria to which the cited documents are applicable and giving reasons for the International Preliminary Examining Authority's conclusions. Other matters which may be included in the report are listed in paragraphs 10.064 and 10.065. The report also includes an indication whether any additional relevant documents had been discovered during a top-up search, states the date on which a top-up search was made or else states that no such top-up search was made (see paragraph 10.062A). Where applicable, the report also includes remarks relating to the question of unity of invention (see paragraph 10.072). For more details, see Article 35(1) and (2), Rule 70 and Section 604.

Rule 70.2(c-bis)
and (e)
70.16

10.076. How are amendments to the international application referred to in the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT)? The international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) identifies the basis on which it is established – that is, whether, and if so, which, amendments have been taken into account. If amendments were made either under Article 19 and/or Article 34, but the applicant failed to submit the required accompanying letter to the International Bureau or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the report may be established as if the amendments concerned had not been made and the report shall so indicate. The following are attached as “annexes” to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT): replacement sheets containing amendments under Article 19 and/or Article 34, which have been taken into account, and any accompanying letters, and replacement sheets containing rectifications of obvious mistakes, and accompanying letter authorized under Rule 91. Where a rectification of an obvious mistake is not taken into consideration because it has reached the International Preliminary Examining Authority only after it has begun to draw-up the report and, as a result, was not taken into account, the report shall so indicate and the sheets relating to the rectification will be annexed to the report. Amendments under Article 19 which have been considered as reversed by an amendment under Article 34 (see paragraph 10.026) or which have been superseded by later replacement sheets, or amendments resulting in the cancellation of entire sheets, are not annexed to the report, **nor** are the letters which accompany such replacement sheets. However, if the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that the superseding or reversing amendment goes beyond the original disclosure, each superseded or reversed replacement sheet and any letter relating to such sheets are nevertheless annexed to the report. Similarly, if the applicant failed to submit, together with the superseding or reversing amendments, the required accompanying letter, indicating the basis of the amendment in the application as filed, and where, as a result, the report is established as if the superseding or reversing amendments had not been made, each

such superseded or reversed replacement sheet and any letter relating to such sheets are nevertheless annexed to the report.

Article 35(2)

10.077. May the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) express a view on the patentability of the invention? No, it may not. Article 35(2) expressly states that “the international preliminary examination report shall not contain any statement on the question whether the claimed invention is or seems to be patentable or unpatentable according to any national law.” It should be noted that, in this context, “national law” includes regional patent treaties (the ARIPO Harare Protocol, the Eurasian Patent Convention, the European Patent Convention and the OAPI Agreement).

Rule 70.17
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10.078. In what language is the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) established? Are translations prepared? The international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) and any annexes are established in the language in which the international application is published – see paragraphs 9.017 to 9.020) – except where the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of a translation (see paragraphs 5.013, 10.011 and 10.013), in which case the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) and annexes are established in the language of that translation. Each elected State may require that the report, if it is not in (one of) the official language(s) of its national Office, be translated into English. If this is the case, the translation of the body of the report is prepared by the International Bureau, which transmits copies to the applicant and to each interested elected Office. If any elected Office requires a translation of annexes to the report, the preparation and furnishing of that translation is the responsibility of the applicant.

Article 36(1)
36(3)(a)
Rule 71.1
73.2
93bis

10.079. How do the applicant, the International Bureau and the elected Offices receive the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) and, where applicable, its translation? The International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits, on the same day, copies of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) (and any annexes – see paragraph 10.076) to the applicant and the International Bureau. The latter transmits copies of the report (including any annexes) to the elected Offices, as well as a translation into English of the body of the report where that is required by any elected Office in accordance with Rule 93bis; a translation of any annexes, if required, must be prepared and sent to the elected Offices concerned by the applicant himself (see paragraph 10.078 and the National Phase). If, in the opinion of the applicant, there are errors in the translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), he may send written observations on such errors to any interested elected Office and must send a copy of such observations to the International Bureau. As far as comments on the content of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) itself are concerned, they should be addressed to the elected Offices during the national phase.

Rule 71.1(b)
Section 602bis

10.079A. Are any other documents in the file of the International Preliminary Examining Authority transmitted to the International Bureau? The International Preliminary Examining Authority also transmits a copy of the following documents to the International Bureau which will communicate a copy to the elected Offices at the same time as it transmits a copy of the international preliminary report on patentability:

- any written opinion issued by the Authority;
- any replacement sheet containing amendments under Article 34 and any letter accompanying the amendments, including any such amendments and letters that have been superseded;
- any letter containing arguments that the applicant submitted to the Authority under PCT Rule 66.3 (see paragraph 10.067);
- any invitation to restrict claims or pay additional fees issued by the Authority;

- any protest against the invitation to restrict the claims or pay additional fees and the decision thereon, regardless whether or not the applicant has so requested in accordance with Rule 68.3(c); and
- any other document in its file that it wishes to transmit.

These documents will be transmitted to the International Bureau at any time after they have become available, but generally not later than the time of transmittal of the international preliminary examination report. It should be noted that any International Preliminary Examining Authority may decide to postpone the transmittal of the aforementioned documents until such time as it is technically prepared to do so.

Article 36(3)(a)
38(1)
Rule 71.1(b)
73.2(a)
94.1
94.2
94.3

10.080. **Are the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) and any other documents from the file of the international preliminary examination accessible to persons other than the applicant and the elected Offices?** The report and related documents from the file of the international preliminary examination are not published by the International Bureau. According to Article 36(3)(a), the International Bureau communicates the report to elected Offices. As of 1 January 2004, however, if so requested by an elected Office (details of such requests are published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette)), the International Bureau will make available on PATENTSCOPE at: <https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/> the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), although, not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. Similarly, according to the amendments to Rules 71.1(b) and 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 July 2020, any other document received at or established by the International Preliminary Examining Authority on or after 1 July 2020 will be made available on PATENTSCOPE after 30 months from the priority date (see paragraph 10.079A). The International Preliminary Examining Authority may not, unless requested or authorized by the applicant, give copies to anyone other than the applicant and the International Bureau. Once the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) becomes part of the file in the elected Office, however, the national law applicable by that Office applies as to access to that report and the international preliminary examination file by persons other than the applicant, as indicated in paragraph 11.072.

10.081. *[Deleted]*

Article 36(4)
Rule 71.2

10.082. **How can the applicant obtain copies of the documents cited in the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT)?** The applicant may obtain copies of those documents cited in the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) which were not cited in the international search report by requesting them from the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Annex E indicates the fees charged by such Authorities for furnishing copies on request.

10.083. **What is the effect and usefulness of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) in the national phase?** Since the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) contains an opinion on the compliance of the international application with internationally accepted criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) and industrial applicability, it provides the applicant with a strong basis on which to evaluate the chances of obtaining patents in the various Offices in the national phase. While the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) is not binding on elected Offices, it carries considerable weight with them, and a favorable report will assist the prosecution of the application before the elected Offices. An elected Office which is the same national or regional Office as that which carried out the international preliminary examination as International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT will generally proceed rapidly to the grant of a patent in the national phase if the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) is favorable to the international application.

CHAPTER 11

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING
THE INTERNATIONAL PHASE

REPRESENTATION BY AGENTS AND COMMON REPRESENTATIVES

Rule 90.1

11.001. For what purposes may an agent be appointed? The applicant may appoint an agent or agents to represent him before the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority, any Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Preliminary Examining Authority – that is, for the purposes of the international phase generally. The applicant may also appoint an agent or agents to represent him specifically before the International Searching Authority, any Authority specified for supplementary search or before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Agents appointed for the purposes of the international application during the international phase will not be automatically regarded as agents by national Offices during the national phase; other agents may thus have to be appointed for the purposes of the national phase before each of the various designated Offices (see National Chapters, (Summaries)).

Article 49
Rule 83.1bis
90.1

11.002. Who may be appointed as an agent? A person may be appointed as agent for the international phase generally if he has the right to practice before the Office with which the international application is filed. Where the international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office (see paragraph 5.008), any person who has the right to practice before the national (or regional) Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant (or, if there are two or more applicants, any of the applicants) is a resident or national (see Annex C) may be appointed as agent. A person may be appointed as agent to represent the applicant specifically before the International Searching Authority, before any Authority specified for supplementary search, or before the International Preliminary Examining Authority if he has the right to practice before the Office or intergovernmental organization which acts as that Authority. The right to practice before an Office or organization is governed by the national law applied by the Office or organization concerned.

11.003. Are all applicants required to have the same agent? Each applicant is free to appoint his own agent. Ordinarily, however, it will be convenient for all of two or more applicants to appoint the same person to represent all of them as their “common agent” (or to appoint a number of common agents – for example, the partners in the firm of patent attorneys or patent agents which acts for the applicant).

Rule 90.1(d)

11.004. Can an agent appoint a sub-agent? Any agent who has been appointed to represent the applicant for the international phase in general may appoint a sub-agent to represent the applicant, unless there is an indication otherwise in the document by which the original agent was appointed. Sub-agents may be appointed to represent the applicant either generally or before a specific International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search or International Preliminary Examining Authority. A sub-agent's appointment is subject to the same qualifications as to the right to practice as are set out in paragraph 11.002.

Article 9
Rule 2.2bis
90.2(a)

11.005. What is a “common representative” of the applicants? Where there are two or more applicants and they have not appointed a common agent representing all of them for the purposes of the international phase in general, one of the applicants may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. A person may only be appointed as common representative if he is a national or resident of a Contracting State and thus is entitled himself to file an international application.

Rule 2.2bis
26.2bis(a)
90.2(b)
90bis.5

11.006. What happens if no common agent or common representative is specifically appointed? If there are two or more applicants and they do not appoint a common agent or a common representative, the first-named applicant who has the right to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned (see paragraphs 5.020 to 5.023) will automatically be considered to be the common representative of all the applicants (“deemed common representative”). Such “deemed

common representative” may do most of the things which an appointed agent or an appointed common representative may do on behalf of all the applicants, including signing the request, the demand and many other documents for the purposes of the PCT. However, the “deemed common representative” may not validly sign, on behalf of the other applicants, a notice effecting withdrawal of the international application, a designation, one or more priority claim(s), the demand or an election, without submitting evidence of their consent to such withdrawal. If the “deemed common representative” has appointed an agent, that agent is able to perform any act which could be performed by the “deemed common representative” on behalf of the other applicants, including the signing of certain documents with effect for all the applicants (but, similarly, is not able to sign any notice of withdrawal).

Rule 90.4(a)

11.007. How is an agent or common representative appointed? The appointment of an agent or common representative may be effected in the request and or the demand (see paragraphs 5.041 to 5.049, and 10.019 to 10.023) in a separate power of attorney (see paragraph 11.008) or in a general power of attorney (see paragraph 11.009). Where there are two or more applicants, a common agent or common representative, representing all of them, may be appointed by a combination of those methods, provided that each applicant signs either the request, the demand or a power of attorney.

Rule 90.4

11.008. What are the requirements with respect to a separate power of attorney? Where the appointment of an agent or common representative is effected by a separate power of attorney, that power of attorney must be submitted to either the receiving Office or the International Bureau. However, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, International Preliminary Examining Authority and/or the International Bureau may waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it (details of such waivers are published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) in the *PCT Newsletter* and on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/waivers.html>. It should be noted, however, that a waiver made by an Office, an Authority or the International Bureau does not apply where the agent or the common representative submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4. A suitable model form for a separate power of attorney is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/pa/index.htm>.

Rule 90.5

11.009. Can an agent be appointed by a general power of attorney to represent the applicant in relation to any international application filed by that applicant? Yes, such a general appointment can be made. The original general power of attorney must be filed with the receiving Office if the appointment was for the purposes of the international phase generally, or with the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority if the appointment was specifically to represent the applicant before that Authority. The appointment will then be effective in relation to any particular application filed by that applicant provided that the general power of attorney is referred to in the request, the demand or a separate notice. However, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority may waive the requirement that a copy of the general power of attorney be attached to the request, the supplementary search request, the demand or any separate notice (details of such waivers are published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*). For an Office or Authority that has not made a waiver of the requirement, a copy of the general power of attorney must be attached to the request, supplementary search request, demand or separate notice. That copy of the signed original need not, itself, be separately signed. A suitable model form for a general power of attorney is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/pa/index.htm>. It should be noted that a waiver made by an Office or an Authority does not apply where the agent or the common representative submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4.

Rule 90.3

11.010. What is the legal position of an agent or common representative? Any act by or in relation to an agent or common representative has the effect of an act by or in relation to the applicant or applicants whom the agent represents for the purposes of

the procedure before the receiving Office, International Bureau, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority, depending on whether the appointment was for general purposes or for the purposes of the procedure before a particular authority (see paragraph 11.001). In particular, an agent or common representative is able to sign documents in connection with the international application on behalf of the applicants. However, an applicant who is the “deemed common representative” (see paragraph 11.006) may not sign notices of withdrawal on behalf of the other applicants (see paragraphs 11.048, 11.050, 11.056 and 11.060). If there are two or more agents representing the same applicant or applicants, an act by or in relation to any of those agents has the effect of an act by or in relation to that applicant or those applicants.

Rule 90.6(a) 11.011. **Can the appointment of an agent or a common representative be revoked?** Yes, it can. The document containing the revocation must be signed by the persons who made the appointment or by their successors in title. The appointment of a sub-agent may also be revoked by the applicant concerned. If the appointment of an agent is revoked, any appointment of a sub-agent by that agent is also considered revoked.

Rule 90.6(b) and (c) 11.012. The appointment of an agent for the international phase in general automatically has the effect, unless otherwise indicated, of revoking any earlier such appointment of an agent. The appointment of a common representative similarly has the effect, unless otherwise indicated, of revoking any earlier appointment of a common representative.

11.013. The Rules for signing and submission of a power of attorney apply *mutatis mutandis* to a revocation of an appointment (see paragraphs 11.007 and 11.008).

Rule 90.6(d) and (e) Section 425 11.014. **How can an agent or common representative renounce his appointment?** Renunciation of an appointment may be made by means of a notification signed by the agent or common representative. The Rules for signing and submission of a power of attorney apply *mutatis mutandis* to a renunciation (see paragraphs 11.007 and 11.008). The applicant is informed of the renunciation by the International Bureau.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE APPLICANT

Section 108(b) 11.015. **To whom will correspondence be addressed by the various authorities under the PCT?** Where there is a sole applicant in relation to an international application, correspondence will be sent to the applicant at his indicated address; or, if he has appointed one or more agents, to that agent or the first-mentioned of those agents; or, if he has not appointed an agent but has indicated a special address for notifications (see paragraphs 5.030 and 5.051), at that address.

Section 108(c) 11.016. Where there are two or more applicants who have appointed one or more common agents, correspondence will be addressed to that agent or the first-mentioned of those agents. Where no common agent has been appointed, correspondence will be addressed to the common representative (either the appointed common representative or the applicant who is the “deemed common representative” – see paragraphs 11.005 and 11.006) at his indicated address; or, if the common representative has appointed one or more agents, to that agent or the first-mentioned of those agents; or, if the common representative has not appointed an agent but has indicated a special address for notifications, at that address.

Section 108(d) 11.017. Where one or more agents have been appointed specifically to represent the applicant(s) before the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, correspondence will be addressed by the Authority concerned to that agent or the first-mentioned of those agents.

CHANGES CONCERNING THE APPLICANT, INVENTOR, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Rule 92bis
Section 422

11.018. What should be done where there is a change in the person, name, residence, nationality or address of the applicant, or in the person, name or address of the inventor, agent or common representative? Where there is a change in the person, name, residence, nationality or address of the applicant, or in the person, name or address of the inventor, agent or common representative, the applicant or the receiving Office should ask the International Bureau to record the change. If so requested, the International Bureau records the change and notifies all Offices and PCT Authorities interested in the change accordingly. Any such recording is free of charge.

11.018A. Where should requests for change be sent? While Rule 92bis provides for the possibility, at the choice of the applicant, to send requests for change to the receiving Office or the International Bureau, it is strongly recommended to send them directly to the International Bureau, preferably via ePCT (signing in with strong authentication or without strong authentication at <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>). It is important that the International Bureau – and not the receiving Office – receives the request for change in order to meet the applicable time limit of 30 months from the priority date.

11.018B. Does the applicant need to provide any documentary evidence? Where the applicant or agent of record requests a change, it is not necessary to produce any documentary evidence relating to the change. In particular, where the applicant or agent of record requests a change in the person of the applicant, the International Bureau does not require an assignment or other documentary evidence to show the transfer of rights. Assignments and other documentary evidence relating to any transfer of rights may, however, be required by the designated Offices once national processing has started; the National Chapters of this *Guide* give details on this matter. If the agent of record wishes to also represent the new applicant, a power of attorney, signed by the new applicant, should be furnished at the same time, unless the Office or Authority with which the request is filed has waived the requirement that a power be furnished (see paragraphs 11.008 and 11.009). It should be noted that the International Bureau has waived such a requirement (see <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/waivers.html>).

Where a person not yet named in the request form, hereinafter referred to as “the new applicant”, without the written consent of the applicant of record, requests a change in the person of the applicant, a copy of an assignment or other documentary evidence supporting the change in person must be filed with the request for the change. Where the request for a change of applicant is made by a (new) agent for the new applicant, a power of attorney signed by the new applicant must be furnished in addition to the documentary evidence unless the Office or Authority with which the request is filed has waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney, or a copy of a general power of attorney, has to be submitted (see paragraphs 11.008 and 11.009). It should be noted that the International Bureau has not waived that requirement and, as a consequence, a new power of attorney will always be required when filing this type of request for a change with the International Bureau.

Section 422bis
(a)(iii)

Where an applicant is requested to be deleted from the records and that request was not also signed by or on behalf of the applicant concerned, the International Bureau will send a copy of the notification of change (Form PCT/IB/306) to the applicant who has been “removed” from the records. This also applies where the request is signed by an agent on behalf of the applicants who is only deemed appointed since the receiving Office has waived the requirement that a power of attorney must be submitted. In case the applicant concerned objects to the change in writing during the international phase, the recorded change would be undone.

Where a patent agent changes to a new firm and requests that the change be recorded, such change would be considered as a change of address and a new power need not be furnished.

11.018C. Must a new applicant be a national or resident of a contracting State? It is not necessary, in order for a change in the person of the applicant to be recorded, that the new applicant be a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State; the PCT does not contain any restriction as to whom an international application may be assigned. The applicant's right to file the international application is determined solely

on the basis of the nationality and residence of the applicant(s) indicated in the request form at the time when the international application is filed. However, the residence and nationality of the new applicant must be borne in mind in considering whether that applicant has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (see paragraphs 10.017 and 10.018).

11.018D. What other kind of changes are covered by Rule 92bis? Changes concerning the addition or deletion of indications relating to applicants and/or inventors, the order of applicants and/or inventors in the request form, changes relating to e-mail addresses etc. will also be recorded under Rule 92bis if requested.

Requests to receive notifications by e-mail may be made in the request form or subsequently. Any request for a change in the e-mail address should contain an indication whether the e-mail address is to be used for advance copies followed by paper copies or whether the notifications should be sent exclusively by e-mail (in respect of Offices or Authorities that accept to send notifications by e-mail).

It should be noted that it is not possible during the international phase to record rights of third parties, such as licenses, pledges or other security interests. Such changes, to the extent provided for under the applicable national law, can only be recorded during the national phase and in accordance with the applicable national procedures.

11.019. Where a change affects multiple applications, may the applicant make a single request? Where a change concerns multiple pending international applications, it is recommended that applicants submit a single written request and include a list of the PCT applications concerned (and not a separate request for each application). The list should only include pending international applications, that is, applications for which the 30-month time limit from the priority date has not yet expired.

11.020. Is there a special form for requesting the recording of changes under Rule 92bis? There is no special form for requesting the recording of changes under Rule 92bis. The request may be presented in the form of a letter to the receiving Office or the International Bureau, clearly specifying the application concerned and which information is requested to be changed. Where the request concerns a change in a name or address and the application is filed in a language which uses non-Latin characters, in addition to the new name or address in the language of filing, a transliteration or translation of the new name or address into English must also be provided. It is strongly recommended to file such requests directly with the International Bureau through ePCT (signing in with strong authentication or without strong authentication at <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>).

Rule 92bis.1(b)

11.021. What is the time limit to request the recording of changes? The International Bureau records the change if it receives the request for recording before the expiration of 30 months (regardless of the precise time limit applicable to enter the national phase, Office by Office, such as 31 months or later) from the priority date. If the applicant wants a particular change to be taken into account for international publication of the application, the request for change must reach the International Bureau before technical preparations for international publication have been completed (see paragraph 9.014). If the request reaches the International Bureau too late to be reflected in the international publication but within the 30-month time limit, it will nevertheless be acted upon and notified to the designated/elected Offices. The bibliographic data page of PATENTSCOPE is updated to reflect any recorded change until the expiration of 30 months. If the request reaches the International Bureau after the expiration of 30 months, the change will not be recorded and the applicant will have to proceed with such request before each designated/elected Office.

11.022. What is the legal effect of any recorded change? In principle, all designated and elected Offices are obliged to accept changes recorded by the International Bureau. However, Offices are entitled to require additional evidence or documents in the national phase regarding changes recorded during the international phase (for information on the Offices which require additional documents in the national phase, including a new request for change specifically for the national phase before a particular Office, see the relevant Summary in the National Chapters of this *Guide*).

DEATH OF APPLICANT OR INVENTOR

Article 27(2)
Rule 92bis.1(a)

11.023. What should be done in the case of the death of the applicant during the international phase? The answer to this question depends on the national law applicable in such a case. The successor to the rights of the applicant (whether his heir, a legal representative, the estate represented by a legal representative, etc.) should be indicated as the new applicant, and a request for such a change to be recorded accordingly should be made under Rule 92bis.1 (see the procedure outlined in paragraphs 11.018 to 11.022). The reason for the requested change must be indicated. Documentary evidence proving the right to the application is not required during the international phase (although it may be required by any designated Office for the purposes of the national phase of processing).

11.024. [Deleted]

Article 9
Rule 18.1

11.025. What should be done if the inventor died before the international application was filed? In such a case, the request must indicate the name of the deceased inventor with an indication that he is deceased, for instance: "JONES, Bernard (deceased)."

11.026. What should be done in the case of the death of the inventor during the international phase? In such a case, the recording of a change to indicate that the inventor is deceased may be requested; where such indication is added, the inventor's address would be removed.

APPLICANT UNAVAILABLE OR UNWILLING TO SIGN THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION OR OTHER DOCUMENTS

Article 14(1)(a)(i)
14(1)(b)
Rule 26.2
26.2bis
Section 316

11.027. What must be done if the applicant is temporarily unavailable to sign the international application? Where an applicant is temporarily unavailable, the international application can be filed without his signature. The lack of an applicant's signature or of a power of attorney signed by him, where either of these might be required, are correctable defects under Article 14(1)(a)(i) and (b), and can be remedied by filing a copy of the request (or, where the request has been signed by an agent, of a power of attorney (where this might be necessary)), duly signed by the applicant within the time limit fixed by the receiving Office for the correction of these potential defects (see paragraph 6.032).

11.028. – 11.032. [Deleted]

RECTIFICATION OF OBVIOUS MISTAKES

Rule 91.1(a)
and (g)

11.033. Can obvious mistakes be rectified by the applicant? Obvious mistakes in the international application or other documents submitted by the applicant may generally be rectified if the rectification is requested within the applicable time limit. Any such rectification is effected free of charge. Rule 91 considers certain mistakes to be not "rectifiable" (see paragraph 11.037) and requires applicants to rely on other means of correction (see Rules 20.4, 20.5, 26bis and 38.3).

Rule 91.1(c)

11.034. What types of mistakes can be rectified? Only obvious mistakes can be rectified. A mistake is considered obvious if it is obvious to the competent authority that, at the relevant date (see paragraph 11.036), something else was intended than what appears in the document concerned, and that nothing else could have been intended other than the proposed rectification. In other words, both the mistake and the rectification of that mistake have to be obvious to the competent authority.

Rule 91.1(d)
and (e)

11.035. Is there any limitation on the kind of documents which an authority could consider when determining whether a mistake is obvious? If the mistake is contained in the description, the claims or the drawings, or in a correction or any amendment thereof, the competent authority is limited, for the purposes of determining whether both the mistake and the proposed rectification are obvious (see paragraph 11.034), to only take into account the contents of the description, the claims and the drawings and, where applicable, of the correction or amendment

concerned. If the mistake is contained in the request or a correction thereof or in any other document mentioned in Rule 91.1(b)(iv), the competent authority should, for the purposes of determining whether both the mistake and the proposed rectification are obvious, take into account not only the content of the international application itself and, where applicable, the correction concerned and any other document referred to in Rule 91.1(b)(iv), but also any other document submitted by the applicant together with the request, correction or document, as the case may be, including any priority document that is available to that competent authority. Furthermore, the authority should also take into account any other document contained in the authority's international application file at the relevant date (see paragraph 11.036).

Rule 91.1(f) 11.036. **What is the relevant date applied by the competent authority for the determination of whether a mistake and its rectification are obvious?** Where the mistake appears in the international application as filed, the relevant date is the international filing date; where the mistake appears in any document other than the international application as filed, including any mistake in a correction or an amendment of the international application, the relevant date is the date on which the document (correction and/or amendment) concerned was submitted.

Rule 91.1(g) 11.037. **Which mistakes cannot be rectified?** The following mistakes cannot be rectified under Rule 91:

- omissions of entire elements or sheets of the international application, even if clearly resulting from inattention at the stage of filing of the international application, for example, when copying or assembling sheets;
- mistakes in the abstract;
- mistakes in an amendment under Article 19, unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority is the competent authority to authorize the rectification of such mistakes under Rule 91.1(b)(iii);
- mistakes in a priority claim or in a notice correcting or adding a priority claim if the rectification of the mistake would cause a change in the priority date (see paragraph 6.038 concerning whether such mistakes can instead be corrected under Rule 26bis.1(a)).

Rule 91.1(b) 11.038. **Do rectifications of obvious mistakes need to be authorized by a particular Office?** Yes, rectifications must be authorized by the competent PCT authority, that is:

- (i) if the mistake is in the request or in any correction thereof – by the receiving Office;
- (ii) if the mistake is in the description, the claims or the drawings or in any correction thereof – by the International Searching Authority, or by the International Preliminary Examining Authority where a demand for international preliminary examination has been made and has not been withdrawn and the date on which the international preliminary examination should start pursuant to Rule 69.1 has passed;
- (iii) if the mistake is in the description, the claims or the drawings or any correction thereof, or in any amendment under Article 19 or 34, and if a demand for international preliminary examination has been made and has not been withdrawn and if the date on which the international preliminary examination should start pursuant to Rule 69.1 has passed – by the International Preliminary Examining Authority;
- (iv) if the mistake is in any document other than those referred to in item (i) to (iii) above submitted to the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau, other than a mistake in the abstract or in an amendment under Article 19 – by that Office, Authority or Bureau, as the case may be.

Rule 91.2 11.039. **Where and when must a request for rectification be sent?** The request for rectification must be addressed to the authority competent to authorize the rectification (see paragraph 11.038). It must be filed within 26 months from the priority

date. The request must specify the mistake to be rectified and the proposed rectification; it can also contain a brief explanation if the applicant so wishes. The procedure provided for in Rule 26.4 (see paragraph 6.052) applies as to the manner in which the proposed rectification should be indicated.

Rule 91.1(h)

11.040. Can a competent authority invite the applicant to correct an obvious mistake? Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Authority or the International Bureau discovers what appears to be a rectifiable obvious mistake in the international application or in any other document, it may invite the applicant to file a request for rectification under Rule 91.

Rule 48.2(i)
70.16(a)(iii)
91.3(a)
and (b)

11.041. What steps will the competent authority take once a request for rectification of an obvious mistake has been filed? Once the applicant has filed a request for rectification of an obvious mistake, the competent authority promptly decides whether to authorize or to refuse the requested rectification and promptly notifies its decision to the applicant and the International Bureau. In case of a refusal, the competent authority should also inform the applicant and the International Bureau of the reasons for the refusal. Where the competent authority has authorized the rectification of an obvious mistake under Rule 91, the document concerned shall be rectified in accordance with Sections 325, 413*bis*, 511 and 607 of the Administrative Instructions. Where the rectification has been authorized by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Bureau, the International Bureau publishes the rectified sheets as part of the international application if the authorization is received or given by the International Bureau before completion of technical preparations for international publication. Where such authorization is received or given only after technical preparations have been completed, the International Bureau will republish the international application in accordance with Rule 48.2(i). Where the rectification is authorized by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the rectified sheets and the request for rectification of an obvious mistake submitted by the applicant are annexed to the IPRP (Chapter II of the PCT).

Rule 91.3(c)

11.042. When does the rectification of an obvious mistake become effective? If the mistake appears in the international application as filed, the rectification becomes effective as from the international filing date; if the mistake appears in any document other than the international application as filed, including any mistake in a correction or any amendment to the international application, the rectification becomes effective as from the date on which that document was submitted.

Rule 91.3(d)
Section 113(b)

11.043. What can be done if the authorization of a rectification is refused? If the authorization of a rectification is refused, the applicant may request the International Bureau, within two months from the date of the refusal, in writing, to publish the request for rectification, the reasons for refusal by the authority and any further brief comments that may be submitted by the applicant, together with the international application. This request is subject to the payment at the same time of a special fee, the amount of which is indicated in Annex B (IB). Once the request for rectification and the reasons for refusal have been published, the applicant may pursue it further before the designated Offices under their national law and practice for the rectification of obvious mistakes. Refused requests for rectification are not annexed to the IPRP except in certain circumstances as set out in paragraph 10.076.

Rule 91.3(e)
and (f)

11.044. What are the effects of the authorization of an obvious mistake on the designated and elected Offices? Generally, designated and elected Offices must process the international application in the national phase “as rectified”, unless that designated or elected Office has already started the processing or examination of the international application before the date on which that Office is notified under Rule 91.3(a) by the International Bureau of the authorization of the rectification concerned. Otherwise, a designated or elected Office may only disregard a rectification that was authorized under Rule 91.1 if it finds that it would not have authorized the rectification of the obvious mistake if it had been the competent authority. In the latter case, the designated Office may, however, only disregard any rectification that was authorized during the international phase, if it has given the applicant an opportunity to

make observations, within a reasonable time limit, on the Office's intention to disregard the rectification.

AMENDMENTS OF THE CLAIMS, DESCRIPTION AND DRAWINGS

Article 19
34(2)(b)

11.045. How, and at what stages, may the claims, description and drawings in an international application be amended? As described elsewhere in this text, during the international phase the applicant has one opportunity to amend the claims under Article 19 after receiving the international search report (see paragraphs 9.004 to 9.011). Amendments may also be made under Article 34(2)(b) to the description, claims and drawings before and during the international preliminary examination procedure (see paragraphs 10.024 to 10.028, and 10.067 to 10.071). Such amendments are in addition to the possibilities for correction of defects under Article 11 and Rule 20 (see paragraphs 6.024 to 6.026) and Article 14 and Rule 26 (see paragraph 6.032), and to the possibility for rectification of obvious mistakes under Rule 91.1 (see paragraphs 11.033 to 11.044). Applicants are also guaranteed the opportunity to amend the international application for the purposes of the national phase by virtue of Articles 28 and 41 (see National Chapters).

Rule 46.3
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11.046. In what language should amendments be submitted during the international phase? Concerning the language in which amendments of the claims under Article 19 must be submitted, see paragraphs 9.004 and 9.017 to 9.019; concerning the language in which amendments of the description, claims and/or drawings under Article 34 must be submitted, see paragraph 10.071.

Article 19(2)
and (3)
34(2)(b)
Rule 66.2(a)(iv)
70.2(c)

11.047. May amendments to the claims, description or drawings during the international phase introduce new matter into the international application? Article 19(2) and Article 34(2)(b) both provide that amendments are not to go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed. Compliance will not be checked during the international phase unless the applicant requests international preliminary examination. If the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that any amendments go beyond the original disclosure, it will comment accordingly in any written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority and in the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT), and the report will be established as if such amendment had not been made (see paragraphs 10.064(iv) and 10.070). Compliance with the requirement may be important during the national phase, when it may be checked by the designated Offices, and non-compliance may result at that stage in adverse consequences such as disallowance of the amendments or the according of a later filing date for any new matter claimed as a result of the amendments concerned. On the other hand, if the national law applicable in a designated Office permits amendments to go beyond the disclosure in the application as filed, non-compliance with the requirement has no consequence in the State concerned. Although customary in most national laws and contained in the European Patent Convention, the requirement is not one which – by virtue of the PCT – would bind any of the Contracting States. It is contained in the PCT because most laws provide for it, and it therefore seems to be a useful warning to all applicants planning to make amendments in the international phase.

Article 19(1)
34(2)(b)
Rule 46.5(b)(iii)
66.8
70.2(c-bis)

11.047A. What happens where the claims, description or drawings have been amended, but the replacement sheets were not accompanied by a letter? The PCT requires that replacement sheets submitted with Article 19 or Article 34 amendments must be accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendments in the application as filed (see paragraphs 9.005, 9.006 and 10.071). Substantive compliance with this requirement is not checked during the international phase unless the applicant requests international preliminary examination. If the International Preliminary Examining Authority finds that the replacement sheets were either not accompanied by such a letter or that the letter failed to indicate the basis for the amendment, the International Preliminary Examining Authority may establish the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) as if such amendment had not been made. Compliance with this requirement may also be important during the national phase,

when it may be checked by the designated Offices, and failure to comply may result in disallowance of the amendments.

WITHDRAWALS

- Rule 90.4(e)
90.5(d)
90bis.1
90bis.5
- 11.048. **Can the applicant withdraw the international application?** The applicant may withdraw the international application by a notice addressed to the International Bureau or to the receiving Office or, where Article 39(1) applies, to the International Preliminary Examining Authority, and received before the expiration of 30 months (see paragraph 5.005) from the priority date. Any such withdrawal is free of charge. A notice of withdrawal must be signed by all the applicants. An appointed agent or appointed common representative may sign such a notice on behalf of the applicant or applicants who appointed him, but an applicant who is the “deemed common representative” (see paragraph 11.006) may not sign such a notice on behalf of the other applicants. Where an Office, Authority or the International Bureau has waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney, or a copy of a general power of attorney, has to be furnished, the waiver does not apply in respect of any notice of withdrawal.
- Article 21(5)
Rule 90bis.1(c)
- 11.049. **What is the effect of withdrawal on international publication?** The applicant may prevent international publication by withdrawing the international application as described in paragraph 9.023A.
- International publication may be postponed by withdrawing the priority claim as outlined in paragraphs 11.056 and 11.057.
- Rule 90bis.2
90bis.5
- 11.050. **Can the applicant withdraw designations?** The applicant may withdraw the designation of any State, and in respect of any kind of protection available, or only in respect of some of the kinds of protection available, by a notice addressed to the International Bureau or to the receiving Office or, where Article 39(1) applies, to the International Preliminary Examining Authority, and received before the expiration of 30 months (see paragraph 5.005) from the priority date. Any such withdrawal is free of charge. A notice of withdrawal must be signed by all the applicants. An appointed agent or appointed common representative may sign such a notice on behalf of the applicant or applicants who appointed him, but an applicant who is the “deemed common representative” (see paragraph 11.006) may not sign such a notice on behalf of the other applicants.
- Rule 90bis.2(a)
- 11.051. Withdrawal of the designation of a State which has been elected for the purposes of international preliminary examination automatically results in withdrawal of the corresponding election.
- Rule 90bis.2(b)
- 11.052. Where a State has been designated for the purposes of obtaining both a national patent and a regional patent (see paragraphs 4.022 to 4.026 and 5.052 to 5.053), withdrawal of the designation of that State is taken to mean withdrawal only of the designation for the purpose of obtaining a national patent, unless otherwise indicated. In practice, the applicant should always make it clear which of the designations is intended to be withdrawn.
- Rule 90bis.2(c)
- 11.053. If all designations are withdrawn, the international application itself will be treated as withdrawn.
- Rule 90bis.2(e)
- 11.054. A designation will not be published if the notice of its withdrawal reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (see paragraph 9.014).
- 11.055. Where the international application indicates different applicants for different designated States, the withdrawal of a designation may result in the applicant for the designation which is withdrawn being no longer an applicant for any designated State. In such a case, replacement sheets for the request indicating only the remaining applicants, namely those for the States the designations of which have not been withdrawn, should be furnished together with the notice of withdrawal. Should the applicant fail to submit a replacement sheet, the request is corrected by the receiving Office or by the International Bureau. Whichever authority makes the correction notifies the other and the applicant accordingly.

Rule 90bis.3
90bis.5

11.056. **Can the applicant withdraw priority claims made in the international application?** The applicant may withdraw a priority claim made in the international application by a notice addressed to the International Bureau or to the receiving Office or, where Article 39(1) applies, to the International Preliminary Examining Authority, and received before the expiration of 30 months (see paragraph 5.005) from the priority date. Any or all of the priority claims may be so withdrawn. Any such withdrawal is free of charge. A notice of withdrawal must be signed by all the applicants. An appointed agent or appointed common representative may sign such a notice on behalf of the applicant or applicants who appointed him, but an applicant who is the “deemed common representative” (see paragraph 11.006) may not sign such a notice on behalf of the other applicants.

Rule 90bis.3(d)
and (e)

11.057. Where the withdrawal of a priority claim causes a change in the priority date of the international application, any time limit which is computed from the original priority date and which has not yet expired – for example, the time limit before which processing in the national phase cannot start – is computed from the priority date resulting from the change. (It is not possible to extend the time limit concerned if it has already expired when the priority claim is withdrawn.) However, if the notice of withdrawal reaches the International Bureau after the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, the International Bureau may proceed with the international publication on the basis of the time limit for international publication as computed from the original priority date.

Rule 90bis.3bis

11.058. **Can the applicant withdraw a supplementary search request?** The applicant may withdraw a supplementary search request at any time prior to the date of transmittal to the applicant of the supplementary international search report or the declaration that no such report will be established. However, withdrawal of the request will only result in a refund of any fees paid if the International Bureau has not yet transmitted any document to the Authority specified for supplementary search. A notice of withdrawal may be addressed either to the International Bureau or to the Authority specified for supplementary search, and the withdrawal will be effective on receipt of the notice by that Authority or the International Bureau. However, if the notice does not reach the Authority specified for supplementary search in sufficient time to prevent the transmittal of the report or declaration, the report or declaration will still be communicated to each designated Office as required. Where there are two or more supplementary search requests that have been submitted in respect of the same international application, the notice must specify which, of any such requests, is intended to be withdrawn.

11.059. The notice of withdrawal of the supplementary search request must be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, by all of them, or by the agent or common representative whose appointment has been effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request, the supplementary search request, the demand, or a power of attorney.

Article 37
Rule 90bis.4
90bis.5

11.060. **Can the applicant withdraw the demand for international preliminary examination or the election of any State?** The applicant may withdraw the demand or the election of any State at any time prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date by a notice addressed to the International Bureau. Any such withdrawal is free of charge. A notice of withdrawal must be signed by all the applicants. An appointed agent or appointed common representative may sign such a notice on behalf of the applicant or applicants who appointed him, but an applicant who is the “deemed common representative” (see paragraph 11.006) may not sign such a notice on behalf of the other applicants.

Article 37(4)

11.061. In respect of designated Offices which do not apply the 30 month time limit, the applicant should exercise care in withdrawing the demand or elections after the expiration of the time limit under Article 22 for entry into the national phase, since such withdrawal is treated in each of the elected States concerned as a withdrawal of the international application for that State unless the national phase has already started in that State. If withdrawal of the demand or elections is effected before the expiration of that time limit, however, the international application will not be considered withdrawn, but the applicant will, of course, have to take the usual steps before the expiration of that

time limit to enter the national phase (see paragraph 5.005 above and National Phase, paragraph 3.001). For further details, see Article 37(4).

COMPUTATION OF TIME LIMITS

Rule 80

11.062. What are the Rules concerning the computation of time limits? There are detailed provisions in Rule 80 concerning the computation of time limits (whether expressed in years, months or days), including the case where a time limit expires on a non-working day. The days which are non-working days for the International Bureau are published periodically in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* and in the *PCT Newsletter*. The PCT Time Limit Calculator is designed to assist applicants in computing PCT time limits and is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/calculator/pct-calculator.html>. Where a period starts on the date of a notification, that period may be extended if the notification was actually mailed on a later date or was received more than seven days after the date it bears; see Rule 80.6 for details. For computation of time limits based on the priority date in cases where the priority claim is withdrawn, see paragraph 11.057.

IRREGULARITIES IN THE MAIL SERVICE

Article 48(1)
Rule 82.1

11.063. Can a delay or loss in the mail be excused? Rule 82 contains detailed provisions governing the situation where a letter arrives late or gets lost due to irregularities in the mail service, for example, because the mail service was interrupted due to a strike. The provisions operate to excuse failure to meet a time limit for filing a document for up to six months after the expiration of the time limit concerned, provided that the document was mailed at least five days before the expiration of the time limit. In order to take advantage of these provisions, the mailing must have been by registered airmail or, where surface mail would normally arrive at the destination concerned within two days of mailing, by registered surface mail. Evidence is required to satisfy the Office or organization concerned, and a substitute document must be filed promptly – see Rule 82.1(b) and (c) for details.

Rule 82.1(d)
and (e)

11.064. Can a delay or loss be excused where a delivery service is used? Some national Offices and intergovernmental organizations also apply these provisions where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used to mail documents or letters – see Rule 82.1(d) and (e) for details, and Annexes B for information about which Offices and organizations recognize use of delivery services for this purpose, and in what circumstances Rule 82.1 will apply to such use.

EXCUSE OF DELAY IN MEETING TIME LIMITS

Rule 82*quater*.1
Section 111

11.065. Can a delay in meeting time limits caused by “force majeure” circumstances be excused? The provisions of Rule 82*quater*.1 provide a basis for a general excuse of delay in meeting time limits before Offices, Authorities or the International Bureau during the international phase, when resulting from *force majeure* circumstances like war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, a general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason in the locality where the applicant resides, has his place of business or is staying. The excuse of delay only applies to time limits fixed in the Regulations and therefore it neither applies to the priority period, since the priority period is set by Article 4C of the Paris Convention (for restoration of the right of priority see paragraphs 5.062 to 5.068), nor to the time limit for entering the national phase in accordance with Articles 22 and 39 (see paragraphs 5.005 and 5.006).

11.065A. To request for excuse of delay in meeting time limits resulting from force majeure circumstances under Rule 82*quater*.1, the applicant must take the relevant actions (submission of documents, responses to invitations or the payment of fees) as soon as reasonably possible. Generally, this means within a short period of the cause of the delay ceasing to apply. For example, in cases where a strike prevented an agent from reaching his office, it would be expected that the action should, in most cases, be taken either the next working day or shortly thereafter, depending on how much

preparatory work had been disrupted. On the other hand, where a disaster has resulted in the complete destruction of an agent's files, it would reasonably be expected to take longer to reassemble all the necessary documents and systems to allow the necessary action to be taken. In the case of general unavailability of electronic **communication** services, the applicant must establish that the outage affected a widespread geographical area rather than being a localized problem, that it was unexpected or unforeseen, and that there was no alternative communication means available to him. The request for the excusing of the delay and the relevant evidence must be submitted to the competent Office or Authority or the International Bureau as soon as reasonably possible and, in any case, not later than six months after the expiration of the applicable time limit.

As to the form of evidence, for example, a news report from a reliable mass media outlet, or a statement or announcement from the relevant national authority is normally acceptable for this purpose. In the case of general unavailability of electronic communications services, a statement from the provider of Internet services or the company providing electricity to the applicant may also be acceptable.

Rule 82^{quater}.2
Section 111

11.065B. Can a delay in meeting time limits caused by the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or intergovernmental organization be excused? Rule 82^{quater}.2 allows any Office or intergovernmental organization to provide for a general excuse of delay in meeting time limits if the failure to meet the time limit was due to the unavailability of any permitted electronic means of communication at that Office or organization. If the Office or organization so provides, it notifies the International Bureau which will publish the information in the Gazette accordingly. Moreover, at the time when such an event has taken place (e.g., an unforeseen outage) or is scheduled to take place (e.g., a scheduled maintenance), the Office or organization publishes information about the unavailability including the duration and notifies the International Bureau which will publish the information on any such unavailability, including the period of the unavailability, in the Gazette. The excuse of delay only applies to time limits fixed in the Regulations and therefore it neither applies to the priority period, since the priority period is set by Article 4C of the Paris Convention (for restoration of the right of priority see paragraphs 5.062 to 5.068), nor to the time limit for entering the national phase in accordance with Articles 22 and 39 (see paragraphs 5.005 and 5.006).

11.065C. Where the applicant failed to meet a time limit caused by the unavailability of one of the permitted electronic means of communication at the Office or organization (see paragraph 11.065B), she/he must perform the relevant action on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication becomes available and request for excuse of delay indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of one of the permitted electronic means of communication at the Office or organization at the time of attempted submission.

FILING OF LETTERS, DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS

Rule 12.1
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Section 104

11.066. What are the Rules concerning the filing of letters, documents and papers? There are detailed provisions in Rule 92 concerning letters, documents or papers submitted by the applicant in the course of the international procedure: letters must be signed; any other paper submitted must be accompanied by a letter; letters and documents from the applicant to the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, and the International Preliminary Examining Authority must generally be in the language of the international application or, where a translation of the international application has been transmitted or furnished for the purposes of the international search, supplementary international search, international publication or international preliminary examination (see paragraphs 5.013, 6.020, 8.012, 9.018 and 10.011), in the language of that translation. Any communication from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in English or French and may be in the language of publication of the international application if it is submitted via ePCT. As to the language of any amendments to the claims under Article 19 (and their accompanying statement), see paragraphs 9.004 and 9.007. As to

the language of the demand and of any amendments under Article 34, see paragraphs 10.013 and 10.071.

Rule 92.4

11.067. **Can documents be filed by telegraph, teleprinter, facsimile machine, etc?** Rule 92.4 governs the use of telegraph, teleprinter, facsimile machine and other like means of communication resulting in the filing of a printed or written document. These means of communication may only be used where the national Office or intergovernmental organization concerned is prepared to receive correspondence by these means. Some Offices and organizations require, for certain or all kinds of documents, that a communication by such admitted means of communication must, in any event, be confirmed by the applicant within 14 days; otherwise the communication may be considered not to have been made. However, failure to comply with such a requirement may be waived in some cases. Even where there is no standing requirement for originals to be furnished, an Office or organization may require the originals in any particular case. Further details on these requirements are set out in Rule 92.4, and information as to the practice and requirements applied in particular Offices and organizations is given in Annexes B.

11.068. Applicants should, before sending a document by a means of telecommunication, check in Annexes B to ascertain what the requirements of the addressee are. Where the papers to be submitted are documents making up the international application or replacement sheets containing amendments or corrections to the international application, the original should in any event be mailed as a matter of course on the same or the following day.

Rule 92.4(d)

11.069. Where an original is sent to an Office or organization of a document previously transmitted to that Office or organization by a means of telecommunication, the original must be accompanied by a letter identifying the date and means of the earlier transmission.

11.070. If part or all of a document received by such means of transmission is illegible, or if part of the document is not received, the document is treated as not having been received to the extent that it is illegible or that the attempted transmission failed, and the Office or organization promptly notifies the applicant accordingly.

Section 109

11.071. **May a file reference be used in correspondence?** The applicant or his agent may mark a file reference in the box provided for that purpose on the first sheet of the request form (see paragraph 5.017), on each page of the other elements of the international application (see paragraphs 5.105 and 5.124), on the first sheet of the supplementary search request form (see paragraph 8.013), on the first sheet of the demand form (see paragraph 10.015), and in any other correspondence relating to the international application. The file reference may be composed either of letters of the Latin alphabet or Arabic numerals, or both. The hyphen character (“-”) may be used as a separator between alphanumeric characters. It may not exceed 25 characters. The receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Preliminary Examining Authority will use the file reference in correspondence with the applicant.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Article 30

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Rule 94.1(a)

94.1bis(a)

94.1ter(a)

11.072. **To what extent are international applications treated as confidential?** An international application is confidential in relation to third parties until the international publication date, with only limited and specified exceptions (see Article 30). The International Bureau, the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority will at any time, at the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, furnish copies of any document contained in its file, subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service. An order for access made by a court with competent jurisdiction would be taken by the International Bureau as substituting for the applicant's authorization. (For access to the file of the International Preliminary Examining Authority see paragraph 11.074).

Rule 17.2

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94.1(b)

11.073. After international publication, the international application itself is publicly available, as are any published amendments under Article 19 (see Rule 48.2(f)), the

international search report (see Article 21(3) and Rule 48.2(a)(v)) (these elements are included in the published international application) and copies of priority documents (noting the exceptions mentioned in paragraph 9.023; see Rule 17.2). In respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 1998, the International Bureau will, after international publication, furnish copies of any document contained in its file at the request of any person and upon reimbursement of the cost of the service, but subject to the restrictions imposed by Article 38 in respect of documents relating to the international preliminary examination. However, the International Bureau will not provide access to any document contained in its file which has been omitted from international publication (see paragraph 9.016A) or public file access (see paragraph 11.073A), nor will it give access to any document which was solely prepared for internal use by the International Bureau.

Rule 94.1bis(b)
94.1ter(b)

After international publication, the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority may also furnish copies of any document contained in its file at the request of any person and upon reimbursement of the cost of the service except for documents which have been omitted from international publication (see paragraph 9.016A) or public file access (see paragraph 11.073A).

Rule 94.1(e)

11.073A. Can the applicant request that the International Bureau restrict access to certain information contained in its file? The applicant can make a reasoned request to the International Bureau to omit certain information from public file access. (For the manner in which the applicant should present his request, see paragraph 9.016A). A request to omit information from public file access may be submitted at any time during the international phase.

Where the International Bureau has omitted information from public access, and that information is also contained in the file of the international application held by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau will also promptly notify that Office or Authority accordingly, so that they will not provide access to such information either.

Article 36(3)(a)
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Rule 71.1(b)
94.1
94.2
94.3

Section 420

11.074. To what extent is the international preliminary examination confidential? Where the applicant requests international preliminary examination, Article 38 expressly provides that the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority may not allow unauthorized access to the file of the international preliminary examination. Access by third parties to papers relating to the international preliminary examination held in the files of the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority thus will be permitted only if that is requested or authorized by the applicant. However, once the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) and related documents have been communicated to each elected Office by the International Bureau, third parties may gain access to these documents. Such access may be allowed only to the same extent as provided by the national law for access to the file of a national application. Furthermore, the International Bureau will, if so requested by an elected Office (details of such requests are published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), see https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html), furnish copies of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) and related documents received from the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 71.1(b) (see paragraph 10.079A) on behalf of an elected Office that has made such a request. However, access shall not be provided to third parties as to the information which has been omitted from international publication or public access (see paragraphs 9.016A and 11.073A). It should be noted that the furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to a fee payable to that Office.

REFERENCES TO DEPOSITED BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL

Rule 13bis.1
48.2(a)(viii)

11.075. When must an international application include a reference to biological material and/or to its deposit with a depositary institution? The PCT does not require the inclusion of such a reference in an international application; it merely prescribes the contents of any “reference to deposited biological material” (defined as “particulars given ... with respect to the deposit of biological material ... or

to the biological material so deposited”) which is included in an international application, and when such a reference must be furnished. It follows that the applicant will see a need to make such a reference only when it is required for the purpose of disclosing the invention claimed in the international application in a manner sufficient for the invention to be carried out by a person skilled in the art – that is, when the law of at least one of the designated States provides for the making, for this purpose, of a reference to deposited biological material if the invention involves the use of biological material that is not available to the public. Annex L lists those national (or regional) Offices of, or acting for, the Contracting States whose national law provides for the making of a reference to deposited biological material for the purposes of patent procedure; those national (or regional) Offices whose laws do not provide for such references are indicated in Annexes B (in some cases together with information given by those Offices on the possibility of referring in the international application to deposits of biological material even though the applicable national law does not provide specially for it). Where any indications are furnished separately from the description and are received by the International Bureau before the completion of technical preparations for international publication, the date of receipt by the International Bureau and the indication will be included in the published international application.

Rule 13bis.2 11.076. **What effect does the PCT give to such a reference?** A reference to deposited biological material made in accordance with the requirements of the PCT must be regarded by each of the designated Offices as satisfying the requirements of the national law applicable in that Office with regard to the contents of such references and the time for furnishing them.

Rule 13bis.5 11.077. **May the reference be made for the purposes of only some of the designated States?** A reference may be made for the purposes of all designated States or for one or only some of the designated States. A reference is considered to be made for the purpose of all designated States unless it is expressly made for certain designated States only. References to different deposits may be made for the purposes of different designated States.

Rule 13bis.3 12.1ter 11.078. **What are the indications which must be given in the reference with regard to the deposit of biological material?** There are two kinds of indication which may have to be given, namely:

- (i) indications specified in the PCT Regulations themselves; and
- (ii) additional indications which have been notified by the national (or regional) Office of (or acting for) a State designated in the international application and which have been published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*; these additional indications may relate not only to the deposit of the biological material but also to the biological material itself (see paragraph 11.079).

The indications in the first category are:

- (i) the name and address of the depositary institution with which the deposit was made;
- (ii) the date of the deposit with that institution; and
- (iii) the accession number given to the deposit by that institution.

Annex L sets out, for each national (or regional) Office, the additional indications (if any) in the second category which are required to be given. These indications must be furnished both in the language in which the international application is filed and, where a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a) or 12.4(a), in the language of that translation.

Rule 13bis.3(a)(iv) 13bis.7(a) 11.079. **What are the indications concerning biological material itself which must be given in the reference?** The national laws of some of the national (or regional) Offices require that, besides indications concerning the deposit of biological material, an indication be given concerning the biological material itself, such as, for example, a short description of its characteristics, at least to the extent that this information is available to the applicant. These requirements must be met in the case of international applications for which any such Office is a designated Office, provided that the requirements have

been notified to the International Bureau and published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*. Annex L indicates, for each of the national (or regional) Offices, the requirements (if any) of this kind which have been so notified and published.

Rule 13bis.4
13bis.7(a)(ii)

11.080. At what time must the reference (with the indications which must be contained therein) be made? If any indication is not included in a reference to deposited biological material contained in the international application as filed, it may be furnished to the International Bureau within 16 months from the priority date unless the International Bureau has been notified (and, at least two months prior to the filing of the international application, has published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) that the national law applicable by a designated Office requires in relation to national applications that the indication be furnished earlier. If any of the indications are furnished to the International Bureau after the expiration of 16 months from the priority date but before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed, those indications will be considered by any designated Office to have been furnished on the last day of the 16 month time limit. If the applicant makes a request for early publication (see paragraph 9.013), all indications should be furnished by the time the request is made, since any designated Office may regard any indication not furnished when the request is made as not having been furnished in time. Annex L specifies, for each national (or regional) Office whose national law requires a reference to deposited biological material to be furnished earlier than 16 months after the priority date, the applicable time limit(s) for furnishing such indications.

Rule 13bis.3(b)
13bis.4
48.2(a)(viii)

11.081. What is the consequence of failure to furnish an indication on time? No check is made in the international phase to determine whether a reference has been furnished within the prescribed time limit. However, where the indications were received after the technical preparations for international publication have been completed, the International Bureau notifies the designated Offices of the date(s) on which indications not included in the international application as filed were furnished to it. Failure to include a reference to deposited biological material (or any indication required in such a reference) in the international application as filed, or failure to furnish it (or the indication) within the prescribed time limit, has no consequence if the national law does not require the reference (or indication) to be furnished in a national application. Where there is a consequence, it is the same as that which applies under the national law.

Section 209

11.082. Where should the reference be made? To the extent that indications relating to the deposit of biological material are not given in the description, they may be furnished on a separate sheet, for which purpose Form PCT/RO/134 (see WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>) should preferably be used. That separate sheet may be filed after the international application is filed. If the sheet is submitted when the international application is filed, a reference to it should be made in the check list (Box No. IX) contained on the last sheet of the request form (see website address above). Certain designated Offices require that the indications relating to the deposit of biological material must be included in the description at the time of filing (see Annex L) so the sheet, if submitted when the international application is filed, may need to be included as one of the sheets of the description; otherwise the indications given in it will not be taken into account by those Offices in the national phase. If the sheet is furnished to the International Bureau later (see paragraph 11.080), it must be enclosed with a letter. Form PCT/RO/134 may also be prepared using the PCT-SAFE software or ePCT (see paragraph 5.015).

Rule 13bis.7(b)

11.083. How does the applicant decide on the depositary institution with which to deposit the biological material? Each national (or regional) Office whose national law provides for deposits of biological material for the purposes of patent procedure notifies the International Bureau of the depositary institutions with which the national law permits such deposits to be made. Information on the institutions notified by each of those Offices is published by the International Bureau in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*. Annex L indicates the institutions with which deposits may be made.

Rule 13bis.5(c)

11.084. A reference to a deposit cannot be disregarded by a designated Office for reasons pertaining to the institution with which the biological material was deposited if the deposit referred to is one made with a depositary institution notified by that Office. Thus, by consulting the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* (or Annex L), the applicant can

be sure that he has deposited the biological material with an institution which will be accepted by the designated Office.

Rule 13bis.6

11.085. Does a reference in an international application to the deposit of biological material involve the possibility of a sample being obtained by the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority? International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities may not require the furnishing of a sample of deposited biological material for the purposes of international search or international preliminary examination, respectively.

Rule 13bis.6

11.086. What possibility is there, when a reference is made in an international application to the deposit of biological material, of third persons obtaining a sample? The furnishing of samples is governed by the national laws applicable in the designated Offices. Rule 13bis.6, however, provides for the delaying of any furnishing of samples under the national law applicable in each of the designated (or elected) Offices until the start of the national phase, subject to the ending of this “delaying effect” brought about by the occurrence of either of the following two events:

- (i) the applicant has, after international publication of the international application, taken the steps necessary to enter the national phase before the designated Office (see National Phase, paragraph 4.001);
- (ii) international publication of the international application has been effected, and that publication has the same effects, under the national law applicable in the designated Office, as the compulsory national publication of an unexamined national application (in other words, the international application has qualified for the grant of “provisional protection”); for the Contracting States whose national laws provide for “provisional protection,” and the conditions which have to be met for an international application to qualify for that protection, see Annexes B.

11.087. With respect to certain designated Offices (for instance, the European Patent Office), the applicant may take advantage of the procedure whereby, until the occurrence of a certain event, the biological material may be made available only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester. For details, see Annex L.

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11.088. What special requirements apply to nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences disclosed in international applications? See paragraphs 5.099 to 5.104, 7.005 to 7.012, and 10.063. See National Phase, paragraph 6.033 and National Chapters in relation to the national phase.

EXTENSION OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS TO SUCCESSOR STATES OF FORMER CONTRACTING STATES

Rule 32.1(a)

11.089. What is a successor State? A successor State is a State whose territory was, before its independence, part of the territory of a PCT Contracting State that subsequently ceased to exist (the predecessor State), and which (successor State) has deposited with the Director General of WIPO a declaration indicating that the PCT continues to be applicable in that State (“declaration of continuation”). As from the date of the deposit of such a declaration, the successor State may be designated in international applications. Moreover, the effects of international applications filed during a certain period are extended to the successor State.

Rule 32.1(b)

11.090. Which are the international applications whose effects are extended to a successor State? Rule 32 provides that the effects of any international application filed during a certain period are extended to a successor State, irrespective of which States have been designated in the international application. This period, for those successor States whose date of independence is later than the date of the day following the last day of the existence of the predecessor State, begins on the day following the last day of the existence of the predecessor State and ends two months after the date on which the Director General notifies the Governments of the States party to the Paris

Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property of the successor State's declaration of continuation. For those States whose date of independence is earlier than the date of the day following the last day of the existence of the predecessor State, the successor State may, in conjunction with its declaration of continuation, declare that the period referred to above starts on the date of its independence.

Rule 32.1(c)

11.091. **How will an applicant know that the effects of his international application have been extended to a successor State?** Information on any international application whose filing date falls within the applicable period (see paragraph 11.090) and whose effect is extended to the successor State shall be published by the International Bureau in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*.

Rule 32.2

11.092. **What is the effect of an extension?** A successor State is considered as having been designated in the international application on the international filing date. The applicable time limits under Article 22 or 39(1) in relation to that State shall be extended until the expiration of at least six months from the date of the publication of the information under Rule 32.1(c) (see paragraph 11.091). A successor State may fix time limits which expire later than the time limits given in the previous sentence of this paragraph and, if it does so, the International Bureau will publish this information in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*.

11.093. The procedure for extension of the effects of international applications to certain successor States (as explained above) should not be confused with the extension of European patents to States which are bound by the PCT and which have Extension Agreements with the European Patent Organisation (see paragraph 5.054 and Annex B (EP)).

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LICENSING INDICATIONS

11.102. **How can applicants indicate their interest in licensing the invention(s) contained in their international application?** Applicants can file a request to that effect either (and preferably) by completing Form PCT/IB/382 “*Request for indication of availability for licensing purposes*” available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ib/editable/ed_ib382.pdf or by way of a letter addressed to the International Bureau. Details of the licensing terms may also be included in the form or letter. All such requests should be sent directly to the International Bureau which does not charge a fee for this service.

11.103. **When should a request for indication of availability for licensing purposes be filed?** Requests for indication of availability for licensing purposes can be submitted at any time until the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

11.104. **Is it possible to file multiple licensing requests or modify those already filed?** Where applicants file multiple requests or want to modify those already filed, they must ensure their latest request is always a self-contained document, comprising complete information about any requests or modifications.

11.105. **In which language can the request for indication of availability for licensing purposes be filed?** Form PCT/IB/382 will shortly be available in all ten publication languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish) and the International Bureau is ready to accept the request for indication of availability for licensing purposes by way of a letter in any of those languages.

11.106. **How are licensing indications made available?** The processing of the licensing request by the International Bureau generates a statement in the bibliographic data indicating the applicant's interest in concluding licensing agreements. In addition, this is linked to the filed request for indication of availability for licensing purposes (either Form PCT/IB/382 or the letter containing the licensing indications) which is available, under the “Documents” tab, in PATENTSCOPE. Applicants are reminded that if they want to publish licensing indications in relation to their international application at a very

early stage, they should also consider filing a request for early international publication as provided under Article 21(2)(b).

11.107. **Can the licensing indications be removed?** Applicants can request that the International Bureau remove the licensing indications from the “*PCT Bibliographic Data*” tab in PATENTSCOPE at any time during the international or national phase. Once removed, the licensing request and the correspondence remain part of the file history available under the related “*Documents*” tab in PATENTSCOPE.

11.108. **How can you search for international applications for which licensing indications are available?** In addition to being published with the international application to which it relates, the licensing indications are also a search criterion within PATENTSCOPE Search Service <https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/> allowing third parties to identify those applicants who have expressed their interest in licensing the invention(s) contained in their international application. The search criterion can also be used in combination/multi-field searches and RSS feeds.

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- Section 802(a)(ii)
804(b) 11.110. **What is the time limit for submitting observations?** Third party observations may be submitted at any time after the date of publication of the international application and before the expiration of 28 months from the priority date, provided that the application is not withdrawn or considered withdrawn.
- Section 802(a)(i) 11.111. **How should observations be submitted by third parties?** All observations must be submitted through ePCT signing in without strong authentication, either directly or through a link on the bibliographical data tab of the published international application. The use of the system requires a WIPO account (see <https://pct.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/ePCT/public/register.jsf>). Each observation must include at least one citation that refers to a document published before the international filing date, or a patent document having a priority date before the international filing date, together with a brief explanation of how each document is considered to be relevant to the questions of novelty and/or inventive step of the claimed invention. Observations should preferably be accompanied by a copy of each cited document.
- Section 801(b)(i) 11.112. **Can third parties remain anonymous?** Yes, when a third party observation is submitted, the person making the observation may indicate that they wish to remain anonymous.
- Section 802(a)(iii)
804(b) 11.113. **In what languages should observations be submitted?** Observations should be submitted in a language of publication (see paragraph 5.013), with the exception that copies of prior art documents may be in any language.
- Section 804(b) 11.114. **Can the applicant comment on third party observations?** The applicant will be notified about the first published observation, and all subsequent observations will be promptly notified after the expiration of 28 months from the priority date. The applicant may comment on third party observations until the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. These comments must be submitted through ePCT (signing in with strong authentication) or by sending a letter to the International Bureau. The applicant's comments should be submitted in English, French or the language of publication of the international application. The comments will be made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE.
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submitted, it cannot be retracted or modified. There is also an upper limit of ten observations per international application.

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11.116. **How are observations processed?** Each observation will be examined by the International Bureau to determine if it is an observation on the questions of novelty and/or inventive step. It will then be made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE. It should be noted that only the observations and not the uploaded documents are made publicly available. Uploaded documents are only made available to the applicant, the competent International Authorities and designated Offices. If the observation is rejected by the International Bureau, the third party will be notified and provided with a reason.

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11.117. **Will third party observations be taken into account by the International Authorities and designated Offices?** Observations will be transmitted to any competent International Searching Authority, and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority involved in the processing of the application during the international phase, if the International Bureau has not yet received the international search report, supplementary international search report or international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) respectively. To the extent that the observations are received by those Authorities in time to be taken into account in drawing up their respective reports, any prior art referred to in the observations should be considered, provided that either a copy of the prior art is included, or it is otherwise immediately available to the examiner. The observations will also be transmitted to the designated Offices promptly after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. The designated Offices are, however, not obliged to take them into account during national processing.

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DO	Designated Office	PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
EO	Elected Office	Request	Request Form (Form PCT/RO/101)
<i>Guide</i>	<i>PCT Applicant's Guide</i>	RO	Receiving Office
IA	International application	Rule	Rule of the Regulations under the PCT
IB	International Bureau	Section	Section of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT
IPE	International preliminary examination	SIS	Supplementary international search
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Rule 57.2(c)	10.038	Rule 68	10.072	Rule 90.5(d)	5.044, 11.048
Rule 57.3	10.039, 10.042, 10.047	Rule 68.5	10.072	Rule 90.6(a)	11.011
Rule 57.4	10.043	Rule 69.1	10.074, 11.038	Rule 90.6(b)	5.045, 11.012
Rule 58.1(a)	10.035	Rule 69.1(a)	10.051	Rule 90.6(c)	11.012
Rule 58.1(b)	10.039, 10.042, 10.047	Rule 69.1(a)(iii)	10.010	Rule 90.6(d)	11.014
Rule 58.1(c)	10.035, 10.037-10.038	Rule 69.1(b)	10.052	Rule 90.6(e)	11.014
Rule 58.3	10.043	Rule 69.1(c)	10.053	Rule 90bis.1	11.008-11.009, 11.048
Rule 58bis	10.047	Rule 69.1(d)	10.026, 10.054	Rule 90bis.1(c)	9.023A, 11.049
		Rule 69.1(e)	10.026, 10.055		
		Rule 69.2	10.010, 10.074		
		Rule 70	9.001(vii), 10.075		
		Rule 70.2(c)	9.009, 10.070, 11.047		

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A**PCT Contracting States¹****A**

Two-letter code and name of State	Date on which State became bound by the PCT ¹	Two-letter code and name of State	Date on which State became bound by the PCT ¹
AE United Arab Emirates	10 March 1999	DM Dominica	7 August 1999
AG Antigua and Barbuda	17 March 2000	DO Dominican Republic	28 May 2007
AL Albania	4 October 1995	DZ Algeria ²	8 March 2000
AM Armenia ²	25 December 1991	EC Ecuador	7 May 2001
AO Angola	27 December 2007	EE Estonia	24 August 1994
AT Austria	23 April 1979	EG Egypt.	6 September 2003
AU Australia	31 March 1980	ES Spain.	16 November 1989
AZ Azerbaijan	25 December 1995	FI Finland ⁵	1 October 1980
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina.	7 September 1996	FR France ^{2, 6}	25 February 1978
BB Barbados.	12 March 1985	GA Gabon	24 January 1978
BE Belgium.	14 December 1981	GB United Kingdom ⁷	24 January 1978
BF Burkina Faso	21 March 1989	GD Grenada.	22 September 1998
BG Bulgaria.	21 May 1984	GE Georgia ²	25 December 1991
BH Bahrain ²	18 March 2007	GH Ghana	26 February 1997
BJ Benin	26 February 1987	GM Gambia	9 December 1997
BN Brunei Darussalam	24 July 2012	GN Guinea.	27 May 1991
BR Brazil	9 April 1978	GQ Equatorial Guinea	17 July 2001
BW Botswana	30 October 2003	GR Greece.	9 October 1990
BY Belarus ²	25 December 1991	GT Guatemala	14 October 2006
BZ Belize	17 June 2000	GW Guinea-Bissau.	12 December 1997
CA Canada	2 January 1990	HN Honduras	20 June 2006
CF Central African Republic	24 January 1978	HR Croatia.	1 July 1998
CG Congo.	24 January 1978	HU Hungary ²	27 June 1980
CH Switzerland	24 January 1978	ID Indonesia ²	5 September 1997
CI Côte d'Ivoire.	30 April 1991	IE Ireland	1 August 1992
CL Chile ²	2 June 2009	IL Israel	1 June 1996
CM Cameroon	24 January 1978	IN India ²	7 December 1998
CN China ^{3, 4}	1 January 1994	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	4 October 2013
CO Colombia.	28 February 2001	IS Iceland.	23 March 1995
CR Costa Rica.	3 August 1999	IT Italy.	28 March 1985
CU Cuba ²	16 July 1996	JO Jordan	9 June 2017
CY Cyprus	1 April 1998	JP Japan	1 October 1978
CZ Czechia.	1 January 1993	KE Kenya	8 June 1994
DE Germany	24 January 1978	KG Kyrgyzstan ²	25 December 1991
DJ Djibouti	23 September 2016	KH Cambodia.	8 December 2016
DK Denmark	1 December 1978	KM Comoros	3 April 2005

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Two-letter code and name of State	Date on which State became bound by the PCT ¹	Two-letter code and name of State	Date on which State became bound by the PCT ¹
KN Saint Kitts and Nevis . . .	27 October 2005	NZ New Zealand	1 December 1992
KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	8 July 1980	OM Oman ²	26 October 2001
KR Republic of Korea	10 August 1984	PA Panama	7 September 2012
KW Kuwait	9 September 2016	PE Peru	6 June 2009
KZ Kazakhstan ²	25 December 1991	PG Papua New Guinea	14 June 2003
LA Lao People's Democratic Republic ²	14 June 2006	PH Philippines	17 August 2001
LC Saint Lucia ²	30 August 1996	PL Poland ⁵	25 December 1990
LI Liechtenstein	19 March 1980	PT Portugal	24 November 1992
LK Sri Lanka	26 February 1982	QA Qatar ²	3 August 2011
LR Liberia	27 August 1994	RO Romania ²	23 July 1979
LS Lesotho	21 October 1995	RS Serbia ⁹	1 February 1997
LT Lithuania	5 July 1994	RU Russian Federation ²	29 March 1978 ¹⁰
LU Luxembourg	30 April 1978	RW Rwanda	31 August 2011
LV Latvia	7 September 1993	SA Saudi Arabia	3 August 2013
LY Libya	15 September 2005	SC Seychelles	7 November 2002
MA Morocco	8 October 1999	SD Sudan	16 April 1984
MC Monaco	22 June 1979	SE Sweden ⁵	17 May 1978
MD Republic of Moldova ²	25 December 1991	SG Singapore	23 February 1995
ME Montenegro	3 June 2006	SI Slovenia	1 March 1994
MG Madagascar	24 January 1978	SK Slovakia	1 January 1993
MK North Macedonia	10 August 1995	SL Sierra Leone	17 June 1997
ML Mali	19 October 1984	SM San Marino	14 December 2004
MN Mongolia	27 May 1991	SN Senegal	24 January 1978
MR Mauritania	13 April 1983	ST Sao Tome and Principe	3 July 2008
MT Malta ²	1 March 2007	SV El Salvador	17 August 2006
MW Malawi	24 January 1978	SY Syrian Arab Republic	26 June 2003
MX Mexico	1 January 1995	SZ Eswatini	20 September 1994
MY Malaysia ²	16 August 2006	TD Chad	24 January 1978
MZ Mozambique ²	18 May 2000	TG Togo	24 January 1978
NA Namibia	1 January 2004	TH Thailand ²	24 December 2009
NE Niger	21 March 1993	TJ Tajikistan ²	25 December 1991
NG Nigeria	8 May 2005	TM Turkmenistan ²	25 December 1991
NI Nicaragua	6 March 2003	TN Tunisia ²	10 December 2001
NL Netherlands ⁸	10 July 1979	TR Turkey	1 January 1996
NO Norway ⁵	1 January 1980	TT Trinidad and Tobago	10 March 1994
		TZ United Republic of Tanzania	14 September 1999
		UA Ukraine ²	25 December 1991

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Two-letter code and name of State	Date on which State became bound by the PCT ¹	Two-letter code and name of State	Date on which State became bound by the PCT ¹
UG Uganda	9 February 1995	VN Viet Nam	10 March 1993
US United States of America ^{11, 12}	24 January 1978	WS Samoa ²	2 January 2020
UZ Uzbekistan ²	25 December 1991	ZA South Africa ²	16 March 1999
VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ²	6 August 2002	ZM Zambia	15 November 2001
		ZW Zimbabwe	11 June 1997

(Total: 153 States)

¹ All PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II of the PCT relating to the international preliminary examination.

² With the declaration provided for in PCT Article 64(5).

³ Applies also to Hong Kong, China with effect from 1 July 1997.

⁴ Not applicable to Macau, China.

⁵ With the declaration provided for in PCT Article 64(2)(a)(ii).

⁶ Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

⁷ The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the Isle of Man with effect from 29 October 1983, to the territory of Gibraltar with effect from 1 January 2021 [and to the territory of the Bailiwick of Guernsey with effect from 23 March 2021](#).

⁸ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist on 10 October 2010. As from that date, the PCT continues to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten. The PCT also continues to apply to the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba which, with effect from 10 October 2010, have become part of the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.

⁹ Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from 3 June 2006.

¹⁰ Date of ratification of the Soviet Union, continued by the Russian Federation as from 25 December 1991.

¹¹ With the declarations provided for in PCT Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

¹² Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AE****UNITED ARAB EMIRATES****AE****General information**

Name of Office:	International Center for Patent Registration , Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)
Location and mailing address:	P.O. Box 3625, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Saeed Street, Dubai, United Arab Emirates P.O. Box 901, Liwa Tower , Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Telephone:	Dubai: (971-4) 14 15 81, 14 15 60 Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 613 14 02
Facsimile machine:	Dubai: (971-4) 385 10 77, 358 13 13 Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 626 36 34
E-mail:	icpr@economy.ae
Internet:	www.economy.gov.ae
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the United Arab Emirates:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C(IB))
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the United Arab Emirates is designated (or elected):	International Center for Patent Registration , Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates) (see National Phase)
May the United Arab Emirates be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of the United Arab Emirates concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AE****UNITED ARAB EMIRATES****AE***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if the United Arab Emirates is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the United Arab Emirates is
designated (or elected):Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the
invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AG****ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA****AG****General information**

Name of Office:	Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)
Location and mailing address:	Hewlett House, St. John's Street, Saint John's, Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda
Telephone:	(1-268) 562 54 40
Facsimile machine:	(1-268) 562 54 38
E-mail:	abipco@antigua.gov.ag
Internet:	https://abipco.gov.ag
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is Federal Express, Parcel Plus or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected):	Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)
May Antigua and Barbuda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility model certificates
Provisions of the law of Antigua and Barbuda concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AG****ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA****AG***[Continued]***Information of interest if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected)**Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or
elected):Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time
limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite
the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit
fixed in the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AL****ALBANIA****AL****General information**

Name of Office:	Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Pronësisë Industriale General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)
Location and mailing address:	Bulevardi “Zhan D’Ark”, Prona Nr. 33, Shtëpia e Ushtarakëve, Tirana, Albania
Telephone:	(355-42) 234 412
Facsimile machine:	(355-42) 234 412
E-mail:	mailinf@dppm.gov.al
Internet:	www.dppm.gov.al
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or TNT
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Albania:	General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Albania is designated (or elected):	National protection: General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania) (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Albania be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Albania concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AL****ALBANIA****AL***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Any international application designating Albania which has been published under PCT Article 21 shall give rise to the same rights as those which the Albanian law provides for the compulsory national publication of unexamined national applications as such. Provisional protection shall be effective as from the date on which an Albanian translation of the claims of the international application is published by the Office (Art. 27, Albanian Industrial Property Law).

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

(1) the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages: the applicant has the right to seek compensation reasonable in the circumstances for any infringement, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met (see Articles 67 and 153(4) EPC);¹ or

(2) the international application is published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages (see Article 153(4) EPC and Article 82(1), Albanian Industrial Property Law).

Information of interest if Albania is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Albania is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent – See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

¹ For further details on the national law relating to the EPC see www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html in particular, "Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication pursuant to Article 93 EPC (Article 67 EPC)" and "Translations for obtaining provisional protection".

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AM****ARMENIA****AM****General information**

Name of Office:	Mtavor Sepakanutyan Grasenyak Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia
Location and mailing address:	Republic Square , Government House 3, 0010 Yerevan, Armenia
Telephone:	(374-11) 59 75 34, 59 75 30
Facsimile machine:	(374-10) 54 34 67
E-mail:	armpat@aipa.am
Internet:	www.aipa.am
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Armenia:	Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia, Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Inventions made in Armenia
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Armenia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia (see National Phase) Eurasian patent: Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (see National Phase)
May Armenia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, short-term patents Eurasian: Patents
Provisions of the law of Armenia concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AM****ARMENIA****AM***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Armenia is designated (or elected)**For national protection**Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Armenia is designated (or elected):Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiry of the time limit under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

For a Eurasian patent — See Eurasian Patent Organization (EA) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AO****ANGOLA****AO****General information**

Name of Office:	Instituto Angolano da Propriedade Industrial Angolan Institute of Industrial Property
Location and mailing address:	Largo 17 de Setembro, Edifício Palácio de Vidro, nº 7, 4º Andar, Ala Esquerda, Caixa Postal 3840, Luanda-Marginal, Angola
Telephone:	(244-222) 04 49 91, (244-922) 40 49 36
E-mail:	iapi1992@iapi.gov.ao
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Angola:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Angola is designated (or elected):	Angolan Institute of Industrial Property
May Angola be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of Angola concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Angola is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Angola is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AT****AUSTRIA****AT****General information**

Name of Office:	Österreichisches Patentamt Austrian Patent Office
Location and mailing address:	Dresdner Straße 87, A-1200 Wien, Austria
Telephone:	(43-1) 53424-0 (43-1) 53424-450 (PCT services)
E-mail:	pct@patentamt.at (for all PCT matters relating to specific international applications)
Internet:	www.patentamt.at
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Austria:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Austria is designated (or elected):	National protection: Austrian Patent Office (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Austria be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, patents of addition, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent) European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Austria concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AT****AUSTRIA****AT***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

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

The applicant may, from the date of publication of the international application, claim payment of an indemnity from any person who, without being entitled to do so, uses the subject of the application. If the application is not published in German, this right commences from the date of publication of a translation of the international application into German submitted to the Austrian Patent Office.

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

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met.

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

Information of interest if Austria is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Austria is designated (or elected):

Indications not required

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AU****AUSTRALIA****AU****General information**

Name of Office:	Australian Patent Office
Location:	Discovery House, 47 Bowes Street, Phillip, Canberra A.C.T. 2606, Australia
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 200, Woden, A.C.T. 2606, Australia
Telephone:	1300 65 10 10 (local) (61-2) 6283 2999 (international)
E-mail:	pct@ipaustalia.gov.au
Internet:	www.ipaustalia.gov.au/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make national and international applications filed in electronic form available to the WIPO DAS ¹
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Australia:	Australian Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Australia is designated (or elected):	Australian Patent Office (see National Phase)
May Australia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Australia concerning international-type search:	Regulation 3.14A of the Patents Regulations

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¹ For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS, see <https://www.ipaustalia.gov.au/patents/applying-patent/international-application-process/applying-international-application/priority-document-access-service-das>

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Provisional protection after international publication:

The applicant enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 56A of the Patents Act 1990 and Regulation 4.4 of the Patents Regulations (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted)

Information of interest if Australia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Australia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or must be furnished within two months from the date of invitation

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AZ****AZERBAIJAN****AZ****General information**

Name of Office:	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Əqli Mülkiyyət Agentliyi Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Location and mailing address:	Government House, U. Hajibeyli 84, AZ 1000 Baku, Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(994-12) 493 39 44, 493 66 87
Facsimile machine:	(994-12) 498 10 28, 498 10 29
E-mail:	info@copat.gov.az
Internet:	www.copat.gov.az
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Azerbaijan:	Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications containing State secrets
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Azerbaijan is designated (or elected):	National protection: Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (see National Phase) Eurasian patent: Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (see National Phase)

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¹ Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Patents, Article 25.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****AZ****AZERBAIJAN****AZ***[Continued]*

May Azerbaijan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
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Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models
	Eurasian: Patents

Provisions of the law of Azerbaijan concerning international-type search:	None
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Provisional protection after international publication:	None
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Information of interest if Azerbaijan is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Azerbaijan is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within the time limit fixed in the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No
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For a Eurasian patent — See Eurasian Patent Organization (EA) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BA****BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA****BA****General information**

Name of Office:	Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Location and mailing address:	<p>Head Office: Kneza Domagoja bb, 88000 Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Branch Offices: Banja Luka: Akademika Jovana Surutke 13/III, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Sarajevo: Bulevar Meše Selimovića 95, Lamela C, 3 sprat, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>
Telephone:	<p>Head Office: (387-36) 33 43 81</p> <p>Branch Offices: (387-51) 22 68 40 (Banja Luka) (387-33) 65 27 65 (Sarajevo)</p>
Facsimile machine:	<p>Head Office: (387-36) 31 84 20</p> <p>Branch Offices: (387-51) 22 68 41 (Banja Luka) (387-33) 65 27 57 (Sarajevo)</p>
E-mail:	info@ipr.gov.ba
Internet:	www.ipr.gov.ba
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile and e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 15 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is a recognized delivery service
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Bosnia and Herzegovina:	Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Bosnia and Herzegovina is designated (or elected):	<p>National protection: Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina (see National Phase)</p> <p>Extension of European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)</p>
May Bosnia and Herzegovina be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BA****BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA****BA***[Continued]*

Types of protection available via the PCT:	National:	Patents, consensual patents
	European:	Extended European patents

Provisions of the law of Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning international-type search:	None
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Provisional protection after international publication:	None
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Information of interest if Bosnia and Herzegovina is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Bosnia and Herzegovina is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)
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For extension of a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2, Summary (EP) and National Chapters EP and BA

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BB****BARBADOS****BB****General information**

Name of Office:	Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)
Location and mailing address:	Ground Floor BAOBAB Tower, Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
Telephone:	(1-246) 535 24 01 , 535 24 02
Facsimile machine:	(1-246) 535 24 44
E-mail:	general@caipo.gov.bb
Internet:	www.caipo.gov.bb
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Barbados:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C(IB))
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Barbados is designated (or elected):	Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados) (see National Phase)
May Barbados be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Barbados concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Barbados is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Barbados is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BE****BELGIUM****BE****General information**

Name of Office:	Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Belgique) Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)
Location and mailing address:	Atrium C, Rue du Progrès 50, B-1210 Bruxelles, Belgium
Telephone:	(32-2) 277 90 11
Facsimile machine:	(32-2) 277 52 62
E-mail:	opridie-tech@economie.fgov.be
Internet:	https://economie.fgov.be/fr/themes/propriete-intellectuelle/institutions-et-acteurs/office-belge-de-la-propriete
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Belgium:	European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Belgium is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Belgium be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Belgium concerning international-type search:	Article XI.23, paragraph 10 of the Code of Economic Law

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¹ Nationals or residents of Belgium or legal persons having a principal place of business in Belgium must file an international application which may be of interest for national defense or security with the Intellectual Property Office (Belgium).

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Provisional protection after international publication:

Designation for the purposes of a European patent:

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met.

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

**Information of interest if Belgium is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2**

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BF****BURKINA FASO****BF****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Burkina Faso:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Burkina Faso is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Burkina Faso be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BG****BULGARIA****BG****General information**

Name of Office:	Patentno vedomstvo na Republica Bulgaria Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	
Location and mailing address:	52B, Dr. G.M. Dimitrov Blvd., 1040 Sofia, Bulgaria	
Telephone:	(359-2) 970 13 21	
Facsimile machine:	(359-2) 873 52 58	
E-mail:	services@bpo.bg	
Internet:	www.bpo.bg	
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine	
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents	
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission	
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes	
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No	
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Bulgaria:	Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)	
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Bulgaria is designated (or elected):	National protection:	Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria (see National Phase)
	European patent:	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Bulgaria be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)	
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in parallel with a national patent)
	European:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Bulgaria concerning international-type search:	Article 68(2) of the Law on Patents and Utility Model Registration	

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¹ A resident of Bulgaria may file an international application directly with the European Patent Office or with the International Bureau of WIPO three months after an application for a patent for the same invention has been filed at the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria and the latter application has been classified by the defense authorities of Bulgaria as not being of a confidential nature.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BG****BULGARIA****BG***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
The international application made available to the public shall obtain temporary protection, under paragraphs (1) and (2) of PCT Article 29, as from the day on which the issue of the Official Bulletin of the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria containing the announcement of the publication of the Bulgarian translation of the international application has come out.

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

The European application made available to the public shall obtain temporary protection under Art. 67(1) of the European Patent Convention, as from the day of publication of the issue of the Official Bulletin of the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria containing the announcement of the publication of the Bulgarian translation of the European application (see Art. 72b(3) of the Law on Patents and Utility Model Registration).

Information of interest if Bulgaria is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Bulgaria is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within three months from the date of invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BH****BAHRAIN****BH****General information**

Name of Office:	National Patent Office (Bahrain)
Location:	Bahrain Financial Harbour, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 5479, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
Telephone:	(973-17) 57 48 96, 57 49 23, 57 47 69
Facsimile machine:	(973-17) 53 64 79
E-mail:	ip@moic.gov.bh
Internet:	www.moic.gov.bh
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is Aramex, DHL, Federal Express or TNT
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Bahrain:	National Patent Office (Bahrain) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Bahrain is designated (or elected):	National Patent Office (Bahrain) (see National Phase)
May Bahrain be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought in addition to a national patent)
Provisions of the law of Bahrain concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Bahrain is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Bahrain is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BJ****BENIN****BJ****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Benin:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Benin is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Benin be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BN****BRUNEI DARUSSALAM****BN****General information**

Name of Office:	Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)
Location and mailing address:	D & T Building, Simpang 32-37, Anggerek Desa Technology Park, Jalan Berakas BB3713, Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(673) 238 09 66
Facsimile machine:	(673) 238 05 45
E-mail:	enquiries@bruipo.gov.bn
Internet:	www.energy.gov.bn/bruipo/Home.aspx
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	Only documents that do not require payment of any official fees
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam:	Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or elected):	Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)
May Brunei Darussalam be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Brunei Darussalam concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BN****BRUNEI DARUSSALAM****BN***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or
elected):May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the
invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BR****BRAZIL****BR****General information**

Name of Office:	Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)
Location and mailing address:	Rua Mayrink Veiga, 9, 6º andar, Centro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ – CEP 20.090-910, Brazil
Telephone:	(55-21) 3037 37 42, 3037 42 44
Facsimile machine:	(55-21) 3037 33 98
E-mail:	—
Internet:	https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br http://faleconosco.inpi.gov.br/faleconosco/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Brazil:	National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Brazil is designated (or elected):	National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) (see National Phase)
May Brazil be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of Brazil concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Brazil is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Brazil is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request or furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BW****BOTSWANA****BW****General information**

Name of Office:	Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) (Botswana)
Location:	Plot 181, Kgale Mews , Gaborone, Botswana
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 102, Gaborone, Botswana
Telephone:	(267) 318 87 54, 367 37 00
Facsimile machine:	(267) 318 81 30
E-mail:	feedback@cipa.co.bw
Internet:	www.cipa.co.bw
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, without invitation
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Botswana:	Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) (Botswana), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Botswana is designated (or elected):	National protection: Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) (Botswana) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Botswana be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility model certificates ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Botswana concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BW****BOTSWANA****BW***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Botswana is designated (or elected)**For national protection**Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Botswana is designated (or elected):Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of
receipt of the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

**For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
(AP) in Annex B2**

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BY****BELARUS****BY****General information**

Name of Office:	Natsionalny Tsentr Intellektualnoi Sobstvennosti National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)
Location and mailing address:	20, ul. Kozlova, 220034 Minsk, Belarus
Telephone:	(375-17) 272 46 96
Facsimile machine:	(375-17) 272 98 34
E-mail:	icd@ncip.by ncip@ncip.by
Internet:	www.ncip.by
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, Federal Express or TNT
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Belarus:	National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus), Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by natural or legal persons having a residence or principal place of business in Belarus
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Belarus is designated (or elected):	National protection: National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) (see National Phase) Eurasian patent: Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)(see National Phase)
May Belarus be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models Eurasian: Patents
Provisions of the law of Belarus concerning international-type search:	None

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¹ Law on Patents for Inventions, Utility Models and Industrial Designs, Article 32.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BY****BELARUS****BY***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Russian or, if the international application was filed in Russian, of a copy of the application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a Eurasian patent:
After the international publication (if in Russian) or, where that publication was in a language other than Russian, after the publication by the EAPO of the translation into Russian of the international application, the applicant is entitled to provisional protection in conformity with the national legislation.

Information of interest if Belarus is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Belarus is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a Eurasian patent — See Eurasian Patent Organization (EA) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BZ****BELIZE****BZ****General information**

Name of Office:	Belize Intellectual Property Office
Location and mailing address:	23 Garbutt Creek Street, P.O. Box 592, Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize
Telephone:	(501-8) 22 13 81, 22 20 73
Facsimile machine:	(501-8) 22 13 82
E-mail:	belipo@btl.net info@belipo.bz
Internet:	www.belipo.bz
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Belize:	Belize Intellectual Property Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Belize is designated (or elected):	Belize Intellectual Property Office (see National Phase)
May Belize be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Belize concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Belize is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Belize is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No
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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CA****CANADA****CA****General information**

Name of Office:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office
Location:	50 Victoria Street, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada K1A 0C9
Mailing address:	The Commissioner of Patents, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Place du Portage I, 50 Victoria Street, Room C-114, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada, K1A 0C9 (Courier J8X 3X1)
Telephone:	(1-866) 997 19 36 (toll-free Canada and US) (1-819) 934 05 44 (international)
Facsimile machine:	(1-819) 953 24 76, (1-819) 953 67 42
E-mail:	ic.contact-contact.ic@canada.ca
Online services:	https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr01970.html (general correspondence)
Internet:	www.cipo.gc.ca
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Canada:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Canada is designated (or elected):	Canadian Intellectual Property Office (see National Phase)
May Canada be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Canada concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CA****CANADA****CA***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

After the patent is granted, the applicant is entitled to claim, pursuant to subsection 55(2) of the Patent Act of Canada and section 157 of Canada's Patent Rules, reasonable compensation for the period after the international publication of the international application and before the grant of the patent if the publication is in English or French. If the publication is in another language, such claim may be made from the laying open in Canada of the translation of the international application into English or French.

Information of interest if Canada is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Canada is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the information is not furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or, where the applicant requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), if the information is not furnished by the national phase entry date, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within three months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CF****CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC****CF****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Central African Republic:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Central African Republic is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Central African Republic be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CG****CONGO****CG****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Congo:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Congo is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Congo be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CH****SWITZERLAND****CH****General information**

Name of Office:	Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle (Suisse) Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
Location and mailing address:	Stauffacherstrasse 65/59g, CH-3003 Bern, Switzerland
Telephone:	(41-31) 377 77 77
E-mail:	info@ipi.ch
Internet:	www.ige.ch
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Switzerland:	Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Switzerland is designated (or elected):	National protection: Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Switzerland be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Switzerland concerning international-type search:	Sections 126 and 127 of the 1978 Patent Regulations

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CH****SWITZERLAND****CH***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

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

The published international patent application gives the applicant, after the granting of the patent, the right to bring an action for damages. The injured party may invoke the damages caused by the defendant as from the time at which the latter became aware of the contents of the international application, but at the latest as from the date of publication of the application by the International Bureau (Law of 25 June 1954, as amended on 17 December 1976, Sec. 137 in relation with Sec. 111).

If the international application has not been published in a Swiss official language, the date to be taken into consideration for the claim of damages is that on which the applicant communicated to the defendant a translation of the claims in a Swiss official language, or made the translation available to the public through the intermediary of the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (Law of 25 June 1954, as amended on 17 December 1976, Sec. 137 in relation with Sec. 112).

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

The published international application gives the applicant, after the granting of the European patent, the right to bring an action for damages; however, any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application must be met.

Information of interest if Switzerland is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Switzerland is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1); however, continuation of the procedure may be requested in case of failure to observe that time limit.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CI****CÔTE D'IVOIRE****CI****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Côte d'Ivoire:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Côte d'Ivoire is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Côte d'Ivoire be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CL****CHILE****CL****General information**

Name of Office:	Instituto Nacional de Propiedad Industrial (INAPI) National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)
Location and mailing address:	Av. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 194, Piso 1, Santiago, Chile
Telephone:	(56-2) 28 87 05 51
E-mail:	pct@inapi.cl
Internet:	www.inapi.cl
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Chile:	National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Chile is designated (or elected):	National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)
May Chile be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents or utility models
Provisions of the law of Chile concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	An international application designating Chile benefits from provisional protection as from the date on which the alleged infringer is notified, provided that a patent is eventually granted.

Information of interest if Chile is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Chile is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CM****CAMEROON****CM****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cameroon:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cameroon is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Cameroon be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CN****CHINA****CN****General information**

Name of Office:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)
Location and mailing address:	6 Xituchenglu, Jimen Bridge, Haidian District, P.O. Box 8020, Beijing 100088, China
Telephone:	(86-10) 62 35 66 55 (customer service) (86-10) 62 08 84 76 (PCT international phase matters) (86-10) 62 08 83 00 (PCT national phase matters)
Facsimile machine:	(86-10) 62 01 94 51 (PCT international phase matters)
E-mail:	pct_affairs@cnipa.gov.cn
Internet:	www.cnipa.gov.cn
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS ¹
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of China:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ² restrict the filing of international applications with the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Inventions made in China

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¹ For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS, see www.cnipa.gov.cn/zhfwpt/zlscclcgfw/yxqwjdzjh/syzy/index.htm.

² Patent Law of the People's Republic of China, Articles 4 and 20 and Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China, Rules 8 and 9.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CN****CHINA****CN***[Continued]*

Competent designated (or elected) Office if China is designated (or elected):	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) (see National Phase) ³
May China be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of China concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	<p>(1) International application published in Chinese: the applicant has the right provided under Article 13 of the Patent Law to the requirement of the payment of an appropriate fee for the exploitation of the invention from the date of international publication.</p> <p>(2) International application published in a language other than Chinese: the applicant has the right provided under Article 13 of the Patent Law to the requirement of the payment of an appropriate fee for the exploitation of the invention from the date of publication in the Chinese Patent Gazette of a translation into Chinese of the international application submitted by the applicant to the Office.</p>

Information of interest if China is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if China is designated (or elected):	The indication of the inventor's address is not required by the Office. The name may be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

³ The designation of China in any international PCT application includes the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). For details about the procedure before the Intellectual Property Department of the HKSAR for the grant of a standard patent or a short-term patent in the HKSAR, see paragraphs CN.16 to CN.19 of the National Chapter CN, National Phase, *PCT Applicant's Guide*. Location and mailing address of the IPD of the HKSAR: 25th Floor, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong (SAR), China; tel: (852) 2961 6315, fax: (852) 2838 6276.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CO****COLOMBIA****CO****General information**

Name of Office:	Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)
Location and mailing address:	Cra. 13 No. 27-00 Piso 1, 3, 5, 10, Bogotá, D. C., Colombia
Telephone:	(57-1) 587 00 00
Facsimile machine:	(57-1) 587 02 84
E-mail:	dirmuecreaciones@sic.gov.co (general enquiries) ePCT@sic.gov.co (enquiries concerning ePCT)
Internet:	www.sic.gov.co
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, DEPRISA or 4-72
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Colombia:	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Colombia is designated (or elected):	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) (see National Phase)
May Colombia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a patent)
Provisions of the law of Colombia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CO****COLOMBIA****CO***[Continued]***Information of interest if Colombia is designated (or elected)**

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Colombia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CR****COSTA RICA****CR****General information**

Name of Office:	Registro de la Propiedad Intellectual Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)
Location and mailing address:	Apartado Postal 523-2010 Zapote, San José, Costa Rica
Telephone:	(506) 2234 1537, 2202 0885
Facsimile machine:	(506) 2234 1537
E-mail:	vcohen@rnp.go.cr jlizano@rnp.go.cr dmarenco@rnp.go.cr
Internet:	www.rnpdigital.com/propiedad_industrial/index.htm
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Costa Rica:	Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Costa Rica is designated (or elected):	Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)
May Costa Rica be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Costa Rica concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CR****COSTA RICA****CR***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

After a patent has been granted, the applicant is entitled to damages for the period following the international publication of the international application. For that purpose, and if the international publication has not been effected in Spanish, the applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Spanish. The provisional protection applies as from the date of publication in Spanish of the international application. See Article 11 of the Law No. 6867 of 13 June 1983 on Patents, Industrial Designs and Utility Models.

Information of interest if Costa Rica is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Costa Rica is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CU****CUBA****CU****General information**

Name of Office:	Oficina Cubana de la Propiedad Industrial Cuban Industrial Property Office
Location and mailing address:	Calle Picota No. 15 entre Luz y Acosta, La Habana Vieja, La Habana 10100, Cuba
Telephone:	(537) 862 43 79, 862 43 95, 866 05 57, 866 05 59
Facsimile machine:	(537) 866 56 10
E-mail:	ocpi@ocpi.cu
Internet:	www.ocpi.cu
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cuba:	Cuban Industrial Property Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cuba is designated (or elected):	Cuban Industrial Property Office (see National Phase)
May Cuba be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Cuba concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Cuba is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Cuba is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CY****CYPRUS****CY****General information**

Name of Office:	Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Corner Makarios Ave. and Karpenisiou St., 1427 Nicosia, Cyprus
Telephone:	(357-22) 404 301, 404 302
Facsimile machine:	(357-22) 304 887
E-mail:	deptcomp@drcor.meci.gov.cy
Internet:	www.intellectualproperty.gov.cy
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cyprus:	Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cyprus is designated(or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Cyprus be elected?	Yes (bound by chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Cyprus concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Cyprus is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

¹ A national of Cyprus may file directly with the European Patent Office or with the International Bureau of WIPO only if priority based on a national application is claimed.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CZ****CZECHIA****CZ****General information**

Name of Office:	Úřad průmyslového vlastnictví Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic
Location and mailing address:	Antonína Čermáka 2a, 160 68 Praha 6, Czechia
Telephone:	(420) 220 383 111 (operator service) (420) 220 383 459 (PCT Department)
Facsimile machine:	(420) 224 324 718
E-mail:	posta@upv.cz
Internet:	https://upv.gov.cz/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Czechia:	Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Czechia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Czechia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent) European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Czechia concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CZ****CZECHIA****CZ***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
Under Section 11(4) of the Patent Law the applicant is entitled to appropriate remuneration only after publication of the international application in the Czech language.

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

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met (see Section 35a(4) of the Patent Law).

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

Information of interest if Czechia is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Czechia is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****DE****GERMANY****DE****General information**

Name of Office:	Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt German Patent and Trade Mark Office
Location:	Zweibrückenstrasse 12, 80331 München, Germany
Mailing address:	80297 München, Germany
Telephone:	(49-89) 2195-0 (49-89) 2195-1000 (Customer Care and Services)
Facsimile machine:	(49-89) 2195-2221
E-mail:	info@dpma.de
Internet:	www.dpma.de
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Germany:	German Patent and Trade Mark Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications containing State secrets ¹
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Germany is designated (or elected):	National protection: German Patent and Trade Mark Office (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Germany be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

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¹ Act on International Patent Conventions, Article III, Section 2 and Patent Act, Section 52.

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Types of protection available via the PCT:	National:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent)
	European:	Patents

Provisions of the law of Germany concerning international-type search:	None
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Provisional protection after international publication:	<p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: The applicant may, from the date of publication in German (of the international application or of a translation thereof), claim from any person who uses the subject of the application, although he knew or should have known that the invention used by him was the subject of the application, compensation appropriate to the circumstances. The applicant is not entitled to enjoin the use of the subject of the application. However, no claim for compensation is provided for if the subject of the application is obviously unpatentable (see Section 33 of the Patent Act [PatG] and Article III Section 8 of the Act on International Patent Conventions [IntPatÜbkG]).</p> <p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:</p> <p>(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation appropriate to the circumstances, on condition that the national requirements (that a German translation of the claims in the application be published or transmitted to a possible user) have been met (see Art. II, Sections 1 and 2 of the Act on International Patent Conventions).</p> <p>(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the translation of the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages and the national requirements referred to in (1) are met.</p>
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Information of interest if Germany is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Germany is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****DE****GERMANY****DE***[Continued]*

Are there special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and what are the effects of these provisions?

Article III, Section 4(4) of the [Act](#) on International Patent [Conventions](#) provides that the filing of an international application designating Germany and claiming the priority of an earlier national patent application or utility model application filed with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office shall have the result that the earlier national application is deemed withdrawn upon entry into the national phase of the international application. However, this will only take effect if the national application whose priority is claimed relates to the same kind of protection as the international application (e.g. patent/patent). Pursuant to Article III, Section 4(2) of the [Act](#) on International Patent [Conventions](#), the international application enters into the national phase without further action by the applicant, provided the German Patent and Trade Mark Office is both receiving Office and designated Office and the international application has been filed in the German language. In this case, the [national](#) filing fee is deemed paid by payment of the transmittal fee (Article III, Section 4(2), last sentence of the [Act](#) on International Patent [Conventions](#)). Consequently, if the applicant wants to avoid the withdrawal of the earlier national application, pursuant to PCT Rule 4.9(b), he may exclude Germany from the automatic designation or may consider withdrawing the designation of Germany subsequent to the filing of the international application but before entry into the national phase.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****DJ****DJIBOUTI****DJ****General information**

Name of Office:	Office djiboutien de la propriété industrielle et commerciale (ODPIC) Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)
Location:	Plateau du Serpent, Avenue Mohamed Dileita, Immeuble Lyautey, Ville de Djibouti, Djibouti
Mailing address:	BP 2017, Ville de Djibouti, Djibouti
Telephone:	(253) 21 35 60 11
Facsimile machine:	(253) 21 35 60 92
E-mail:	dj.epct@odpic.dj
Internet:	www.odpic.net
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Djibouti:	Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Djibouti is designated (or elected):	Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) (see National Phase)
May Djibouti be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, certificates of addition

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****DJ****DJIBOUTI****DJ***[Continued]*

Provisions of the law of Djibouti concerning international-type search:	None
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Provisional protection after international publication:	None
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Information of interest if Djibouti is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Djibouti is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)
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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****DK****DENMARK****DK****General information**

Name of Office:	Patent-og Varemærkestyrelsen Danish Patent and Trademark Office
Location and mailing address:	Helgeshøj Allé 81, DK-2630 Taastrup, Denmark
Telephone:	(45-43) 50 80 00
Facsimile machine:	(45-43) 50 80 01
E-mail:	pvs@dkpto.dk
Internet:	www.dkpto.org
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile and e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Denmark:	Danish Patent and Trademark Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Denmark is designated (or elected):	National protection: Danish Patent and Trademark Office (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Denmark be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

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¹ Patents Act, Section 70 and the Consolidate Secret Patents Act, [Section 2](#).

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****DK****DENMARK****DK***[Continued]*

Types of protection available via the PCT:	National:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent)
	European:	Patents

Provisions of the law of Denmark concerning international-type search:	Section 9 of the Patents Act and Sections 4 and 37 of the Order
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Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: After the furnishing of a translation into Danish or, if the international application was filed in Danish, of a copy of the international application as filed, or if the international application is filed in English or translated into English when the claims have been filed in Danish, the applicant is given provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act.
	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Danish of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Section 83(2) of the Patents Act).

Information of interest if Denmark is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Denmark is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)
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For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****DO****DOMINICAN REPUBLIC****DO****General information**

Name of Office:	Oficina Nacional de la Propiedad Industrial (ONAPI) National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)
Location and mailing address:	Ave. Los Próceres, No. 11, Los Jardines del Norte, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Telephone:	(809) 567 74 74 (extensions 3451, 3454)
Facsimile machine:	(809) 732 77 58
E-mail:	i.ramirez@onapi.gob.do r.nunez@onapi.gob.do l.castillo@onapi.gob.do
Internet:	www.onapi.gob.do
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, Federal Express, INPOSDOM or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic:	National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Dominican Republic is designated (or elected):	National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)
May the Dominican Republic be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents of invention, utility models
Provisions of the law of the Dominican Republic concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****DO****DOMINICAN REPUBLIC****DO***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if the Dominican Republic is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Dominican Republic is designated
(or elected):Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the
invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****DZ****ALGERIA****DZ****General information**

Name of Office:	Institut national algérien de la propriété industrielle Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property
Location:	42, rue Larbi ben M'hidi Algiers, Algeria
Mailing address:	B.P. 403, Alger-Gare, Algeria
Telephone:	(213-21) 73 57 74
Facsimile machine:	(213-21) 73 55 81, 73 96 44
E-mail:	e-pct@inapi.dz
Internet:	www.inapi.org
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, for any other document
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or EMS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Algeria:	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Algeria is designated (or elected):	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property (see National Phase)
May Algeria be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of Algeria concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after international publication:	None
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Information of interest if Algeria is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Algeria is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No
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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****EC****ECUADOR****EC****General information**

Name of Office:	Servicio Nacional de Derechos Intelectuales (SENADI) National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)
Location and mailing address:	Unidad de Gestión de Patentes , Edificio FORUM 300, Avenida República # 396 y Diego de Almagro, Quito, Ecuador
Telephone:	(593-2) 394 00 00, 394 00 01 to 10
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	senadi.ec@gmail.com (general enquiries) pct@senadi.gob.ec (PCT enquiries)
Internet:	www.derechosintelectuales.gob.ec
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Ecuador:	National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Ecuador is designated (or elected):	National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador) (see National Phase)
May Ecuador be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Ecuador concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****EC****ECUADOR****EC***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Ecuador is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Ecuador is designated (or elected):May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****EE****ESTONIA****EE****General information**

Name of Office:	Patendiamet Estonian Patent Office
Location and mailing address:	Toompuiestee 7, 15041 Tallinn, Estonia
Telephone:	(372) 627 79 00, 627 79 11 (reception)
Facsimile machine:	(372) 645 79 12
E-mail:	patendiamet@epa.ee
Internet:	www.epa.ee
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Estonia:	Estonian Patent Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Estonia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Estonian Patent Office (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Estonia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a patent) European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Estonia concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****EE****ESTONIA****EE***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

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

An invention being the subject of a published international patent application designating Estonia shall confer provisional protection as provided for in the Patent Act (Section 18) as from the date on which the Estonian Patent Office publishes the translation into the Estonian language of the international patent application furnished by the applicant in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Patent Act or, if the applicant seeks an earlier date, from the date on which a translation of the claims of the published international patent application into the Estonian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Estonia, or as from the date on which the said translation has been made available to the public by the Office, where the translation was communicated to the Office and the fee prescribed for the publication of the translation was paid.

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

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: an invention being the subject of a published European patent application designating Estonia shall confer the same provisional protection as provided for in the Patent Act (Section 18) as from the date on which a translation of the claims of the published European patent application into the Estonian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Estonia, or as from the date on which the said translation has been made available to the public by the Estonian Patent Office, where the translation was communicated to the Office and the fee prescribed for the publication of the translation was paid.

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its languages.

Information of interest if Estonia is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Estonia is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within the time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****EG****EGYPT****EG****General information**

Name of Office:	Egyptian Patent Office
Location:	101 Kasr Al Ainy St., Cairo, Egypt
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 11516, Cairo, Egypt
Telephone:	(202) 792 22 03, 792 12 72, 792 12 92, 792 12 74
Facsimile machine:	(202) 792 12 73
E-mail:	patinfo@egypo.gov.eg
Internet:	www.egypo.gov.eg
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Egypt:	Egyptian Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Egypt is designated (or elected):	Egyptian Patent Office (see National Phase)
May Egypt be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Egypt concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Egypt is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Egypt is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ES****SPAIN****ES****General information**

Name of Office:	Oficina Española de Patentes y Marcas Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Location and mailing address:	Paseo de la Castellana 75, 28071 Madrid, Spain
Telephone:	(34) 902 157 530
Facsimile machine:	(34-91) 349 55 97
E-mail:	informacion@oepm.es
Internet:	www.oepm.es
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS ¹
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Spain:	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ² restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Inventions made in Spain ³ Applications by residents ³

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¹ For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS, see www.oepm.es.

² Law No. 24/2015 of July 24, 2015, on Patents, Art. 163.

³ Unless priority of an earlier application filed at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office is claimed.

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Competent designated (or elected) Office if Spain is designated (or elected):	National protection: Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (see National Phase)
	European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Spain be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Spain concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	<p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:</p> <p>After a patent has been granted, the applicant is entitled to reasonable compensation for the period following the international publication of the international application. For that purpose, and if the international publication has not been effected in Spanish, the applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Spanish. The provisional protection applies as from the date of publication of the international application in Spanish by the Office.</p> <p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:</p> <p>After the international publication (if in Spanish) or, where that publication was in a language other than Spanish, after the publication by the Office of a translation into Spanish of the claims of the European patent application submitted by the applicant in view of provisional protection and accompanied by a special fee, compensation reasonable in the circumstances may be requested. The translation of the claims into Spanish cannot be filed before the international application has entered the European regional phase and the mention of the international publication has been published in the <i>European Patent Bulletin</i>. If the applicant does not reside in Spain or in a country of the European Union, the translation must be either prepared by a patent attorney entitled to practice before the Office, or certified by a sworn translator appointed by the Ministry of External Affairs of Spain. In addition, persons who declare to have linguistic and technical knowledge in accordance with the Ministerial Order ETU/320/2018 of March 26, 2018 may also prepare the translation</p>

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ES****SPAIN****ES***[Continued]***Information of interest if Spain is designated (or elected)****For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Spain is designated (or elected):

The indication of the address of the inventor is not required by the Office. The name may be indicated in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****FI****FINLAND****FI****General information**

Name of Office:	Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)
Location:	Sörnäisten rantatie 13 C, Helsinki, Finland
Mailing address:	FI-00091 PRH, Finland
Telephone:	(358) (0)29 509 50 00
Facsimile machine:	(358) (0)29 509 53 28
E-mail:	registry@prh.fi
Internet:	www.prh.fi/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS ¹
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Finland:	European Patent Office (EPO), Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ² restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents

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¹ For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS, see www.prh.fi/fi/patentit/patentointi_ulkomailla/etuoikeus/das.html

² Act on Inventions of Importance to the Defence of the Country (551/1967), Section 2.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****FI****FINLAND****FI***[Continued]*

Competent designated (or elected) Office if Finland is designated (or elected):	National protection: Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Finland be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent) European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Finland concerning international-type search:	Section 9 of the Finnish Patent Law and Section 5 of the Patent Decree
Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Finnish or Swedish or, if the international application was filed in Finnish or Swedish, a copy of the international application as filed or, if the application or translation was filed in English a translation of the claims into Finnish or Swedish, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patent Law. Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Finnish (or into Swedish if the applicant's own language is Swedish) of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent.

Information of interest if Finland is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Finland is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****FR****FRANCE****FR****General information**

Name of Office:	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (France) National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)
Location and mailing address:	15 rue des Minimes, CS50001, 92677 Courbevoie Cedex, France
Telephone:	01 56 65 89 98 (national calls) (33) 1 71 08 71 63 (international calls)
Facsimile machine:	(33) 1 56 65 86 00
E-mail:	contact@inpi.fr
Internet:	www.inpi.fr
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS ¹
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of France:	National Institute of Industrial Property (France), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ² restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by natural or legal persons having a residence or principal place of business in France ³
Competent designated (or elected) Office if France is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May France be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents

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Provisions of the law of France concerning international-type search:

None (but the search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO) on national applications is equivalent to an international-type search)

Provisional protection after international publication:

Designation for the purposes of a European patent:

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: damages, possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent; however, the court hearing the infringement action stays proceedings until the patent is granted; any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application must be met.

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

**Information of interest if France is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2**

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GA****GABON****GA****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Gabon:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Gabon is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Gabon be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GB****UNITED KINGDOM****GB****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office ¹ (United Kingdom)
Location and mailing address:	Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales NP10 8QQ, United Kingdom. Filings by hand may additionally be made at: ² 3 rd Floor, 10 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0NB, United Kingdom
Telephone:	(44-1633) 81 45 86 (for international applications) (44-1633) 81 40 00 (operator service) (44-3000) 20 00 15 (Minicom number for deaf or hard of hearing) 0300 300 2000 (within the United Kingdom)
E-mail:	pct@ipo.gov.uk (for PCT enquiries only) information@ipo.gov.uk (for general enquiries only)
Internet:	www.gov.uk/government/organisations/intellectual-property-office
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail ³
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make national applications filed in electronic form available to the WIPO DAS ⁴

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¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

² The London address should be used for hand filings only. All postal correspondence must be sent to the Newport address.

³ The following address should be used for the filing of documents by e-mail: paperformcontingency@ipo.gov.uk

⁴ For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS see, www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-file-documents-with-the-intellectual-property-office.

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the United Kingdom:	Intellectual Property Office ⁵ (United Kingdom), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ⁶ restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents ⁷
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the United Kingdom is designated (or elected):	National protection: Intellectual Property Office ⁵ (United Kingdom) (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May the United Kingdom be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents European: Patents
Provisions of the law of the United Kingdom concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: See Sections 89, 89A and 89B of the Patents Act 1977. The publication of the international application in English by the International Bureau of WIPO, or of the translation into English by the Intellectual Property Office ⁵ (United Kingdom), gives the applicant generally the same right as he would have had, if the patent had been granted on the date of publication of the application or of the translation, to bring proceedings in the court or before the Comptroller for damages in respect of any act which would have infringed a patent. However, such proceedings may only be brought after grant of the patent. Section 89B(3), in addition, gives effect to the option specified in PCT Article 29(2)(iii).

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⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ Patents Act 1977, Section 23.

⁷ In most cases, a United Kingdom resident may file an application direct at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO. However, restrictions apply where the application contains information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to United Kingdom national security or the safety of the public. In these cases, a United Kingdom resident may only file such an application direct at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO: (i) after having obtained written authorization from the Office; or (ii) after an application for a patent for the same invention has been filed at the Office and not less than six weeks have elapsed without the Comptroller of the Office giving a direction prohibiting publication or communication of the invention. These restrictions do not apply to an application for a patent for an invention for which an application for a patent has first been filed in a country outside the United Kingdom by a person resident outside the United Kingdom. Further details can be obtained from the Office: Security Section, Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8QQ; tel: (44-1633) 81 35 58.

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Provisional protection after international publication (*cont'd*):

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

See Sections 78(7) and 79(3) of the Patents Act 1977.

(1) International application published in English: the right referred to above applies once the application has been published by the International Bureau of WIPO.

(2) International application published in French or German: the right referred to in paragraph (1) does not become effective until a translation into English of the claims has been filed at, and published by, the Intellectual Property Office⁸ (United Kingdom) and the prescribed fee paid, or unless the applicant has supplied the infringer, before the infringing act occurred, with a translation into English of the claims.

(3) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the right referred to above does not become effective until the EPO republishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages except that if the EPO republishes the application in French or German, paragraph (2) applies.

Information of interest if the United Kingdom is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United Kingdom is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or must be furnished within 33 months from the priority date

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

⁸ See footnote 1.

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GE****GEORGIA****GE****General information**

Name of Office:	Sakartvelos Intelektualuri Sakutrebis Erovnuli Tsentri National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)
Location and mailing address:	5, Antioch Str., 3300 Mtskheta, Georgia
Telephone:	(995-32) 225 25 33
Facsimile machine:	(995-32) 298 84 26
E-mail:	info@sakpatenti.org.ge
Internet:	www.sakpatenti.gov.ge
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 30 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS ¹
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Georgia:	National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Georgia is designated (or elected):	National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI) (see National Phase)
May Georgia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Georgia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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¹ For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS, see www.sakpatenti.gov.ge/en/.

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Information of interest if Georgia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Georgia is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirements within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GH****GHANA****GH****General information**

Name of Office:	Registrar General's Department (Ghana)
Location:	Opposite the Ghana Newsagency Building, Accra, Ghana
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 118, Accra, Ghana
Telephone:	(233-21) 666 469, 666 081, 664 691-3
Facsimile machine:	(233-21) 662 043, 665 363, 667 609
E-mail:	regengh@ncs.com.gh
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application, a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application, a power of attorney or a deed of assignment No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, Express Mail Service or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Ghana:	Registrar General's Department (Ghana), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Ghana is designated (or elected):	National protection: Registrar General's Department (Ghana) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Ghana be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility certificates ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Ghana concerning international-type search:	Section 19(1) of the Patent Law, 1992 (PNDCL 305A)

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GH****GHANA****GH***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

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

Section 26 of the Patent Law, 1992, provides that the relief specified in Section 59 of that Law may be requested in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date of international publication under PCT Article 21, provided the international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, these provisions shall apply, provided the applicant had transmitted an English translation of said international publication to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the infringer after he had received the translation.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an ARIPO patent:

None

Information of interest if Ghana is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Ghana is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GM****GAMBIA****GM****General information**

Name of Office:	Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)
Location and mailing address:	Marina Parade, Banjul, Gambia
Telephone:	(220) 422 84 50, 422 86 65, 314 10 05
E-mail:	info@moj.gov.gm colleyabdoulie@yahoo.com
Internet:	www.moj.gov.gm
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Gambia:	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Gambia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May the Gambia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of the Gambia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if the Gambia is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Gambia is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

**For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property
Organization (AP) in Annex B2**

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GN****GUINEA****GN****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Guinea:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Guinea is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Guinea be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GQ****EQUATORIAL GUINEA****GQ****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Equatorial Guinea:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Equatorial Guinea is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Equatorial Guinea be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GR****GREECE****GR****General information**

Name of Office:	Οργανισμός Βιομηχανικής Ιδιοκτησίας (OBI) Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)
Location and mailing address:	5 Gianni Stavroulaki St., Paradissos Amaroussiou, 15125 Athens, Greece
Telephone:	(30-210) 618 36 67, 618 35 08
Facsimile machine:	(30-210) 681 92 31
E-mail:	info@obi.gr
Internet:	www.obi.gr
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Greece:	Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by nationals ²
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Greece is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Greece be elected?	Yes (bound by chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Greece concerning international-type search:	None

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¹ Presidential Decree No. 16/1991 Implementing Regulations of the Patent Cooperation Treaty as ratified by Law No. 1883/1990, Article 3, par. 2 and Law No. 4325/1963 on the Inventions Concerning the National Defence, Art. 1 and 2.

² Unless the priority of an earlier application filed in Greece is claimed.

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Provisional protection after international publication:

Designation 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 in a translation into one of its official languages furnished to it, the applicant may, as from the date of publication in the Greek Industrial Property Official Gazette of a notification that a translation into Greek of the claims has been filed with the OBI, obtain damages and possibly the description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent and anything used in the making thereof.

**Information of interest if Greece is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2**

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GT****GUATEMALA****GT****General information**

Name of Office:	Registro de la Propiedad Intelectual Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)
Location and mailing address:	7a. Avenida 7-61 zona 4, primer nivel, Guatemala Ciudad, 01004, Guatemala
Telephone:	(502) 232 470 70 ext. 109, 105
E-mail:	rpi@rpi.gob.gt
Internet:	www.rpi.gob.gt
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Guatemala:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Guatemala is designated (or elected):	Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)
May Guatemala be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Guatemala concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Guatemala is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Guatemala is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GW****GUINEA-BISSAU****GW****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Guinea-Bissau:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Guinea-Bissau is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Guinea-Bissau be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****HN****HONDURAS****HN****General information**

Name of Office:	Dirección General de Propiedad Intelectual Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)
Location and mailing address:	Edificio anexo San José, Boulevard Kuwait, 3er piso, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Telephone:	(504) 235 52 79, 235 52 97
Facsimile machine:	(504) 239 72 90
E-mail:	patentes@ip.gob.hn camilo.bendeck@ip.gob.hn
Internet:	https://www.ip.gob.hn
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine or e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Honduras:	Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Honduras is designated (or elected):	Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)
May Honduras be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Honduras concerning international-type search:	Decree No. 12-99E of the Industrial Property Law of 18 December 1999 and Decree No. 16-2006 of the Implementation of Free Trade Treaty Law of 15 March 2006
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Honduras is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Honduras is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****HR****CROATIA****HR****General information**

Name of Office:	Državni zavod za intelektualno vlasništvo State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	
Location and mailing address:	Ulica grada Vukovara 78, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia	
Telephone:	(385-1) 6106 100	
Facsimile machine:	(385-1) 6112 017	
E-mail:	info@dziv.hr	
Internet:	www.dziv.hr	
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No	
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No	
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No	
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Croatia:	State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)	
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Croatia is designated (or elected):	National protection:	State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) (see National Phase)
	European patent:	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Croatia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)	
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National:	Patents, utility models
	European:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Croatia concerning international-type search:	None	

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Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
The applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Croatian. The provisional protection (see Article 95 of the Patent Law) applies as from the date of the publication of the translation of the international application in the Official Gazette of the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) (see Article 59 of the Patent Law).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an extended European patent:

A published European patent application shall provisionally confer the protection as conferred by a published national patent application under Article 95 of the Patent Law as from the date on which a translation of the published European patent application into the Croatian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Croatia.

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

A published European patent application shall provisionally confer the protection as conferred by a published national patent application under Article 95 of the Patent Law as from the date on which a translation of the published European patent application into the Croatian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Croatia.

Information of interest if Croatia is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Croatia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within **two months from the date of receipt of the invitation** or to furnish not later than four months from the date of entry into the national phase a statement that the inventor wishes not to be named.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent – See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****HU****HUNGARY****HU****General information**

Name of Office:	Szellemi Tulajdon Nemzeti Hivatala Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)
Location:	II. János Pál pápa tér 7, 1081 Budapest, Hungary
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 415, 1438 Budapest, Hungary
Telephone:	(36-1) 312 44 00
Facsimile machine:	(36-1) 474 55 34
E-mail:	sztnh@hipo.gov.hu
Internet:	www.hipo.gov.hu
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Hungary:	Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Hungary is designated (or elected):	National protection: Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Hungary be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent) European: Patents

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Provisions of the law of Hungary concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
The international application made available to the public shall obtain temporary protection, under paragraphs (1) and (2) of PCT Article 29, as from the day on which the issue of the Official Gazette of the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) containing the announcement of the publication of the Hungarian translation of the international application has come out. This date, until the contrary is proved, is the day of publication indicated in the Official Gazette. On the basis of the temporary protection, the applicant may, however, proceed against the unauthorized exploitation of the invention but the procedure shall be suspended until a decision of legal force is made for the grant of a patent.

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

The provisional protection shall be effective in Hungary as from the day on which the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) publishes an announcement of the filing of the translation of the claims into Hungarian.

Information of interest if Hungary is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Hungary is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later but must be given within 31 months from the priority date. This requirement can also be fulfilled within three months from the last day of the said time limit subject to the payment of an additional fee provided for under the national law. If not complied with within the prescribed time limits, the international application shall have no effect in Hungary.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ID****INDONESIA****ID****General information**

Name of Office:	Direktorat Jenderal Kekayaan Intelektual Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)
Location and mailing address:	Jl. H.R. Rasuna Said Kav. 8-9, Jakarta Selatan 12940, Indonesia
Telephone:	(62-21) 5790 5611 (Patents), 5790 5619 (Sec)
E-mail:	patent.administration@gmail.com
Internet:	www.dgip.go.id
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is CV Titipan Kilat, DHL, Elteha, Federal Express or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Indonesia:	Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Indonesia is designated (or elected):	Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) (see National Phase)
May Indonesia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Indonesia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Indonesia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Indonesia is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IE****IRELAND****IE****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of Ireland
Location and mailing address:	Government Buildings, Hebron Road, Kilkenny, R95 H4XC, Ireland
Telephone:	(353-56) 772 01 11
Facsimile machine:	(353-56) 772 01 00
E-mail:	ipinfo@ipoi.gov.ie
Internet:	www.ipoi.gov.ie
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Ireland:	Intellectual Property Office of Ireland, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Ireland is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Ireland be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Ireland concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	Designation for the purposes of a European patent: (1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met. (2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

Information of interest if Ireland is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2¹

¹ Applicants of an international application designating Ireland for a European patent may request the Controller, within 31 months from the priority date, that the international application be treated as an application for a patent in Ireland under Part II of the Patents Act 1992 (refer to Section 127A of the Patents Act 1992 enacted by the Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019, effective from 2 December 2019 and Rule 87A of the Patents (Amendment) Rules 2019, S.I. 589/2019).

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IL****ISRAEL****IL****General information**

Name of Office:	Israel Patent Office
Location and mailing address:	The Technology Park, Bldg. 5, Malcha, Jerusalem 96951, Israel
Telephone:	(972-73) 392 73 13, 392 73 20
E-mail:	pctoffice@justice.gov.il
Internet:	https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ilpo
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents except the international application
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS ¹

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¹ Further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS will be available shortly at: www.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IL****ISRAEL****IL***[Continued]*

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Israel:	Israel Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation restrict the filing of international applications with the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by nationals ² Applications by residents ²
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Israel is designated (or elected):	Israel Patent Office (see National Phase)
May Israel be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Israel concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Israel is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Israel is designated (or elected):	Not required. If the applicant desires that the name of the inventor be published on acceptance and registered in the Register of Patents, he should notify the Office on or before receipt of the Notice before Acceptance.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

² Patent applicants are referred to Article 98 of Israel Patents Laws, 5727-1967, that states as follows: "An Israel national, a permanent resident of Israel or any other person who owes allegiance to the State shall not submit any application abroad for a patent for an invention the subject of which is weaponry or ammunition, or which is otherwise of military value, or for an invention with which section 95 deals, and shall not—directly or indirectly—cause a said application to be submitted, unless one of the following applies: (i) he received written permission from the minister of Defense in advance; (ii) he submitted an application in respect of that invention in Israel and within six months after that application was submitted, the Minister of Defense did not make an order on it under Section 94, or he made such an order, but it is no longer in effect."

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IN****INDIA****IN****General information**

Name of Office:	Indian Patent Office (Kolkata, New Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai)
Location and mailing address:	<p>Indian Patent Office Kolkata, Intellectual Property Office Building, CP-2, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 091, India</p> <p>Indian Patent Office Delhi, Intellectual Property Office Building, Sector-14, Plot No. 32, Dwarka, New Delhi 110 075, India</p> <p>Indian Patent Office Chennai, Intellectual Property Office Building, G.S.T. Road, Guindy, Chennai 600 032, India</p> <p>Indian Patent Office Mumbai, Intellectual Property Office Building, S.M. Road, Near Antop Hill Head Post Office, Mumbai 400 037, India</p>
Telephone:	<p>Kolkata: (91-33) 23 67 19 87, 23 67 50 91</p> <p>New Delhi: (91-11) 25 30 02 00, 25 30 03 35 (PCT Section)</p> <p>Chennai: (91-44) 22 50 20 80, 22 50 20 60</p> <p>Mumbai: (91-22) 24 15 36 51, 24 14 81 61</p>
Facsimile machine:	<p>Kolkata: (91-33) 23 67 19 88</p> <p>New Delhi: (91-11) 28 03 43 01</p> <p>Chennai: (91-44) 22 50 20 66</p> <p>Mumbai: (91-22) 24 13 03 87</p>
E-mail:	<p>Kolkata: kolkata-patent@nic.in</p> <p>New Delhi: delhi-patent@nic.in patentin-pct@nic.in (PCT Section)</p> <p>Chennai: chennai-patent@nic.in</p> <p>Mumbai: mumbai-patent@nic.in</p>
Internet:	www.ipindia.nic.in
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IN****INDIA****IN***[Continued]*

Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?

Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of India:

Indian Patent Office (Kolkata, New Delhi, Chennai or Mumbai¹) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)

Does national legislation² restrict the filing of international applications with the International Bureau of WIPO?

Yes, filing restrictions apply to:
Applications by residents³

Competent designated (or elected) Office if India is designated (or elected):

Indian Patent Office (Kolkata, New Delhi, Chennai or Mumbai¹) (see National Phase)

May India be elected?

Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

Types of protection available via the PCT:

Patents, patents of addition

Provisions of the law of India concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

None

Information of interest if India is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if India is designated (or elected):

Within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

¹ Depending on the residence or place of business of the applicant (or of the first applicant if there are several applicants), the place from where the invention actually originated or the address for service, within the territorial jurisdiction of the appropriate Office in accordance with the Patents Rules 2003, Rule 4.

² Patents Act, Section 39.

³ Unless a written permit, requested on Form 25 along with the prescribed fee (see www.ipindia.nic.in/writereaddata/portal/ipoforumupload/1_11_1/fees.pdf) has been granted by the Controller or unless an application for a patent for the same invention has been made in India and at least six weeks have elapsed without any direction having been given by the Controller prohibiting publication or communication of the same.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IR****ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN****IR****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Location and mailing address:	3, Phayazbakhsh Str., Khayam Str., Imam Khomeini Square, Tehran 11146-78111, Islamic Republic of Iran
Telephone:	(98-21) 6674 1035
Facsimile machine:	(98-21) 6670 0867
E-mail:	irpct@ssaa.ir
Internet:	http://iripo.ssaa.ir/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran:	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Islamic Republic of Iran is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran) (see National Phase)
May the Islamic Republic of Iran be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if the Islamic Republic of Iran is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Islamic Republic of Iran is
designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished within the time limit
applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IS****ICELAND****IS****General information**

Name of Office:	Hugverkastofan Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)
Location and mailing address:	Engjateigi 3, IS-105 Reykjavík, Iceland
Telephone:	(354) 580 94 00
E-mail:	hugverk@hugverk.is isipo@isipo.is
Internet:	www.hugverk.is www.isipo.is
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, TNT or other express delivery company which provides a proof of receipt
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Iceland:	Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Iceland is designated (or elected):	National protection: Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Iceland be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Iceland concerning international-type search:	Section 9 of the Icelandic Patent Act and Section 25 of the Regulation Concerning Patent Applications

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IS****ICELAND****IS***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the abstract and claims into Icelandic gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that, upon grant of the patent, he is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patent Act.

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

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Icelandic of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Section 83 of the Patent Act).

Information of interest if Iceland is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Iceland is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within the time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IT****ITALY****IT****General information**

Name of Office:	Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi Italian Patent and Trademark Office
Location and mailing address:	19, via Molise, 00187 Roma, Italy
Telephone:	(39-06) 4705-5800
Facsimile machine:	(39-06) 4705-5632
E-mail:	uibm.pct@mise.gov.it
Internet:	www.uibm.gov.it
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents except the international application
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS ¹
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Italy:	Italian Patent and Trademark Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ² restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents ³

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¹ For applications filed with the Office on or after 1 October 2018.

² Legislative Decree No. 30 of 10 February 2005, Article 198(1).

³ Unless the international application claims the priority of a national application filed in Italy more than 90 days previously and such application has not been made subject of the official secrets regulation.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IT****ITALY****IT***[Continued]*

Competent designated (or elected) Office if Italy is designated (or elected):	National protection: ⁴ Italian Patent and Trademark Office (see National Phase)
	European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Italy be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: ⁴ Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent)
	European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Italy concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	<p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: An international application designating Italy which has been published under PCT Article 21 confers provisional protection, as provided for in Article 55 c.1-<i>bis</i> of the Italian Industrial Property Code, as from the date on which the owner of the application made available to the public, through the Italian Patent and Trademark Office, a translation of the application into Italian language, or from the date on which the owner of the application notified the alleged infringer directly of the translation.</p> <p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: After publication by the EPO of the international application in a translation into one of its official languages furnished to it, the applicant may, as from the date on which a translation into Italian of the claims is made available to the public or communicated to the user, obtain damages and possibly the description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent and anything used in the making thereof.</p>

Information of interest if Italy is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Italy is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent – See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

⁴ For international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****JO****JORDAN****JO****General information**

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)
Location:	Queen Noor Street, Amman 11181, Jordan
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 2019, Amman 11181, Jordan
Telephone:	(962) 65 629 030 ext. 325 or 326
Facsimile machine:	(962) 65 682 331
E-mail:	Zuhair.b@mit.gov.jo Maysa.Al-Saby@mit.gov.jo
Internet:	www.mit.gov.jo
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Jordan:	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Jordan is designated (or elected):	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) (see National Phase)
May Jordan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Jordan concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Jordan is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Jordan is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****JP****JAPAN****JP****General information**

Name of Office:	Tokkyocho Japan Patent Office (JPO)
Location and mailing address:	3-4-3 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8915, Japan
Telephone:	(81-3) 3592 13 08
Facsimile machine:	(81-3) 3501 06 59 (PCT Affairs) (81-3) 3501 68 03 (filing of documents)
E-mail:	PA1A31@jpo.go.jp
Internet:	www.jpo.go.jp/e/index.html
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	Only documents needed to receive an international filing date under PCT Article 11
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided the delivery service satisfies the prescribed criteria and is approved by the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, under the Japanese Law Concerning Correspondence Delivery Provided by Private-Sector Operators. A list of approved delivery services (in Japanese) is available at the following web site: www.soumu.go.jp/yusei/tokutei_g.html
Does the Office excuse delays in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication (PCT Rule 82 ^{quarter} .2(a))?	Yes, the Office excuses a delay in meeting a time limit where such delay is caused by the special maintenance or unavailability of permitted electronic means of communication at the Office ¹ , provided that the duration of such maintenance or unavailability is at least 24 hours, and that the respective action is performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication became available. ²
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make national applications available to the WIPO DAS ³

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¹ Information concerning maintenance and unavailability of the JPO online filing software is available at: http://dl-sv1.pcinfo.jpo.go.jp/docs/error/server_status.html

² For the relevant notification by the Office refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 17 September 2020, page 191.

³ For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS, see <https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/process/shutugan/yusen/das/index.html>

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****JP****JAPAN****JP***[Continued]*

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Japan:	Japan Patent Office (JPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Japan is designated (or elected):	Japan Patent Office (JPO) (see National Phase)
May Japan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Japan concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	The applicant is entitled to the rights analogous to those provided under Section 65 of the Patent Law from the time of the international publication of the international application if the international publication is in Japanese and from the time of the publication of a Japanese translation by the Japan Patent Office (JPO) if the international publication is in a language other than Japanese (see Sec. 184-10 of the Patent Law).

Information of interest if Japan is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Japan is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation (see the Summary).
Are there special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and what are the effects of these provisions?	Articles 41 and 42 of the Japan Patent Law and Articles 8 and 9 of the Japan Utility Model Law provide that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of Japan and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in Japan shall have the result that the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn after the expiration of 16 months ⁴ from the filing date of that earlier application. If the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid this effect, the designation of Japan will have to be withdrawn before the expiration of 16 months ⁴ from the filing date of that earlier application, in order to avoid automatic withdrawal of the earlier-filed national application.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

⁴ The period is applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2015. The period is 15 months for international applications filed before 1 April 2015.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KE****KENYA****KE****General information**

Name of Office:	Kenya Industrial Property Institute
Location:	KIPI Centre, 17 Kabarsiran Avenue, Off Waiyaki Way, Lavington, Nairobi, Kenya
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 51648-00200, Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone:	(254-20) 600 22 10, 600 22 11, 600 63 26, 600 63 29, 600 63 36, 238 62 20 (254-70) 200 20 20, (254-73) 600 20 20 (mobile phone)
E-mail:	info@kipi.go.ke
Internet:	www.kipi.go.ke
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Sky Courier International
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Kenya:	Kenya Industrial Property Institute, ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Kenya is designated (or elected):	National protection: Kenya Industrial Property Institute (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Kenya be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Kenya concerning international-type search:	Section 43 of the Industrial Property Act, 2001

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KE****KENYA****KE***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Relief may be sought in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date on which international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, relief may be sought provided that the applicant had transmitted an English translation of the international publication to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the latter after he had received the translation.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an ARIPO patent: None

Information of interest if Kenya is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Kenya is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KG****KYRGYZSTAN****KG****General information**

Name of Office:	Kyrgyz Respublikasynyn Ministrler Cabinetine karashtuu Intellektualdyk Menchik jana Innovacialar Mamlekettik Agenttik (Kyrgyzpatent) State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)	
Location and mailing address:	62, Moskovskaya Street, Bishkek 720021, Kyrgyzstan	
Telephone:	(996-312) 68 08 19, 68 10 71	
Facsimile machine:	(996-312) 68 17 03	
E-mail:	info@patent.kg inter@patent.kg	
Internet:	http://patent.kg	
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine	
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents	
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents	
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL	
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Kyrgyzstan:	State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent), Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)	
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Kyrgyzstan is designated (or elected):	National protection:	State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent) (see National Phase)
	Eurasian patent:	Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (see National Phase)
May Kyrgyzstan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)	
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models Eurasian: Patents	
Provisions of the law of Kyrgyzstan concerning international-type search:	None	

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¹ Applicants may file with the Eurasian Patent Office or with the International Bureau only if the national security provisions allow filing of patent applications abroad.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KG****KYRGYZSTAN****KG***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Kyrgyzstan is designated (or elected)**For national protection**Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Kyrgyzstan is designated (or elected):Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of
receipt of the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

For a Eurasian patent — See Eurasian Patent Organization (EA) in Annex B2

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KH**Information on Contracting States****CAMBODIA****B1**
KH**General information**

Name of Office:	Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) (Cambodia)
Location and mailing address:	45 Preah Norodom Boulevard, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Telephone:	(855) 12 841 882, 12 982 382
Facsimile machine:	(855) 23 428 263
E-mail:	adm_dip@yahoo.com
Internet:	www.misti.gov.kh
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile or e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application. No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents.
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is a recognized delivery service
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cambodia:	Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) (Cambodia) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cambodia is designated (or elected):	Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) (Cambodia)
May Cambodia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models European: Validation of European patents ¹
Provisions of the law of Cambodia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Cambodia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Cambodia is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of one month from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

¹ For international applications filed on or after 1 March 2018 (see OJ EPO 2/2018, A16).

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KM****COMOROS****KM****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Comoros:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Comoros is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May the Comoros be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KN****SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS****KN****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis)
Location and mailing address:	1 st Floor, The Cable Building, Cayon Street, Basseterre, Saint Kitts, Saint Kitts and Nevis
Telephone:	(1-869) 467 19 77, 467 19 78
Facsimile machine:	(1-869) 465 50 40, 465 24 82
E-mail:	iposkn@gmail.com
Internet:	www.ipo.gov.kn
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis:	Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Saint Kitts and Nevis is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis)
May Saint Kitts and Nevis be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility certificates
Provisions of the law of Saint Kitts and Nevis concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Saint Kitts and Nevis is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Saint Kitts and Nevis is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KP****DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA****KP****General information**

Name of Office:	Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Location and mailing address:	Kinmaul Dong No. 1, Pipha Street, Moranbong District Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Telephone:	(850-2) 381 85 44
Facsimile machine:	(850-2) 381 44 10
E-mail:	io520@star-co.net.kp
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine and e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No. Only the original power of attorney document must be furnished within three months from the filing date of the international application
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea:	Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is designated (or elected):	Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (see National Phase)
May the Democratic People's Republic of Korea be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, inventors' certificates, petty inventors' certificates, petty patents
Provisions of the law of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	Yes. From such time as a translation has been made available to the public, by laying open for public inspection as provided under Article 57 of the Law on Inventions.

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KP	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KP

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**Information of interest if the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
is designated (or elected)**

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Democratic People's Republic
of Korea is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT
Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply
with the requirement within a time limit of **two** months from the date
of invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KR****REPUBLIC OF KOREA****KR****General information**

Name of Office:	Teukheocheong Korean Intellectual Property Office
Location and mailing address:	Government Complex-Daejeon, 189 Cheongsu-ro, Seo-gu, Daejeon 35208, Republic of Korea
Telephone:	(82-42) 481 87 70 (RO) (82-42) 481 57 41 (ISA, IPEA)
Facsimile machine:	(82-42) 472 34 73 (RO) (82-42) 481 85 78 (ISA, IPEA)
E-mail:	kipopct@korea.kr (RO) isa.kipo@korea.kr (ISA, IPEA)
Internet:	www.kipo.go.kr
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents except the translation to be furnished under PCT Article 22 or 39
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes ¹
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make national applications available to the WIPO DAS ²
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Republic of Korea:	Korean Intellectual Property Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ³ restrict the filing of international applications with the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents ⁴

*[Continued on next page]*¹ See also Annexes D and E.² For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS see, <https://www.patent.go.kr/smart/jsp/ka/menu/support/main/WipoAccessCodeHelp.do>.³ Patent Act, Art. 41.⁴ Applies to applications which may be of interest for national defense.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KR****REPUBLIC OF KOREA****KR***[Continued]*

Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Republic of Korea is designated (or elected):

Korean Intellectual Property Office (see National Phase)

May the Republic of Korea be elected?

Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

Types of protection available via the PCT:

Patents, utility models

Provisions of the law of the Republic of Korea concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

After the applicant has filed a translation of the international application into Korean and paid the national fee, the translation will be laid open for public inspection. The applicant may, after the laying open of the application and following a warning by the applicant in the form of a document describing the contents of the invention claimed in the application, require a person who has commercially worked the invention, after the warning but before the registration of the patent right, to pay in compensation a sum of money equivalent to what he would normally be entitled to receive for the working of the invention if it were a patented invention.

Information of interest if the Republic of Korea is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Republic of Korea is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and what are the effects of these provisions?

Article 56 of the Korean Patent Law provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of the Republic of Korea and claims the priority of an earlier national application for the grant of a patent or a utility model having effect in the Republic of Korea shall have the result that the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn 15 months after the filing date of the earlier national patent application, provided that this shall not apply where that earlier application falls under any of the following subparagraphs: (i) where the earlier application has been abandoned, invalidated or withdrawn; (ii) where a decision or a trial decision to grant or refuse a patent or a utility model registration has become final and conclusive; or (iii) where priority claims based on the earlier application concerned have been withdrawn. If the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid this effect, pursuant to PCT Rule 4.9(b), the applicant may exclude the Republic of Korea from the automatic designation or, with respect to the earlier national patent application, may consider to withdraw the designation of the Republic of Korea subsequently to the filing of the international application but before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KW****KUWAIT****KW****General information**

Name of Office:	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)
Location:	KIPCO Tower, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 2944, Safat 13030, Kuwait
Telephone:	(965) 66 62 36 63
Facsimile machine:	(965) 22 94 33 53
E-mail:	mansouralnzhani@gmail.com patent.department@moci.gov.kw eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com
Internet:	www.moci.gov.kw
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile and e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 90 days from the date of the invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Kuwait:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Kuwait is designated (or elected):	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) (see National Phase)
May Kuwait be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Kuwait concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Kuwait is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Kuwait is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the indications concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 90 days from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KZ****KAZAKHSTAN****KZ****General information**

Name of Office:	Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty (UZMI) (Kazakstan Respublikasy) National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)
Location and mailing address:	Mangilik Yel Avenue 57A , 010000 Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
Telephone:	(7-7172) 62 15 15, 62 15 16, 62 15 91
E-mail:	kazpatent@kazpatent.kz
Internet:	www.kazpatent.kz www.adilet.gov.kz
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Express Post
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Kazakhstan:	National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan), Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	No ²
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Kazakhstan is designated (or elected):	National protection: National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) (see National Phase) Eurasian patent: Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (see National Phase)
May Kazakhstan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models Eurasian: Patents

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¹ Law on Patents of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 427-I of 16 July 1999 (as amended up to Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 161-VI of 20 June 2018), Article 37.

² Filing restrictions no longer apply with effect from 20 June 2018.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****KZ****KAZAKHSTAN****KZ***[Continued]*

Provisions of the law of Kazakhstan
concerning international-type search:Article 22(7) of the Patent Law

Provisional protection after
international publication:None

Information of interest if Kazakhstan is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Kazakhstan is designated (or elected):Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiry of the time limit under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the
invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?Yes (see Annex L)

For a Eurasian patent — See Eurasian Patent Organization (EA) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LA****LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC****LA****General information**

Name of Office:	Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
Location and mailing address:	Nahaidyao Road, Chanthabouly District, P.O. Box 2279, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic
Telephone:	(856-21) 213 470 ext 154
Facsimile machine:	(856-21) 213 472
E-mail:	dip.laopdr@gmail.com kkeobounphanh@yahoo.co.uk saybandith30@gmail.com
Internet:	http://dip.gov.la
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, EMS, Federal Express or TNT
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C(IB))
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Lao People's Democratic Republic is designated (or elected):	Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
May the Lao People's Democratic Republic be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of the Lao People's Democratic Republic concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

**Information of interest if the Lao People's Democratic Republic
is designated (or elected)**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Lao People's Democratic Republic is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LC****SAINT LUCIA****LC****General information**

Name of Office:	Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia)
Location and mailing address:	2nd Floor, Hewanorra House, Trou Garnier Financial Centre, Pointe Seraphine, Castries, Saint Lucia
Telephone:	(1-758) 468 32 30, 468 32 31
Facsimile machine:	(1-758) 451 79 89
E-mail:	info@rocip.gov.lc
Internet:	www.rocip.gov.lc
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Saint Lucia:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Saint Lucia is designated (or elected):	Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia) (see National Phase)
May Saint Lucia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Saint Lucia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Saint Lucia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Saint Lucia is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LI****LIECHTENSTEIN****LI****General information**

Name of Office:	Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle (Suisse) ¹ Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute
Location and mailing address:	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
Telephone:	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
E-mail:	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
Internet:	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Liechtenstein:	Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Liechtenstein is designated (or elected):	National protection: Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Liechtenstein be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
Provisions of the law of Liechtenstein concerning international-type search:	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1
Provisional protection after international publication:	See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1

Information of interest if Liechtenstein is designated (or elected)
See Switzerland (CH) in Annex B1

¹ Under the patent treaty between Switzerland and Liechtenstein, only one unitary patent for both countries may be granted.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LK****SRI LANKA****LK****General information**

Name of Office:	National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka
Location and mailing address:	“Samagam Medura,” 3rd Floor, 400, D.R. Wijayawardana Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka
Telephone:	(94-11) 268 93 68
Facsimile machine:	(94-11) 268 93 67
E-mail:	nipos@sltnet.lk
Internet:	www.nipo.gov.lk
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Sri Lanka:	International Bureau of WIPO (IB) (see Annex C(IB))
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Sri Lanka is designated (or elected):	National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka (see National Phase)
May Sri Lanka be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Sri Lanka concerning international-type search:	Section 73 of the Code of Intellectual Property Act No. 36 of 2003, Regulation No. 48 of the Intellectual Property Regulations
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Sri Lanka is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Sri Lanka is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LR****LIBERIA****LR****General information**

Name of Office:	Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)
Location and mailing address:	Old Labor Ministry Building, U.N. Drive, Monrovia, Liberia
Telephone:	(231) 775 53 35 95
Facsimile machine:	(231) 770 32 90 24
E-mail:	liberiaindustrialproperty@gmail.com
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or EMS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Liberia:	Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Liberia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Liberia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Liberia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LR****LIBERIA****LR***[Continued]***Information of interest if Liberia is designated (or elected)**

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Liberia is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LS****LESOTHO****LS****General information**

Name of Office:	Registrar General's Office (Lesotho)
Location:	Maseru, Lesotho
Mailing address:	Law Office, P.O. Box 33, Maseru 100, Lesotho
Telephone:	(266) 22 31 28 56, 22 31 12 51
Facsimile machine:	(266) 31 04 02, 31 10 92
E-mail:	registrar.general@gov.ls
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Lesotho:	Registrar General's Office (Lesotho), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Lesotho is designated (or elected):	National protection: Registrar General's Office (Lesotho) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Lesotho be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Lesotho concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Lesotho is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Lesotho is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LT****LITHUANIA****LT****General information**

Name of Office:	Lietuvos Respublikos valstybinis patentų biuras State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania
Location and mailing address:	Kalvarijų g. 3, LT-09310 Vilnius, Lithuania
Telephone:	(370-5) 278 02 50
Facsimile machine:	(370-5) 275 07 23
E-mail:	spb@vpb.gov.lt
Internet:	http://vpb.lrv.lt
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Lithuania:	State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Lithuania is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Lithuania be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Lithuania concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	Designation made for the purposes of a European patent: Provisional protection shall be effective in Lithuania as from the date on which the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania publishes the translation of the claims into Lithuanian (see Article 78 of the Patent Law of the Republic of Lithuania).

Information of interest if Lithuania is designated (or elected)**See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2**

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LU****LUXEMBOURG****LU****General information**

Name of Office:	Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Luxembourg) Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)
Location:	Ministère de l'économie, 19-21, Boulevard Royal, Luxembourg-Ville, Luxembourg
Mailing address:	L-2914 Luxembourg
Telephone:	(352) 247 84113
Facsimile machine:	(352) 247 94113
E-mail:	dpi@eco.etat.lu
Internet:	www.eco.public.lu https://patent.public.lu
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Luxembourg:	Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Luxembourg is designated (or elected):	National protection: Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Luxembourg be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents European: Patents

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¹ A resident of Luxembourg must file an international application for an invention which may be of interest for national defense with the Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg).

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LU****LUXEMBOURG****LU***[Continued]*

Provisions of the law of Luxembourg concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Reasonable damages may be claimed as from the date of publication in French or German, or from the date of communication of a translation into French or German either to a defendant or to the Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) (Law of 27 May 1977).

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

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met.

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

Information of interest if Luxembourg is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Luxembourg is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LV****LATVIA****LV****General information**

Name of Office:	Latvijas Republikas Patentu valde Latvian Patent Office
Location and mailing address:	7(70) Citadeles iela, LV-1010 Riga, Latvia
Telephone:	(371) 709 96 22
Facsimile machine:	(371) 709 96 50
E-mail:	valde@lrpv.gov.lv
Internet:	www.lrpv.gov.lv
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, Express Mail Service or United Parcel Service
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make national applications filed in electronic form available to the WIPO DAS ¹
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Latvia:	Latvian Patent Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Latvia is designated (or elected):	European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Latvia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Latvia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	Designation made for the purposes of a European patent: Information not yet available

Information of interest if Latvia is designated (or elected)**For a European patent – See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2**¹ For further details, refer to https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11775

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LY****LIBYA****LY****General information**

Name of Office:	Libyan Industrial Property Office
Location and mailing address:	Industrial Research Center, Tajoura, P.O. Box 3633, Tripoli, Libya
Telephone:	(218) 21 369 15 12, 369 15 18
Facsimile machine:	(218) 21 369 00 28
E-mail:	lipo@irc.org.ly
Internet:	www.irc.org.ly
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Libya:	Libyan Industrial Property Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Libya is designated (or elected):	Libyan Industrial Property Office (see National Phase)
May Libya be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Libya concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Libya is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Libya is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MA****MOROCCO****MA****General information**

Name of Office:	Office marocain de la propriété industrielle et commerciale (OMPIC) Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)
Location:	Route de Nouasser, R.S. 114, Km 9,5-Sidi Maarouf, Casablanca, Morocco
Mailing address:	B.P. 8072, Casablanca Oasis, Casablanca, Morocco
Telephone:	(212-522) 58 64 00/10
Facsimile machine:	(212-522) 33 54 80
E-mail:	pct@ompic.ma (for enquiries concerning PCT applications)
Internet:	www.ompic.ma
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Morocco:	Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Morocco is designated (or elected):	Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) (see National Phase)
May Morocco be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents European: Validation of European patents
Provisions of the law of Morocco concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	The applicant enjoys the rights defined in Law No. 17-97 on the Protection of Industrial Property (as modified and completed by Law No. 31-05 in 2006 and Law No. 23-13 in 2014 (see articles 16, 44 and 51) as from the date of publication of the international application under PCT Article 21

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Information of interest if Morocco is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Morocco is designated (or elected):

If the data concerning the inventor are not in the request, they must
be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1).

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MC****MONACO****MC****General information**

Name of Office:	Division de la propriété intellectuelle, Direction de l'expansion économique (Monaco) Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)
Location and mailing address:	9, rue du Gabian, MC 98000 Monaco (Principauté)
Telephone:	(377) 98 98 98 01
Facsimile machine:	(377) 92 05 75 20
E-mail:	mcipo@gouv.mc
Internet:	https://mcipo.gouv.mc
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Monaco:	European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Monaco is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Monaco be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Monaco concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after international publication:

Designation for the purposes of a European patent:

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: damages, possibly seizure of the articles infringing the patent; however, the court hearing the infringement action stays proceedings until the patent is granted; any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application must be met.

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

Information of interest if Monaco is designated (or elected)

See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MD****REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA****MD****General information**

Name of Office:	Agentia de Stat pentru Proprietatea Intelectuala State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)
Location and mailing address:	24/1 A. Doga St., MD-2024 Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
Telephone:	(37322) 40 05 00, 40 05 06
Facsimile machine:	(37322) 44 01 19
E-mail:	office@agepi.gov.md
Internet:	www.agepi.gov.md
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Republic of Moldova:	State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Republic of Moldova is designated (or elected):	State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) (see National Phase)
May the Republic of Moldova be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, short-term patents European: Validation of European patents ¹

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¹ For international applications filed on or after 1 November 2015 (see <http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20151009.html>).

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MD****REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA****MD***[Continued]*

Provisions of the law of the Republic of Moldova concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

The publication of the translation into Moldovan of the international application gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages (see Art. 43(3) and Art. 19 of the Moldova Law on the Protection of Inventions). International patent applications shall be published within six months from the date on which the national phase was entered (see Art. 49(4) of the Moldova Law on the Protection of Inventions).

Information of interest if the Republic of Moldova is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Republic of Moldova is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ME****MONTENEGRO****ME****General information**

Name of Office:	Ministarstvo ekonomskog razvoja , Direkcija za intelektualnu svojinu Ministry of Economic Development , Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)
Location and mailing address:	Rimski trg br. 46, 81 000 Podgorica, Montenegro
Telephone:	(382) 20 234 592
E-mail:	intelektualna.svojina@mek.gov.me
Internet:	www.ziscg.me www.mek.gov.me
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Montenegro:	Ministry of Economic Development , Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
May Montenegro be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents ¹ European: Extended European patents
Provisions of the law of Montenegro concerning international-type search:	None

¹ Applicants wishing to obtain patent protection in Montenegro should enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) and seek the extension of the European patent application and the granted European patent to Montenegro as there is no national phase before the Ministry of [Economic Development](#), Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro). For further information, please refer to the National Chapters ME and EP.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MG****MADAGASCAR****MG****General information**

Name of Office:	Office malgache de la propriété industrielle Industrial Property Office of Madagascar
Location:	LOT VH 69 Volosarika Ambanidia, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar
Mailing address:	B.P. 8237, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar
Telephone:	(261-20) 22 335 02, (261-34) 43 152 36
E-mail:	omapi@moov.mg
Internet:	www.omapi.mg
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, Express Mail Service or any other service which is recognized worldwide and is available in Madagascar
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Madagascar:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C(IB))
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Madagascar is designated (or elected):	Industrial Property of Madagascar (see National Phase)
May Madagascar be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of Madagascar concerning international-type search:	Article 51 of Ordinance No. 89-019 on the Protection of Industrial Property in Madagascar
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MG****MADAGASCAR****MG***[Continued]*

Information of interest if Madagascar is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Madagascar is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time
limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite
the applicant to comply with the requirement within four months
from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MK****NORTH MACEDONIA****MK****General information**

Name of Office:	Državen zavod za industrijska sopstvenost State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)
Location and mailing address:	Boulevard October 11, No. 25, 1000 Skopje, North Macedonia
Telephone:	(389-2) 310 36 01
Facsimile machine:	(389-2) 313 71 49
E-mail:	info@ippo.gov.mk
Internet:	www.ippo.gov.mk
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of North Macedonia:	State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if North Macedonia is designated (or elected):	National protection: State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia) (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May North Macedonia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents European: Patents
Provisions of the law of North Macedonia concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MK****NORTH MACEDONIA****MK***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

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

A published European patent application provisionally confers the protection conferred by Articles 17(3), 17(4), 121(2), 291 and 294 of the Industrial Property Act (rights to recover damages for infringement and prohibit infringing acts) as from the date on which a translation of the claims of the published European patent application into Macedonian has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in North Macedonia.

Information of interest if North Macedonia is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if North Macedonia is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ML****MALI****ML****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Mali:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mali is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Mali be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MN****MONGOLIA****MN****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia
Location and mailing address:	13381 Ulaanbaatar, Bayanzurkh district, 3 khoroo, Enkhtaivan avenue 30, Mongolia
Telephone:	(976-11) 316 454
Facsimile machine:	(976-11) 327 638
E-mail:	ipinfo@ipom.mn
Internet:	www.ipom.gov.mn
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Mongolia:	Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mongolia is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia (see National Phase)
May Mongolia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Mongolia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Mongolia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Mongolia is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already in the request, they may be furnished within 21 months (or 31 months where PCT Article 39(1) applies) from the priority date. If not already furnished within that time limit, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MR****MAURITANIA****MR****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Mauritania:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mauritania is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Mauritania be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MT****MALTA****MT****General information**

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy and Industry (Malta)
Location and mailing address:	Lascaris Bastions, Dahlet Ġnien is-Sultan , Valletta, VLT 1933, Malta
Telephone:	(356) 2569 0100, 2122 6688
E-mail:	ipoffice@gov.mt
Internet:	www.commerce.gov.mt
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Malta:	Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy and Industry (Malta), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Malta is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Malta be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Malta concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent (see European Patent Convention Articles 67, 150 and 158) and: (1) the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages: this gives the applicant the right to seek compensation reasonable in the circumstances for any infringement; or (2) the international application is published in a language which is not an EPO official language: then the protection referred to in paragraph (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

Information of interest if Malta is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MW****MALAWI****MW****General information**

Name of Office:	Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi)
Location:	Blantyre, Malawi
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 100, Blantyre, Malawi
Telephone:	(265) 62 43 55, 62 44 56, 62 46 68, 62 47 95
Facsimile machine:	(265) 62 16 86
E-mail:	—
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Malawi:	Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Malawi is designated (or elected):	National protection: Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Malawi be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, patents of addition ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Malawi concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Malawi is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Malawi is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

**For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
(AP) in Annex B2**

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MX****MEXICO****MX****General information**

Name of Office:	Instituto Mexicano de la Propiedad Industrial Mexican Institute of Industrial Property
Location and mailing address:	Arenal 550, Col. Pueblo Santa Maria Tepepan, C.P. 16020, Ciudad de México, Mexico
Telephone:	(52-55) 5334 07 00 (ext. 10606, 10010)
Facsimile machine:	(52-5) 555 44 31
E-mail:	epct@impi.gob.mx
Internet:	www.impi.gob.mx
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Mexico:	Mexican Institute of Industrial Property or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mexico is designated (or elected):	Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (see National Phase)
May Mexico be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Mexico concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	After a patent has been granted, the applicant is entitled to damages for the period following the international publication of the international application. For that purpose, and if the international publication has not been effected in Spanish, the applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Spanish. The provisional protection applies as from the date of publication in Spanish of the international application.

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MX****MEXICO****MX***[Continued]***Information of interest if Mexico is designated (or elected)**

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Mexico is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time
limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite
the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit
fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MY****MALAYSIA****MY****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia
Location and mailing address:	Unit 1-7, Ground Floor, Menara UOA Bangsar, No. 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1, 59000 Kuala Lumpur
Telephone:	(603) 2299 8400
Facsimile machine:	(603) 2299 8989
E-mail:	pct@myipo.gov.my
Internet:	www.myipo.gov.my
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, Federal Express, Pos Laju or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Malaysia:	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents ²
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Malaysia is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia
May Malaysia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, certificates for a utility innovation
Provisions of the law of Malaysia concerning international-type search:	Section 35B of the Patents Act 1983 (Act 291)

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¹ Patents Act 1983 (Act 291), Section 23A.

² Unless written authorization from the Registrar to file abroad has already been obtained or unless an application for the same invention has been filed with the Office not less than two months earlier and either no directions prohibiting or restricting publication have been issued by the Registrar under Section 30A of the Patents Act 1983 (Act 291) or all such directions have been revoked.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MY****MALAYSIA****MY***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

After an international application is made available for public inspection, the applicant may in writing warn a person who has commercially or industrially worked the invention that a patent application for the invention has been filed. The applicant may demand from the person who has commercially or industrially worked the invention to pay as compensation to the applicant an amount equivalent to what the applicant would have normally received for the working of the invention from the time of the warning or, in the absence of a warning, from the time the international application has been made available for public inspection to the time of the grant of the patent. However, the right to demand that compensation shall be exercised only after the grant of the patent. See Section 34(5) and (6) of the Patents Act 1983 (Act 291).

Information of interest if Malaysia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Malaysia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MZ****MOZAMBIQUE****MZ****General information**

Name of Office:	Instituto da Propriedade Industrial (IPI) Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)
Location and mailing address:	Rua Consiglieri Pedroso, 165, P.O. Box 1072, Maputo, Mozambique
Telephone:	(258-21) 354 900, (258-82) 301 43 74, (258-84) 300 62 15
Facsimile machine:	(258-21) 354 944
E-mail:	ipi@ipi.gov.mz
Internet:	www.ipi.gov.mz
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine and e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Mozambique:	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mozambique is designated (or elected):	National protection: Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (see National Phase)
May Mozambique be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Mozambique concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after international publication:

Provisional protection (see Article 82 of the Industrial Property Code) applies as from the date of the publication of a notice (with a summary description of the patent) in the Industrial Property Bulletin.

Information of interest if Mozambique is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Mozambique is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NA****NAMIBIA****NA****General information**

Name of Office:	Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) (Namibia)
Location:	188 Sam Nujoma Drive , Windhoek, Namibia
Mailing address:	P.O.Box 185 , Windhoek, Namibia
Telephone:	(264-61) 299 44 00
Facsimile machine:	(264-61) 401 061
E-mail:	info@bipa.na
Internet:	www.bipa.na
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation in the case of certain documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Namibia:	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Namibia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) (Namibia) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Namibia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Namibia concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NA****NAMIBIA****NA***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Namibia is designated (or elected)**For national protection**Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Namibia is designated (or elected):May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

**For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property
Organization (AP) in Annex B2**

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NE****NIGER****NE****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Niger:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Niger is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Niger be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NG****NIGERIA****NG****General information**

Name of Office:	Patents and Designs Registry , Commercial Law Department (Nigeria)
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment , Block D, Old Secretariat , Area 1, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria
Telephone:	(234) 803 334 88 06, 803 677 71 83, 703 165 16 52
E-mail:	iponigeria@yahoo.com patentsanddesigns@gmail.com
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Nigeria:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C(IB))
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Nigeria is designated (or elected):	Patents and Designs Registry , Commercial Law Department (Nigeria) (see National Phase)
May Nigeria be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Nigeria concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Nigeria is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Nigeria is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NI****NICARAGUA****NI****General information**

Name of Office:	Registro de la Propiedad Intelectual Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)
Location:	Costado Este Hotel Real Intercontinental Metrocentro, Managua, Nicaragua
Mailing address:	Apartado No. 8, Managua, Nicaragua
Telephone:	(505) 2248 9300
E-mail:	ezuniga@mific.gob.ni alarguello@mific.gob.ni
Internet:	www.mific.gob.ni
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Nicaragua:	Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Nicaragua is designated (or elected):	Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua) (see National Phase)
May Nicaragua be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Nicaragua concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NI****NICARAGUA****NI***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Nicaragua is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Nicaragua is designated (or elected):Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time
limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite
the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of
two months from the date of the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NL****NETHERLANDS****NL****General information**

Name of Office:	Octrooicentrum Nederland Netherlands Patent Office
Location:	Prinses Beatrixlaan 2, 2595 AL Den Haag, Netherlands
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 10366, 2501 HJ Den Haag, Netherlands
Telephone:	(31-88) 042 66 60
E-mail:	octrooicentrum@rvo.nl
Internet:	www.rvo.nl/octrooien
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Netherlands:	Netherlands Patent Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Netherlands is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NL****NETHERLANDS****NL***[Continued]*

May the Netherlands be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of the Netherlands concerning international-type search:	Article 34(2) of the Patents Act 1995 and Article 6(3) of the Patent Rules 1995
Provisional protection after international publication:	<p>Designation for the purposes of a European patent:</p> <p>(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met.</p> <p>(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.</p>

Information of interest if the Netherlands is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NO****NORWAY****NO****General information**

Name of Office:	Patentstyret Norwegian Industrial Property Office
Location:	Sandakerveien 64, 0484 Oslo, Norway
Mailing address:	Postboks 4863 Nydalen, 0422 Oslo, Norway
Telephone:	(47-2) 238 73 00
Facsimile machine:	(47-2) 238 73 01
E-mail:	post@patentstyret.no
Internet:	www.patentstyret.no
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile and e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application and it was furnished by facsimile No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Norway:	Norwegian Industrial Property Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Inventions made in Norway Applications by residents Inventions owned by residents

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¹ Patents Act, Section 71 and Act on Inventions of Importance to the Defence of the Realm (Act No. 8 of June 26, 1953, as last amended on January 1, 2002).

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NO****NORWAY****NO***[Continued]*

Competent designated (or elected) Office if Norway is designated (or elected):	National protection: Norwegian Industrial Property Office (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Norway be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Norway concerning international-type search:	Section 9 of the Patents Act of Norway and Section 29 of the Regulations
Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Norwegian or English and, if the translation or application was filed in English a translation of the claims into Norwegian, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that, upon grant of the patent, he may be entitled to compensation. The protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. As to further conditions for and limitations in the liability, see Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act. Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: Provided that any national requirements relating to the translation into Norwegian of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent, provisional protection is given. With provisional protection, the applicant may be entitled to compensation. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (Norwegian Patents Act Section 66g).

Information of interest if Norway is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Norway is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NZ****NEW ZEALAND****NZ****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)
Location:	15 Stout Street, Wellington 6011, New Zealand
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 9241, Marion Square, Wellington 6141, New Zealand
Telephone:	(64-3) 962 26 07 (international calls) 0508 447 669 (national free calls) 1800 796 338 (free calls from Australia)
E-mail:	info@iponz.govt.nz (general enquiries) epct@iponz.govt.nz (enquiries concerning ePCT)
Internet:	www.iponz.govt.nz
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, via the Office's online case management facility
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of New Zealand:	Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if New Zealand is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) (see National Phase)
May New Zealand be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of New Zealand concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	Section 81 of the New Zealand Patents Act 2013 provides that after the complete specification has become open to public inspection and before the patent is granted the nominated person (as defined in section 5) is taken to have generally the same privileges and rights as if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification became open to public inspection except the nominated person cannot bring a proceeding until after the patent has been granted.

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NZ****NEW ZEALAND****NZ***[Continued]***Information of interest if New Zealand is designated (or elected)**

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if New Zealand is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes ([see Annex L](#))

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****OM****OMAN****OM****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)
Location:	Way 3505, Ruwi 112, Muscat, Oman
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 550, Muscat, Oman
Telephone:	(968) 2477 4126
Facsimile machine:	(968) 2481 2030
E-mail:	oman-ip-dep@moci.gov.om
Internet:	www.mocioman.gov.om
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Oman:	Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Oman is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)
May Oman be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Oman concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Oman is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Oman is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PA****PANAMA****PA****General information**

Name of Office:	Dirección General del Registro de la Propiedad Industrial (DIGERPI) Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)
Location:	Avenida Ricardo J. Alfaro, edificio Plaza Edison, 2.º piso, Panama
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 0815-01119 , Zona 4, Panama
Telephone:	(507) 560 07 05, 560 59 36
Facsimile machine:	(507) 317 61 70
E-mail:	dgrpi@mici.gob.pa epct@mici.gob.pa
Internet:	www.digerpi.gob.pa/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Panama:	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Panama is designated (or elected):	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)
May Panama be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Panama concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PA****PANAMA****PA***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Panama is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Panama is designated (or elected):Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time
limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite
the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit
fixed in the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PE****PERU****PE****General information**

Name of Office:	Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual (INDECOPI) National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)
Location and mailing address:	Calle De la Prosa 104, San Borja, Lima 41, Peru
Telephone:	(511) 224 78 00 (ext. 3801)
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	mcastro@indecopi.gob.pe
Internet:	www.indecopi.gob.pe
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is authorized by the Ministry of Transport and Communications, such as DHL, Federal Express or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Peru:	National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Peru is designated (or elected):	National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) (see National Phase)
May Peru be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a patent)
Provisions of the law of Peru concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Peru is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Peru is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PG****PAPUA NEW GUINEA****PG****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea
Location:	IPA Haus, 1 st Floor, Munidubu St. (corner of Lawes Road and Champion Parade), Konedobu, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 5033, Boroko, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea P.O. Box 1281, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea
Telephone:	(675) 308 4432, 321 7311
Facsimile machine:	(675) 321 5155
E-mail:	registrar.ipopng@ipa.gov.pg
Internet:	www.ipopng.gov.pg
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Papua New Guinea:	Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Papua New Guinea is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea (see National Phase)
May Papua New Guinea be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Papua New Guinea concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PG****PAPUA NEW GUINEA****PG***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Papua New Guinea is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Papua New Guinea is designated
(or elected):May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT
Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply
with the requirement within two months from the date of the
invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PH****PHILIPPINES****PH****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Location and mailing address:	G/F, 2/F, 14/F, 16/F Intellectual Property Center, #28 Upper McKinley Road, McKinley Hill Town Center, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, 1634 Philippines
Telephone:	(632) 7238 63 00
Facsimile machine:	(632) 8856 92 93
E-mail:	pct@ipophil.gov.ph mail@ipophil.gov.ph
Internet:	www.ipophil.gov.ph
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Philippines:	Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Philippines is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (see National Phase)
May the Philippines be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a patent)
Provisions of the law of the Philippines concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PH****PHILIPPINES****PH***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

In accordance with PCT Article 29(1), as far as the protection of any rights of the applicant under Section 46 of the IP Code is concerned, the international publication in English of an international application shall have the same effect as a publication in the IPO Gazette (under Section 44 of the IP Code and its implementing rules and regulations), provided that notice of the international publication and copy of the international application have been transmitted, pursuant to Section 46.2 of the IP Code, by the applicant to the actual unauthorized user of the invention claimed in the international application.

If the language in which the international publication has been effected is a language other than English, the protection of any rights of the applicant under Section 46 of the IP Code shall be applicable only from such time as a translation into English has been published in the IPO Gazette (under Section 44 of the IP Code and its implementing rules and regulations), and such translation into English has been transmitted, pursuant to Section 46.2 of the IP Code, by the applicant to the actual unauthorized user of the invention claimed in the international application.

Where the international publication has been effected, on the request of the applicant, before the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, the rights provided for under Section 46 of the IP Code shall be applicable only from the expiration of 18 months from the priority date subject to the conditions mentioned in the preceding paragraphs.

Information of interest if the Philippines is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Philippines is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PL****POLAND****PL****General information**

Name of Office:	Urząd Patentowy Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Patent Office of the Republic of Poland
Location:	Al. Niepodległości 188/192, PL-00-950 Warszawa, Poland
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 203, PL-00-950 Warszawa, Poland
Telephone:	(48-22) 579 01 45, 579 01 27
Facsimile machine:	(48-22) 579 03 63
E-mail:	plpctteam@uprp.gov.pl
Internet:	https://www.uprp.gov.pl
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Poland:	Patent Office of the Republic of Poland, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by nationals and residents
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Poland is designated (or elected):	National protection: Patent Office of the Republic of Poland (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Poland be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Poland concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PL****POLAND****PL***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
The applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Polish. The provisional protection applies as from the date of the subsequent publication of the translation of the international application (bibliographic data, abstract and figure of drawings, if any) in the Official Gazette of the Patent Office [*Biuletyn Urzędu Patentowego*].

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

Information not yet available

Information of interest if Poland is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Poland is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PT****PORTUGAL****PT****General information**

Name of Office:	Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)
Location and mailing address:	Campo das Cebolas, 1149-035 Lisboa, Portugal
Telephone:	(351-21) 881 81 00
Facsimile machine:	(351-21) 886 98 59
E-mail:	servico.publico@inpi.pt
Internet:	https://inpi.justica.gov.pt/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of document
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Portugal:	National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents ²
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Portugal is designated (or elected):	National protection: National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Portugal be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent) European: Patents

*[Continued on next page]*¹ Industrial Property Code, Article 92 "Submission of International Applications".² Unless priority of an earlier application filed in Portugal is claimed.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PT****PORTUGAL****PT***[Continued]*

Provisions of the law of Portugal concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

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

After a patent has been granted, the applicant is entitled to reasonable compensation for the period following the international publication of the international application. For that purpose, and since the international publication is not effected in Portuguese, the applicant must submit to the National Institute of Industrial Property a translation of the claims into Portuguese, accompanied by a copy of the drawings, if any. The provisional protection applies as from the date when the translated claims are made available to the public.

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

After the international publication or, if that publication was effected in a language which is not one of the official languages of the EPO, after the publication by the EPO of the international application submitted to the EPO in one of its official languages, the applicant must submit to the National Institute of Industrial Property a translation of the claims into Portuguese, accompanied by a copy of the drawings, if any. The provisional protection applies as from the date when the translated claims are made available to the public.

Information of interest if Portugal is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Portugal is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****QA****QATAR****QA****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Commerce, P.O. Box 1968, Lusail City, Doha, Qatar
Telephone:	(974) 4042 3278
Facsimile machine:	(974) 4429 4338
E-mail:	malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa salobaidli@moci.gov.qa walmkhlef@moci.gov.qa
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Qatar:	Intellectual Property Department (Qatar) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Qatar is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)
May Qatar be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Qatar concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Qatar is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Qatar is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of six months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****RO****ROMANIA****RO****General information**

Name of Office:	Oficiul de Stat pentru Inventii si Marci State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)
Location and mailing address:	5, Ion Ghica Street, 030044, Bucharest 3, Romania
Telephone:	(40-21) 306 08 00, 306 08 01-29
Facsimile machine:	(40-21) 312 38 19
E-mail:	office@osim.ro
Internet:	www.osim.ro
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Romania:	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Romania is designated (or elected):	National protection: State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Romania be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent) European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Romania concerning international-type search:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****RO****ROMANIA****RO***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
The applicant may, from the date of publication in Romanian of the international application, claim from any person who uses the subject of the application, although the person knew, or should have known, that the invention used by him was the subject of a published application, appropriate compensation under the circumstances (see Art. 22, 33, 56(3) and (4) of the Patent Law (Law No. 64/1991)).

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

A published European patent application confers the protection mentioned above as from the date on which a translation into Romanian of the claims of that application is published by the Office (see Art. 5(2) of the Law No. 611/2002).

Information of interest if Romania is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Romania is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement until the decision to grant the patent has been taken (Article 14(3) of Law No. 64/1991 on Patents, republished).

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****RS****SERBIA****RS****General information**

Name of Office:	Zavod za intelektualnu svojinu Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	
Location and mailing address:	Knjeginje Ljubice 5, 11000 Beograd, Serbia	
Telephone:	(381-11) 2025 800	
Facsimile machine:	(381-11) 311 23 77	
E-mail:	zis@zis.gov.rs	
Internet:	www.zis.gov.rs	
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No	
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service furnishes proof of receipt	
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Serbia:	European Patent Office (EPO), Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)	
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Serbia is designated (or elected):	National protection:	Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) (see National Phase)
	European patent:	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Serbia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)	
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National:	Patents, patents of addition, petty patents
	European:	Patents

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****RS****SERBIA****RS***[Continued]*

Provisions of the law of Serbia concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Provisional protection shall be effective as from the date on which the Serbian translation of the title of the invention and the abstract of the international application are published by the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) (Articles 18 and 161 of the Patent Law, 2011).

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

A published European patent application shall provisionally confer the protection as conferred by a published national patent application under Article 19 of the Patent Law as from the date on which a translation of the published European patent application into the Serbian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Serbia.

Information of interest if Serbia is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Serbia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). If not already complied with within that time limit, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****RU****RUSSIAN FEDERATION****RU****General information**

Name of Office:	Federalnaya sluzhba po intellektualnoy sobstvennosti (Rospatent) Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Location and mailing address:	ROSPATENT, Berezhevskaya nab., 30/1, Moscow 125993, Russian Federation (general) Federalny Institut Promyshlennoi Sobstvennosti, Berezhevskaya nab., 30/1, Moscow 125993, Russian Federation (application processing)
Telephone:	(7-499) 240 60 15 (general) (7-499) 240 58 88, (7-499) 240 25 91 (application processing)
Facsimile machine:	(7-495) 531 63 18
E-mail:	rospatent@rupto.ru (general) ro-ru@rupto.ru (RO) pct-peo@rupto.ru (ISA, SISA, IPEA)
Internet:	www.rospatent.gov.ru www1.fips.ru
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express or any other service which is recognized worldwide and is available in the Russian Federation
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Russian Federation:	Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Inventions made in the Russian Federation

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¹ Civil Code of the Russian Federation, Article 1395, available at www.rospatent.gov.ru.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****RU****RUSSIAN FEDERATION****RU***[Continued]*

Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Russian Federation is designated (or elected):	National protection: Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) (see National Phase)
	Eurasian patent: Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (see National Phase)

May the Russian Federation be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
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Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models
	Eurasian: Patents

Provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search:	No
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Provisional protection after international publication:	<p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: From the time of the international publication (if in Russian) or, where that publication was in a language other than Russian, then from the time of the publication of the translation of that application into Russian by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the applicant is entitled to provisional protection in conformity with the national legislation (see Articles 1392 and 1396(3) of the Civil Code).²</p> <p>Where the designation is made for the purposes of a Eurasian patent: After the international publication (if in Russian) or, where that publication was in a language other than Russian, after the publication by the EAPO of the translation into Russian of the international application, the applicant is entitled to provisional protection in conformity with the national legislation.</p>
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Information of interest if the Russian Federation is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Russian Federation is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)
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For a Eurasian patent — See Eurasian Patent Organization (EA) in Annex B2

² The Civil Code of the Russian Federation is available at www.rospatent.gov.ru.
(11 March 2021)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****RW****RWANDA****RW****General information**

Name of Office:	Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda)
Location and mailing address:	Corner Blvd, de l'Umuganda (Airport Rd), Nyarutarama Road, P.O. Box 6239, Kigali, Rwanda
Telephone:	(250) 252 58 03 38
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	blaise.ruhima@rdb.rw louise.kanyonga@rdb.rw
Internet:	www.rdb.rw www.org.rdb.rw
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Rwanda:	Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ¹ or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Rwanda is designated (or elected):	National protection: Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda) ARIPO protection: ¹ African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (see National Phase)
May Rwanda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: ¹ Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Rwanda concerning international-type search:	Article 33 (Law on the Protection of Intellectual Property)
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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¹ For international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011.

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Information of interest if Rwanda is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Rwanda is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the
invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SA****SAUDI ARABIA****SA****General information**

Name of Office:	Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)
Location and mailing address:	As Sahafah, Olaya St. 6531, 3059, Riyadh 13321, Saudi Arabia
Telephone:	(966-11) 280 59 76, 280 12 21
E-mail:	pct@saip.gov.sa
Internet:	https://www.saip.gov.sa/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is Aramex, DHL, Federal Express, TNT, UPS or another registered delivery service
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia:	Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected):	Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)
May Saudi Arabia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Saudi Arabia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SA****SAUDI ARABIA****SA***[Continued]***Information of interest if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected)**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the indications concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 90 days from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SC****SEYCHELLES****SC****General information**

Name of Office:	Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles)
Location:	1 st Floor, Independence House, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 142, Mahé, Seychelles
Telephone:	(248) 22 49 04
Facsimile machine:	(248) 22 57 64
E-mail:	regdiv@registry.gov.sc
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Seychelles:	Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Seychelles is designated (or elected):	Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) (see National Phase)
May Seychelles be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Seychelles concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Seychelles is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Seychelles is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SD****SUDAN****SD****General information**

Name of Office:	Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)	
Location:	Elgomhouria Street, Elmogran Area, Khartoum, Sudan	
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 744, Khartoum, Sudan	
Telephone:	(249-155) 12 68 62 (249-183) 74 23 58	
Facsimile machine:	(249-183) 74 23 56	
E-mail:	epct.info@ipsudan.gov.sd	
Internet:	http://www.ipsudan.gov.sd/index.html	
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No	
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes	
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Sudan:	Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)	
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Sudan is designated (or elected):	National protection:	Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan) (see National Phase)
	ARIPO protection:	ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May the Sudan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)	
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)	
Provisions of the law of the Sudan concerning international-type search:	None	
Provisional protection after international publication:	None	

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SD****SUDAN****SD***[Continued]***Information of interest if the Sudan is designated (or elected)****For national protection**

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Sudan is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SE****SWEDEN****SE****General information**

Name of Office:	Patent-och registreringsverket Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Location:	Valhallavägen 136, Stockholm, Sweden
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 5055, S-102 42 Stockholm, Sweden
Telephone:	(46-8) 782 28 00
Facsimile machine:	(46-8) 666 02 86
E-mail:	prv@prv.se
Internet:	www.prv.se
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Does the Office excuse delays in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication (PCT Rule 82 ^{quater} .2(a))?	Yes, the Office excuses delays in meeting time limits where the permitted electronic means of communication were unavailable at least one whole day (24 hours) and where the respective action was performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication were available. ¹
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS ²

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¹ For the relevant notification by the Office refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 25 June 2020, page 139.

² For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to DAS, see <https://www.prv.se/en/ip-professional/patents/digital-access-service-das/>

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SE****SWEDEN****SE***[Continued]*

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Sweden:

Does national legislation³ restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?

Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)

Yes, filing restrictions apply to:

Inventions made in Sweden

Applications by residents

Inventions owned by Swedish companies

Competent designated (or elected) Office if Sweden is designated (or elected):

National protection: Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) (see National Phase)

European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)

May Sweden be elected?

Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

Types of protection available via the PCT:

National: Patents

European: Patents

Provisions of the law of Sweden concerning international-type search:

Section 9 of the Patents Act and Section 5 of the Decree implementing that Act

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Swedish or English⁴ or, if the international application was filed in Swedish or English⁴, of a copy of the application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable in the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act.

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

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Swedish of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Section 88 of the Patents Act).

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³ The Defence Inventions Act, Section 4.

⁴ For further details, see paragraph SE.02 of the National Chapter SE.

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Information of interest if Sweden is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Sweden is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SG****SINGAPORE****SG****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
Location and mailing address:	1 Paya Lebar Link #11-03, PLQ 1, Paya Lebar Quarter, Singapore 408533
Telephone:	(65) 63 39 86 16
E-mail:	ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries) pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries on specific PCT applications filed with RO/SG, ISA/SG or IPEA/SG)
Internet:	www.ipos.gov.sg
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Singapore:	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents ²
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Singapore is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (see National Phase)
May Singapore be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Singapore concerning international-type search:	None

*[Continued on next page]*¹ Patents Act, Section 34.² Unless written authorization from the Registrar to file abroad has already been obtained or unless an application for the same invention has been filed with the Office and not less than two months have elapsed and there is no subsisting direction given by the Registrar prohibiting publication or communication of the invention.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SG****SINGAPORE****SG***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

The publication of the international application in English by the International Bureau of WIPO gives the applicant generally the same right as he would have had, if the patent had been granted on the date of publication of the application or translation, to bring proceedings in the court or before the Registrar for damages in respect of any act which would have infringed a patent. However, such proceedings may only be brought after grant of a patent. See Part XVII of the Patents Act.

Information of interest if Singapore is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Singapore is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or must be furnished within two months³ from the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

³ Where an international application is filed on or after 1 April 2007 and enters national phase at the express request of the applicant prior to the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), i.e. an express request made under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), the time limit to give the name and address of the inventor, where required, is the later of the following periods: (a) 16 months from the priority date, or where there is no priority date, the date of filing of the international application; or (b) 2 months from the date of national phase entry.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SI****SLOVENIA****SI****General information**

Name of Office:	Urad Republike Slovenije za intelektualno lastnino Slovenian Intellectual Property Office
Location:	Kotnikova 6, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Mailing address:	p.p. 206, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Telephone:	(386-1) 620 31 00
Facsimile machine:	(386-1) 620 31 11
E-mail:	sipo@uil-sipo.si
Internet:	www.uil-sipo.si
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Slovenia:	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Slovenia is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SI****SLOVENIA****SI***[Continued]*

May Slovenia be elected?

Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

Types of protection available via the PCT:

European patents

Provisions of the law of Slovenia
concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after
international publication:

A published European patent application provisionally confers the protection conferred by Articles 26(2), 121 and 122 of the Industrial Property Act (rights to recover damages for infringement and prohibit infringing acts) as from the date on which a translation of the claims of the published European patent application into Slovene has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Slovenia.

Information of interest if Slovenia is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SK****SLOVAKIA****SK****General information**

Name of Office:	Úrad priemyselného vlastníctva Slovenskej republiky Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic
Location and mailing address:	Švermova 43, 974 04 Banská Bystrica 4, Slovakia
Telephone:	(421-48) 484 300 131
E-mail:	podatelna@indprop.gov.sk
Internet:	www.indprop.gov.sk www.upv.sk
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Slovakia:	Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic , European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Slovakia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Slovakia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent) European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Slovakia concerning international-type search:	Article 41(a) of Patent Law No. 435/2001 Coll. and Article 23 of Decree No 223/2002 Coll. ; Article 38(a) of Utility Model Law No. 517/2007 Coll. and Article 20(b) of Decree No. 1/2008 Coll.

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Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Under Articles 13(2), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Patent Law, the applicant is entitled to appropriate remuneration starting from the day of publication of the application in the *Official Journal of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic*, provided that a patent has been granted for an invention which is the subject of the application. However, claiming of these rights vis-à-vis third parties shall be possible only as from the date of effect of the patent.

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

The provisional protection shall be effective in Slovakia as from the day on which:

- (1) the international application has been published in one of the EPO official languages; and
- (2) the translation of the claims into the Slovak language has been made available to the public.

Information of interest if Slovakia is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Slovakia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SL****SIERRA LEONE****SL****General information**

Name of Office:	Administrator and Registrar General's Department (Sierra Leone)
Location:	Roxy Building, Walpole Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone
Mailing address:	—
Telephone:	(232-22) 22 22 94, 22 68 15
Facsimile machine:	(232-22) 22 26 42
E-mail:	—
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or EMS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Sierra Leone:	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Sierra Leone is designated (or elected):	National protection: Administrator and Registrar General's Department (Sierra Leone) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Sierra Leone be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Sierra Leone concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Sierra Leone is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Sierra Leone is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SM****SAN MARINO****SM****General information**

Name of Office:	Ufficio di Stato Brevetti e Marchi (USBM) Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)
Location and mailing address:	Via 28 Luglio 212, 47893 Republic of San Marino
Telephone:	(378) 549 882 982
Facsimile machine:	(378) 549 883 856
E-mail:	info.brevettiemarchi@pa.sm
Internet:	www.usbm.sm
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of San Marino:	European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if San Marino is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May San Marino be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of San Marino concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	<p>Designation for the purposes of a European patent (see European Patent Convention Articles 67, 150 and 158) and:</p> <p>(1) the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages: this gives the applicant the right to seek compensation reasonable in the circumstances for any infringement; or</p> <p>(2) the international application is published in a language which is not an EPO official language: then the protection referred to in paragraph (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.</p>

Information of interest if San Marino is designated (or elected)**[See European Patent Organisation \(EP\) in Annex B2](#)**

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SN****SENEGAL****SN****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Senegal:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Senegal is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Senegal be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

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ST**SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE****General information**

Name of Office:	Serviço Nacional da Propriedade Industrial (SENAPI) Industrial Property National Service (SENAPI)
Location and mailing address:	Rua Viriato da Cruz, C.P. 198, São Tomé, Sao Tome and Principe
Telephone:	(239) 222 28 03, 222 68 10
Facsimile machine:	(239) 222 18 43, 222 24 27, 222 41 79
E-mail:	Domingosilvat@yahoo.com.br Aderitobonfim@yahoo.fr Aderitobr@hotmail.com
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe:	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Sao Tome and Principe is designated (or elected):	National protection: Industrial Property National Service (SENAPI) ARIPO protection: African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (see National Phase)
May Sao Tome and Principe be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Sao Tome and Principe concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Sao Tome and Principe is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Sao Tome and Principe is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SV****EL SALVADOR****SV****General information**

Name of Office:	Centro Nacional de Registros (CNR) National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)
Location and mailing address:	1ª Calle Poniente y 43 Avenida Norte, Número 2310, San Salvador, El Salvador
Telephone:	(503) 2593 5151, 2593 5444
E-mail:	patentes@cnr.gob.sv
Internet:	www.cnr.gob.sv
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of El Salvador:	National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if El Salvador is designated (or elected):	National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador) (see National Phase)
May El Salvador be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of El Salvador concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if El Salvador is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if El Salvador is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SY****SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC****SY****General information**

Name of Office:	Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)
Location and mailing address:	Rukn Aldeen Facing Ibn Alnafis, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic
Telephone:	(963-11) 516 1185
Facsimile machine:	(963-11) 516 1144
E-mail:	patentoffice@gov.sy
Internet:	www.spo.gov.sy
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Syrian Arab Republic:	Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Syrian Arab Republic is designated (or elected):	Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic) (see National Phase)
May the Syrian Arab Republic be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of the Syrian Arab Republic concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if the Syrian Arab Republic is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Syrian Arab Republic is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****SZ****ESWATINI****SZ****General information**

Name of Office:	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Eswatini :	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Eswatini is designated (or elected):	ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Eswatini be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	ARIPO patents, ARIPO utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a patent)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TD****CHAD****TD****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Chad:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Chad is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Chad be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TG****TOGO****TG****General information**

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Togo:	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Togo is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)
May Togo be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TH****THAILAND****TH****General information**

Name of Office:	Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)
Location and mailing address:	563 Nonthaburi Road, Bangkokrasor, Muang, Nonthaburi 11000, Thailand
Telephone:	(66-2) 547 4304
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	pct@moc.go.th
Internet:	www.ipthailand.go.th
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Thailand:	Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Thailand is designated (or elected):	Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)
May Thailand be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, petty patents
Provisions of the law of Thailand concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Thailand is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Thailand is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of ninety days from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TJ****TAJIKISTAN****TJ****General information**

Name of Office:	National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan	
Location and mailing address:	14-a, Ainy Street, 734042 Dushanbe, Tajikistan	
Telephone:	(992-372) 22 21 53, 21 47 60	
Facsimile machine:	(992-372) 22 21 38	
E-mail:	izobretenie@ncpi.tj info@ncpi.tj	
Internet:	www.ncpi.tj	
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No	
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is EMS TAJIKPOST, DHL, Federal Express or UPS	
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Tajikistan:	National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan, Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)	
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Tajikistan is designated (or elected):	National protection:	National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan (see National Phase)
	Eurasian patent:	Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (see National Phase)
May Tajikistan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)	
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, Petty Patents Eurasian: Patents	
Provisions of the law of Tajikistan concerning international-type search:	See Article 20 (conventional patent) and Article 21 (petty patent) of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on Inventions	

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TJ****TAJIKISTAN****TJ***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:
After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into Tajik (Farsi), gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. See Article 24 of the [Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on Inventions](#).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a Eurasian patent:
After the international publication (if in Russian) or, where that publication was in a language other than Russian, after the publication by the EAPO of the translation into Russian of the international application, the applicant is entitled to provisional protection in conformity with the national legislation.

Information of interest if Tajikistan is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Tajikistan is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a Eurasian patent — See Eurasian Patent Organization (EA) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TM****TURKMENISTAN****TM****General information**

Name of Office:	Turkmenistanyň maliýe we ykdysadyýet ministrliginiň Intellektual eýeçilik boýunça döwlet gullugy State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan	
Location:	Archabil ave., 156, Ashgabat City, Turkmenistan	
Mailing address:	Post Office, 744000 Ashgabat, Turkmenistan	
Telephone:	(993-12) 39 46 86, 39 46 84	
Facsimile machine:	(993-12) 98 24 45	
E-mail:	tmpatent@online.tm	
Internet:	http://fineconomic.gov.tm/ru	
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No	
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or UPS	
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Turkmenistan:	State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan, Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)	
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Turkmenistan is designated (or elected):	National protection:	State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan (see National Phase)
	Eurasian patent:	Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (see National Phase)
May Turkmenistan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)	
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, provisional patents Eurasian: Patents	
Provisions of the law of Turkmenistan concerning international-type search:	None	
Provisional protection after international publication:	None	

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Information of interest if Turkmenistan is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Turkmenistan is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a Eurasian patent — See Eurasian Patent Organization (EA) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TN****TUNISIA****TN****General information**

Name of Office:	Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle (INNORPI) (Tunisie) National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)
Location:	Rue de l'assistance n° 8 par la rue Alain Savary, Cité El Khadra, 1003 Tunis, Tunisia
Mailing address:	B. P. 57, Cité El Khadra, 1003 Tunis, Tunisia
Telephone:	(216-71) 80 67 58
Facsimile machine:	(216-71) 80 70 71
E-mail:	innorpi@planet.tn
Internet:	www.innorpi.tn
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Tunisia:	National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Tunisia is designated (or elected):	National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia) (see National Phase)
May Tunisia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents European: Validation of European patents ¹
Provisions of the law of Tunisia concerning international-type search:	None

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¹ For international applications filed on or after 1 December 2017 (see OJ EPO 10/2017, A85).

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TN****TUNISIA****TN***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Tunisia is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Tunisia is designated (or elected):May be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT
Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply
with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TR****TURKEY****TR****General information**

Name of Office:	Türk Patent ve Marka Kurumu (Türkpatent) Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)
Location and mailing address:	Hipodrom Caddesi No. 13, 06560 Yenimahalle, Ankara, Turkey
Telephone:	(90-312) 303 10 00 (90-312) 303 11 82 (Patent Dept.)
Facsimile machine:	(90-312) 303 11 73 (90-312) 303 12 20 (Patent Dept.)
E-mail:	contact@turkpatent.gov.tr
Internet:	www.turkpatent.gov.tr
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Turkey:	Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ¹ restrict the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Applications by residents ²
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Turkey is designated (or elected):	National protection: Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) (see National Phase) European patent: European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Turkey be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models, patents of addition European: Patents
Provisions of the law of Turkey concerning international-type search:	None

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¹ [Law No. 6769 of 22 December 2016, on Industrial Property, Art. 124\(9\).](#)

² A resident of Turkey must file an international application concerning a subject matter of significance for national security directly with the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent).

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TR****TURKEY****TR***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

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

An international patent application designating Turkey benefits from provisional protection as from the date on which a translation of the application as submitted by the applicant has been published by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or has been notified to the alleged infringer ([Law No. 6769 of 22 December 2016, on Industrial Property, Art. 97\(4\) and \(5\)](#)).

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

A published European patent application designating Turkey benefits from provisional protection as from the date on which a translation of the claims as submitted by the applicant has been published by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or has been notified to the alleged infringer ([Implementing Regulations to the Convention on the Grant of European Patents \(EPC\) \(as amended by Regulations No. 26883 of 22 May 2008, Art.8\)](#)).

Information of interest if Turkey is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Turkey is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are not in the request, they must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For a European patent — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TT****TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO****TT****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
Location and mailing address:	3 rd Floor, Capital Plaza, 11-13, Frederick Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Telephone:	(1-868) 226 44 76
Facsimile machine:	(1-868) 226 51 60
E-mail:	info@ipo.gov.tt
Internet:	www.ipo.gov.tt
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Trinidad and Tobago:	Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Trinidad and Tobago is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago) (see National Phase)
May Trinidad and Tobago be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility certificates
Provisions of the law of Trinidad and Tobago concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TT****TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO****TT***[Continued]***Information of interest if Trinidad and Tobago is designated (or elected)**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Trinidad and Tobago is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TZ****UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA****TZ****General information**

Name of Office:	Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)
Location:	6 th floor New Ushirika Tower, Lumumba Street, Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 9393, Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
Telephone:	(255-22) 218 13 44, 218 01 13, 218 01 41, 221 28 00
Facsimile machine:	(255-22) 218 03 71
E-mail:	ceo@brela.go.tz maoni@brela.go.tz
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the United Republic of Tanzania:	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the United Republic of Tanzania is designated (or elected):	National protection: Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May the United Republic of Tanzania be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of the United Republic of Tanzania concerning international-type search:	Section 26 of the Patents Act

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****TZ****UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA****TZ***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Relief may be sought in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date on which the international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, relief may be sought provided that the applicant had transmitted an English translation of the international application to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the latter after he had received the translation.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an ARIPO patent: None

Information of interest if the United Republic of Tanzania is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United Republic of Tanzania is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****UA****UKRAINE****UA****General information**

Name of Office:	Natsionalny Organ Intelektualnoi Vlasnosti, Derzhavne Pidpryemstvo "Ukrainsky Instytut Intelektualnoi Vlasnosti" (Ukrpatent) National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"
Location:	M. Hrushevskoho str., 12/2, Kyiv, 01008, Ukraine
Mailing address:	Derzhavne Pidpryemstvo "Ukrainsky Instytut Intelektualnoi Vlasnosti" The State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute", 1, Hlazunova Street, Kyiv 42, 01601, Ukraine
Telephone:	(380-44) 494 05 05, 494 05 04
Facsimile machine:	(380-44) 494 05 06 (general matters) (380-44) 494 05 35 (application processing)
E-mail:	office@ukrpatent.org
Internet:	www.ukrpatent.org
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Ukraine:	National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)" or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Ukraine is designated (or elected):	National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)" (see National Phase)
May Ukraine be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****UA****UKRAINE****UA***[Continued]*

Provisions of the law of Ukraine
concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after
international publication:

The applicant may, from the date of publication of the international application by the [National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute \(Ukrpatent\)”](#), claim payment of an indemnity from a person who was actually aware or notified in written form in Ukrainian, with indication of the number of the application, of the fact that information on the application for invention, which is used by that person without being entitled to do so, had been published. Such indemnity shall be effective only upon grant of the patent (Article 21, Parts 2 and 4 of UPL).

Information of interest if Ukraine is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Ukraine is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****UG****UGANDA****UG****General information**

Name of Office:	Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)
Location:	Plot 5 George Street, Georgian House, Kampala, Uganda
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 6848, Kampala, Uganda
Telephone:	(256-41) 733 80 00, 733 81 00
E-mail:	ursb@ursb.go.ug
Internet:	www.ursb.go.ug
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Uganda:	Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) , ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Uganda is designated (or elected):	National protection: Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Uganda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility certificates ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Uganda concerning international-type search:	Section 30 of the Industrial Property Act, 2014

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****UG****UGANDA****UG***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

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

Relief may be sought in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date on which the international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, relief may be sought provided that the applicant had transmitted an English translation of the international application to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the latter after he had received the translation.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an ARIPO patent:

None.

Information of interest if Uganda is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Uganda is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****US****UNITED STATES OF AMERICA****US****General information**

Name of Office:	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
Location:	Customer Service Window, Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, United States of America (first floor of the south side of the Randolph Building, with street level access from Ballenger Avenue)
Mailing address:	Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, USA
Telephone:	(1-571) 272 43 00 (PCT Help Desk) (1-866) 217 91 97 (Toll free technical support for electronic filing) (1-571) 272-41 00 (Local technical support for electronic filing)
Facsimile machine:	(1-571) 273 83 00 (PCT Operations – only available for certain documents) ¹ (1-571) 273 83 00 (USPTO Central Fax – only available for certain documents) ¹ (1-571) 273 04 19 (PCT Help Desk)
E-mail:	—
Internet:	https://www.uspto.gov/patentcooperationtreaty
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All documents except the following: certified documents including priority documents; documents needed to receive an international filing date under PCT Article 11; authorizations charging the basic national fee to a deposit account; when necessary, a copy of the international application for entry into the national phase; documents directly related to a secrecy order.
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make national applications filed in electronic form available to the WIPO DAS ²

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¹ For details of which documents may be sent by facsimile, see “Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?”

² For further details on how to request this Office to make applications available to the DAS see <https://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/electronic-priority-document-exchange-pdx>. However, the applicant may not request the receiving Office of the United States of America (RO/US) to obtain a priority document from a digital library and transmit it to the International Bureau pursuant to PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis).

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the United States of America:	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) or International Bureau of WIPO, ³ at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Does national legislation ⁴ restrict the filing of international applications with the International Bureau of WIPO?	Yes, filing restrictions apply to: Inventions made in the United States of America
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the United States of America is designated (or elected):	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (see National Phase)
May the United States of America be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of the United States of America concerning international-type search:	Sections 1.104(a)(3) and (a)(4) and 1.21(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 37 (37 CFR) Note: The USPTO does not require that a formal report of an international-type search be prepared in order to obtain a search fee refund in a later filed international application.
Provisional protection after international publication:	The patentee is entitled to obtain a reasonable royalty commencing on the date of the publication under PCT Article 21(2)(a) of the international application, or if the publication is in a language other than English, on the date the USPTO receives a translation of the international application in the English language. The right to obtain a reasonable royalty is not available unless the invention as claimed in the patent is substantially identical to the invention claimed in the published international application. For details, see the US National Chapter in National Phase, paragraph US.47 (see also 35 USC 154(d)).

Information of interest if the United States of America is designated (or elected)

WARNING

“Prior art effect” of subject matter disclosed in a US patent issued on the basis of an international application:

The United States of America made a declaration under PCT Article 64(4). However, this declaration only applies to applications that are not subject to the First Inventor to File provisions of the America Invents Act, that is, applications that contain or ever contained a claim having an effective filing date prior to 16 March 2013.⁵

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³ Applicants may file with the International Bureau only if the national security provisions allow filing of patent applications abroad. Compliance with such provisions is the applicant's responsibility and will not be checked by the International Bureau.

⁴ Title 35, United States Code, Patents, Sections 181 and 184-188. See also 37 CFR 5.11-5.20.

⁵ Additional information regarding the applicability of the First Inventor to File provisions of the America Invents Act can be found at: <https://www.uspto.gov/patent/first-inventor-file-fit-resources>

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****US****UNITED STATES OF AMERICA****US***[Continued]*

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United States of America is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the data concerning the inventor is missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****UZ****UZBEKISTAN****UZ****General information**

Name of Office:	O'zbekiston Respublikasi Adliya vazirligi huzuridagi Intellektual Mulk Agentligi Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Location and mailing address:	33, Khadra street, Tashkent, 100017, Uzbekistan
Telephone:	(998-71) 232 50 50
Facsimile machine:	(998-71) 233 50 05
E-mail:	info@ima.uz
Internet:	www.ima.uz
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Uzbekistan:	Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Uzbekistan is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan (see National Phase)
May Uzbekistan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Uzbekistan concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****UZ****UZBEKISTAN****UZ***[Continued]***Information of interest if Uzbekistan is designated (or elected)**

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Uzbekistan is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****VC****SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES****VC****General information**

Name of Office:	Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)
Location and mailing address:	Ground Floor, Methodist Commercial Building, Granby Street, Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Telephone:	(1-784) 456 15 16, 451 28 94
Facsimile machine:	(1-784) 457 13 97
E-mail:	ciposvg@vincysurf.com
Internet:	www.cipo.gov.vc/cipo
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is designated (or elected):	Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (see National Phase)
May Saint Vincent and the Grenadines be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility certificates
Provisions of the law of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines concerning international-type search:	Yes
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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**Information of interest if Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is designated
(or elected)**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is designated (or elected):	Within two months from the date of the invitation by the Office
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No
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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****VN****VIET NAM****VN****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)
Location and mailing address:	384-386 Nguyen Trai Street, Thanh Xuan District, Ha Noi, Viet Nam
Telephone:	(84-24) 3558 82 17, 3858 30 69
Facsimile machine:	(84-24) 3858 84 49
E-mail:	vietnamipo@ipvietnam.gov.vn
Internet:	www.ipvietnam.gov.vn
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Viet Nam:	Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Viet Nam is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam) (see National Phase)
May Viet Nam be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents ² , patents for utility solution
Provisions of the law of Viet Nam concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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¹ A resident of Viet Nam may only file directly with the International Bureau of WIPO: (i) after having obtained written authorization from the Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam); or (ii) after an application for a patent for the same invention has been filed at the Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam).

² Patent means “patent for invention”, to be distinguished from “patent for utility solution”.

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Information of interest if Viet Nam is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Viet Nam is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****WS****SAMOA****WS****General information**

Name of Office:	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)
Location:	ACC House, Levels 3 & 4, Apia, Samoa
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 862, Apia, Samoa
Telephone:	(685) 204 41
Facsimile machine:	(685) 204 43
E-mail:	ipros@mcil.gov.ws mpal@mcil.gov.ws
Internet:	www.mcil.gov.ws
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Samoa:	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Samoa is designated (or elected):	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)
May Samoa be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, innovation patents
Provisions of the law of Samoa concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Samoa is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Samoa is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ZA****SOUTH AFRICA****ZA****General information**

Name of Office:	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)
Location:	77 Meintjies Street, Block F, Sunnyside, Pretoria 0002, South Africa
Mailing address:	Intellectual Property: Private Bag X400, Pretoria 0001, South Africa
Telephone:	(27-12) 394 50 01, 394 50 84
E-mail:	epct@cipc.co.za
Internet:	www.cipc.co.za
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the trans- mitted document is the international application, a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international applica- tion, or a power of attorney No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of South Africa:	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if South Africa is designated (or elected):	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) (See National Phase)
May South Africa be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of South Africa concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if South Africa is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if South Africa is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ZM****ZAMBIA****ZM****General information**

Name of Office:	Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)
Location:	Pacra House, Haile Selassie Avenue, Long Acres, Lusaka, Zambia
Mailing address:	Registrar, Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA), P.O. Box 32020, Lusaka, Zambia
Telephone:	(260-211) 25 51 35, 25 54 25, 25 51 51
Facsimile machine:	(260-211) 25 54 26
E-mail:	patents@pacra.org.zm pro@pacra.org.zm
Internet:	www.pacra.org.zm
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine and e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month of transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Zambia:	Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Zambia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Zambia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, patents of addition, utility models ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Zambia concerning international-type search:	Section 52(3) of the Patents Act No. 40 of 2016

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ZM****ZAMBIA****ZM***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

(1) International applications published in English: the applicant enjoys the rights as provided for in Section 62(2) of the Patents Act from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21.

(2) International applications published in a language other than English: the applicant enjoys the rights as provided for in Section 62(2) of the Patents Act after a translation into English has been submitted by the applicant to the Office as provided for in Section 65(1) and publication has taken place in accordance with Section 54.

Information of interest if Zambia is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Zambia is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes¹

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

¹ For further details, refer to Sections 21 and 32(2) of the Patents Act No. 40 of 2016.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ZW****ZIMBABWE****ZW****General information**

Name of Office:	Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office
Location:	Century House East, 38 N. Mandela Avenue, Harare, Zimbabwe
Mailing address:	P.O. Box CY 177, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe
Telephone:	(263-4) 78 18 35, 77 55 44/45/46
Facsimile machine:	(263-4) 77 73 72
E-mail:	fmaredza@yahoo.com
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Zimbabwe:	Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office, ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Zimbabwe is designated (or elected):	National protection: Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Zimbabwe be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, patents of addition ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Zimbabwe concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Zimbabwe is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Zimbabwe is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

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B2**AP**

AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO)

AP

General information

Name of Office:	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)
Location:	11 Natal Road, Belgravia, Harare, Zimbabwe
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 4228, Harare, Zimbabwe
Telephone:	(263-242) 79 40 54, 79 40 65, 79 40 68
Facsimile machine:	(263-242) 79 40 73, 79 40 72
E-mail:	mail@aripo.org registry@aripo.org (for filing of documents only)
Online service:	http://eservice.aripo.org
Internet:	www.aripo.org
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine or e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents, with the exception of authorizations and priority documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 60 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the following countries:	Botswana, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe ¹ , Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe: ARIPO Office (the applicant may also choose to file with the national Office of the country (except Eswatini, Gambia, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania) of which he is a national or resident or with the International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C))
Competent designated (or elected) Office for the granting of an ARIPO patent for the following countries:	Botswana, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe ¹ , Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	ARIPO patents, ARIPO utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a patent)

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¹ For international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014.

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Provisions of the ARIPO legislation concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

See Annex B1 for provisional protection available under the national law of each State party to both the PCT and the Harare Protocol

Information of interest if ARIPO is a designated (or elected) Office

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if ARIPO is a designated (or elected) Office:

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (See Annex L)

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B2**EA**

EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO)

EA

General information

Name of Office:	Evraziiskoe patentnoe vedomstvo (EAPV) Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)
Location and mailing address:	2, M. Cherkassky per., Moscow, 109012, Russian Federation
Telephone:	(74-95) 411 61 50
Facsimile machine:	(74-95) 621 24 23
E-mail:	info@eapo.org
Internet:	www.eapo.org
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))?	Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and national applications available to the WIPO DAS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the following countries:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan: Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (the applicant may also choose to file with the national Office of the country of which he is a national or resident or with the International Bureau of WIPO) (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office for the granting of a Eurasian patent for the following countries:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan: Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) (see National Phase)

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B2**EA**

EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO)

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Types of protection available via the PCT: Eurasian patents

Provisions of the Eurasian Patent Convention concerning international-type search: None

Provisional protection after international publication: The protection granted, if applicable, in each State party to both the PCT and the Eurasian Patent Convention is indicated under the heading “Where the designation is made for the purposes of a Eurasian patent” for such States. See also Article 9(3) of the Eurasian Patent Convention [and Rule 10 of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention](#).

Information of interest if the EAPO is a designated (or elected) Office

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the EAPO is a designated (or elected) Office: Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? Yes (see Annex L)

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B2**EP**

EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION (EPO)

EP

General information

Name of Office:	European Patent Office (EPO)		
Location:	Headquarters at Munich: Bob-van-Bentham-Platz 1 80469 München Germany	Branch at The Hague: Patentlaan 2 2288 EE Rijswijk Netherlands	Filing Office at Berlin: Gitschiner Str. 103 10969 Berlin Germany
Mailing address:	80298 München Germany	Postbus 5818 2280 HV Rijswijk Netherlands	10958 Berlin Germany
Telephone:	(49-89) 2399-4500 00 800 80 20 20 20 (Customer Services)	(31-70) 340-4500	(49-30) 25901-4500
Facsimile machine:	(49-89) 2399-4465	(31-70) 340-3016	(49-30) 25901-840
E-mail:	support@epo.org		
Internet:	www.epo.org		
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile		
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents with the exception of authorizations and priority documents		
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Filing of the international application: yes, preferably simultaneously, but in any event not later than one month from the date of the invitation by the EPO Other documents: only upon invitation by the EPO ¹		
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No		
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is Chronopost, DHL, Federal Express, Flexpress, SkyNet, TNT, Transworld or UPS		

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¹ See OJ EPO 2007, Special Edition No. 3, page 7 *et seq.*

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Does the Office excuse delays in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication (PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a))?

Yes, delays in meeting time limits could be excused where any of the permitted means of electronic filing at the EPO notified under Rule 89*bis*, or means of online payment, was unavailable for a minimum of a continuous four-hour period on a specific working day. Rule 82*quater*.2 will not be applied by the EPO if a means of electronic filing is unavailable for less than four hours and an announcement of the outage has been published at least two working days in advance. In cases where the advance notice indicated that an outage was to last for less than four hours, but eventually lasted longer, the EPO will consider applying Rule 82*quater*.2. An unplanned outage, however, does not necessarily have to last a minimum of four hours to qualify for the application of Rule 82*quater*.2 by the EPO. If the unavailability of a means of electronic communication, or means of online payment, is qualified as an outage by its technical services, the EPO will consider applying Rule 82*quater*.2².

Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*))?

Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international and European patent applications available to the WIPO DAS³

Competent designated and elected Office for requesting extension of a European patent to the following countries:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro

Competent designated and elected Office for requesting validation of a European patent in the following countries:

Cambodia,⁴ Morocco,⁵ Republic of Moldova,⁶ Tunisia,⁷

Types of protection available via the PCT:

European patents

Provisions of the European Patent Convention concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

The protection granted in each State party to both the PCT and the European Patent Convention is indicated under the heading “Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent” for such States. See also, for further information, Articles 67 and 153 of the European Patent Convention and the EPO brochure “National law relating to the EPC”.

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² For the relevant notification by the Office refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 26 November 2020, pages 254 *et seq.*

³ For further details, see OJ EPO 2019, A27.

⁴ For international applications filed on or after 1 March 2018.

⁵ For international applications filed on or after 1 March 2015.

⁶ For international applications filed on or after 1 November 2015.

⁷ For international applications filed on or after 1 December 2017.

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Information of interest if the EPO is a designated (or elected) Office

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the EPO is a designated (or elected) Office:	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

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General information

Name of Office:	International Bureau of WIPO	
Location:	34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva, Switzerland	
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 18, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland	
Telephone:	(41-22) 338 91 11	
	(41-22) 338 92 22	(for receiving Office purposes only)
	(41-22) 338 83 38	(PCT Information Service)
Facsimile machine: ²	(41-22) 338 82 70	
	(41-22) 338 90 90	
Online services:	ePCT Contingency Upload Service (filing of PDF documents as an alternative to fax transmission and where ePCT is not available)	
E-mail:	pct.infoline@wipo.int	(PCT Information Service)
	pct.eservices@wipo.int	(PCT eServices Help Desk)
	ro.ib@wipo.int	(for receiving Office purposes only)
Internet:	www.wipo.int/pct/en/	
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine ²	
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents	
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application	
	No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents	
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes	
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes	

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¹ This code is used where the International Bureau acts as receiving Office (see Annex C). (Code "WO" is used for the purposes of international publication under the PCT.)

² Only limited fax services are available for sending faxes to the International Bureau, including as receiving Office, in exceptional situations. For further information, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2019/pct_news_2019_11.pdf.

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Does the Office excuse delays in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication (PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a))?

Yes, the Office, also in its function as receiving Office, excuses delays in meeting time limits where the ePCT system, with or without strong authentication, or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was unavailable for a minimum of a continuous one hour period on a specific working day at the Office and where the respective action was performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication were available.³

Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b)-*bis*)?

Yes, the Office is prepared to allow applicants to make international applications available to the WIPO DAS

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:⁴

All PCT Contracting States (see Annex C)

Fees and charges payable to the International Bureau in particular circumstances:⁵

Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)

Early publication, upon request of the applicant, where the international search report or the declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is not available for publication with the international application (PCT Rule 48.4(a)): CHF 200

Publication of information concerning a late request to add or correct a priority claim (PCT Rule 26*bis*.2(e)) or publication of a refused request for rectification (PCT Rule 91.3(d)): CHF 50
plus CHF 12
for each sheet in excess of one

Copy of the record copy of an international application (PCT Rule 94.1): CHF 35
— if certified as true copy of the record copy: CHF 50

Certified copy of a published international application: CHF 35

Copy of a priority document (PCT Rule 17.2(c) or 94.1): CHF 35
— if certified as true copy of the priority document: CHF 50

Copy of a document in the file (other than the record copy, the published application or the priority document) (PCT Rule 94.1): CHF 5
plus CHF 2
per page

— if certified as true copy of the document concerned: plus CHF 15

Copy, on CD-ROM, of sequence listings contained in published international applications or priority documents, produced upon request of a third party: CHF 35
plus shipping costs

Transmitting to a designated Office a copy of an international application, upon request of the applicant (PCT Rule 31.1(b)): CHF 35
Supplement for airmail: CHF 10

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³ For the relevant notification by the Office refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 16 July 2020, pages 155 *et seq.*

⁴ Applicants may file with the International Bureau only if the national security provisions allow filing of patent applications abroad. Compliance with such provisions is the applicant's responsibility and will not be checked by the International Bureau.

⁵ For further details on the payment of fees see the WIPO web site at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

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Supplementary search fees:^{6, 7}

Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3):	See Annex SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (RU), (SE), (SG), (TR), (UA), (XN) or (XV)		
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF	200	
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF	100	

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the International Bureau waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁸
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

⁶ See footnote 4.

⁷ The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)).

⁸ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI)

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General information

Name of Office:	Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (OAPI) African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)
Location:	Place de la Préfecture, Yaoundé, Cameroon
Mailing address:	B.P. 887, Yaoundé, Cameroon
Telephone:	(237-2) 220 39 11, 220 57 00
Facsimile machine:	(237-2) 220 18 44, 220 57 27
E-mail:	oapi@oapi.int
Internet:	www.oapi.int
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within two months from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is a power of attorney or a replacement sheet of the description, claims or drawings Yes, within six months from the date of entry into the national phase for documents relating to priority (instrument of assignment of priority and, only when PCT Rule 17.1(c) applies, priority document) No, in the case of other documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the following countries:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros , Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo: African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) or International Bureau of WIPO (IB), at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office for the granting of an OAPI patent if at least one of the above States is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)

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Information on Intergovernmental Organizations

B2**OA**

AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI)

OA*[Continued]*

Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models
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Provisions of the OAPI legislation concerning international-type search:	None
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Provisional protection after international publication:	None
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Information of interest if OAPI is a designated (or elected) Office

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if OAPI is a designated (or elected) Office:	Must be in the request if the inventor has not renounced in writing the right to be named. If the data concerning the inventor are not in the request, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement and to pay a fee within a time limit fixed in the invitation. In any case, a patent may not be granted before the required corrections have been made.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No
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Information on Intergovernmental Organizations

B2**XN**

NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE

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General information

Name of Office:	Nordic Patent Institute
Location and mailing address:	Helgeshoj Allé 81, 2630 Taastrup, Denmark
Telephone:	(45-43) 50 85 00
Facsimile machine:	(45-43) 50 80 08
E-mail:	npi@npi.int
Internet:	www.npi.int
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes

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Information on Intergovernmental Organizations

B2**XV**

VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI)

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General information

Name of Office:	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)
Location:	II. János Pál Pápa tér 7, 1081 Budapest, Hungary
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 415, 1438 Budapest, Hungary
Telephone:	(361) 613 51 30
Facsimile machine:	(361) 799 01 88
E-mail:	secretariat@vpi.int
Internet:	www.vpi.int
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Botswana, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe ¹ , Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD) or local currency of any ARIPO Contracting State where applicant is resident
Transmittal fee:	USD 50 or equivalent in local currency of any ARIPO Contracting State where applicant is resident
International filing fee: ⁵	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP) or (SE)
Fee for priority document:	USD 30 or equivalent in local currency of any ARIPO Contracting State where applicant is resident

1 For international applications filed on or after 19 August 2014.

2 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

4 For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 9 July 2020, pages 150 *et seq.*

5 This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C	Receiving Offices	C
AP	AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO)	AP

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Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in or has his principal place of business
in an ARIPO Contracting State

Yes, if neither his residence nor his principal place of business is
within the territory of one of the ARIPO Contracting States

Who can act as agent?

Any agent authorized to represent applicants before the national
office of an ARIPO Contracting State

C**Receiving Offices****C****AT****AUSTRIAN PATENT OFFICE****AT***[Continued]*

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

Applicants having a residence or a principal place of business in Austria, in another member State of the European Union, in another State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or in Switzerland are not obliged to be represented by an agent. However, applicants whose residence or principal place of business is outside of Austria must – at least – mention a natural person or legal entity having an address in Austria for the reception of documents. Applicants wishing to be represented may be represented either by any natural person or legal entity having a residence or its principal place of business in Austria, or by any natural person or legal entity authorized to professional representation in Austria (professional agent or agency).

Applicants having neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Austria, in another member State of the European Union, in another State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or in Switzerland, are obliged to be represented by a patent attorney, attorney at law or notary, entitled to professional representation in Austria (professional agent or agency).

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney, attorney at law or notary, entitled to professional representation in Austria (professional agent or agency). The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Österreichische Patentanwaltskammer, Linke Wienzeile 4/1/9, A-1060 Wien, Austria (www.patentanwalt.at). The list of attorneys at law may be obtained from the Österreichischer Rechtsanwaltskammertag, Rotenturmstr. 13, A-1010 Wien, Austria (www.oerak.or.at). The list of notaries may be obtained from the Österreichische Notariatskammer, Landesgerichtsstr. 20, A-1010 Wien, Austria (www.notar.at).

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

None

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

None

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C	Receiving Offices	C
AU	AUSTRALIAN PATENT OFFICE	AU

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Australia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or any other language ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 28 July 2016, pages 163 *et seq.*

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AU AUSTRALIAN PATENT OFFICE AU

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Australian dollar (AUD)
Transmittal fee:	AUD 200
International filing fee:	AUD 1,860 (2,019) ⁵
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 21 (23) ⁵
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 280 (304) ⁵
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 420 (455) ⁵
Search fee:	See Annex D(AU) or (KR)
Fee for priority document:	AUD 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	AUD 200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice as a patent attorney before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)

⁵ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 November 2021.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C Receiving Offices C

AZ INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AGENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN AZ

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Azerbaijan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Azerbaijani, English, Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 26 November 2015, pages 188 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency:	Azerbaijani manat (AZN) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	AZN	30
International filing fee: ⁶	USD	1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	USD	16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	328
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)	
Fee for priority document:	AZN	10

Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent who is authorized to practice before the Office
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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C	Receiving Offices	C
BG	PATENT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA	BG

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Fees payable to the receiving Office
(*cont'd*):

Search fee:

Currency: Bulgarian lev (BGN) and Euro (EUR)

See Annex D(EP) or (RU)

Fee for priority document:

None

Fee for requesting restoration of the right
of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

None

Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in Bulgaria

Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the
Office

C Receiving Offices C

BN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM INTELLECTUAL BN PROPERTY OFFICE (BRUIPO)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Brunei Darussalam
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office (JPO) or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ⁴ Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ⁴ , Japan Patent Office (JPO) ⁴ or Korean Intellectual Property Office

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 January 2016, pages 9 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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BN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM INTELLECTUAL BN PROPERTY OFFICE (BRUIPO)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Brunei dollar (BND)
Transmittal fee:	BND 150
International filing fee:	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 300
Search fee:	Equivalent in BND of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AU), (EP), (JP) or (SG)
Fee for priority document:	BND 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BND 500
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, but an address for service in Brunei Darussalam is required
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Brunei Darussalam
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****BR****NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(BRAZIL)****BR**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Brazil
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Portuguese ¹ or Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Portuguese or Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁵ , National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 2 June 2016, pages 108 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Brazilian real (BRL)
Transmittal fee ⁷ :		BRL 175 (online); 260 (on paper) ⁸
International filing fee: ⁹		Equivalent in BRL of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁹		Equivalent in BRL of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		Equivalent in BRL of Swiss francs 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		Equivalent in BRL of Swiss francs 300
Search fee:		Equivalent in BRL of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AT), (BR), (EP), (SE) or (US)
Fee for priority document:		BRL 135 (online) ¹⁰
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No
Who can act as agent?		Any natural or legal person resident in Brazil

⁷ This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application 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, see 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 This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

¹⁰ The priority document may only be requested online. For further details, refer to *Revista da Propriedade Industrial* No. 2544 of 8 October 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2544.pdf>).

C**Receiving Offices****C****BW****COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY AUTHORITY (CIPA)
(BOTSWANA)****BW**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Botswana
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 32
International filing fee: ¹	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D (EP)
Fee for priority document	USD ... ²
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Botswana Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Botswana

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

² The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office
<p>Waiver of power of attorney:</p> <p>Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:</p> <p>Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:</p>	<p>Yes⁷</p> <p>Where there is a change in representation, that is, where any action before the Office is performed by an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing</p> <p>Yes⁷</p> <p>Where there is a change in representation, that is, where any action before the Office is performed by an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing</p>

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	An individual who holds a patent agent licence or a patent agent in training licence issued by the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents⁶
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁶ An applicant may appoint all of the patent agents who work at the same firm to represent them in respect of their application.

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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CH	SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	CH

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Switzerland or having an address for service in Switzerland.
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Chile
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁵ Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), ⁶ Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Chilean peso (CLP)	
Transmittal fee:	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁷	130
International filing fee: ⁸	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁷	1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁸	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁷	16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁷	218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁷	328
Search fee:	See Annex D(CL), (EP), (ES), (KR) or (US)	
Fee for priority document:	CLP 9,000 ⁹	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁷	400

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Chile Yes, if the applicant is a non-resident
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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Chile
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Waiver of power of attorney:
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

⁹ The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (refer to Annex B1). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

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CN CHINA NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL CN

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Yuan renminbi (CNY)
Transmittal fee:	None
International filing fee: ⁶	Equivalent in CNY of Swiss francs 1,330 (CNY 9,260) ⁷
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	Equivalent in CNY of Swiss francs 15 (CNY 100) ⁷
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in CNY of Swiss francs 200 (CNY 1,390) ⁷
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in CNY of Swiss francs 300 (CNY 2,090) ⁷
Search fee:	See Annex D(CN) or (EP) ⁸
Fee for priority document:	CNY 150
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	CNY 1,000
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1bis):	CNY 2 per page
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the first-named applicant resides in China Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any of the patent agencies legally incorporated in China. A list of patent agencies may be obtained from the Office.
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 December 2021.

⁸ See footnote 4.

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Colombia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁵ , Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) ⁶ or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

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CO SUPERINTENDENCE OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (COLOMBIA) CO

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Colombian peso (COP)
Transmittal fee:	– electronic filing: COP 419,640 – paper filing: COP 503,470
International filing fee: ⁷	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs 300
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (BR), (CL), (EP), (ES), (KR), or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	Information not yet available ⁸
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Colombia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in Colombia

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁸ The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable currency and fee amount.

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Costa Rica
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁵ National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) ⁶ or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

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⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 212 (online) 289 (on paper)
International filing fee: ⁷	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(CL), (EP) or (ES)
Fee for priority document:	USD 29
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 144

Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in Costa Rica ⁸
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CU CUBAN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE CU

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Cuban peso (CUP)
Transmittal fee:		CUP 2,400
International filing fee: ⁷		Equivalent in CUP of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷		Equivalent in CUP of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		Equivalent in CUP of Swiss francs 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		Equivalent in CUP of Swiss francs 300
Search fee:		See Annex D(AT), (BR), (CL), (EP), (ES) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:		CUP 2,400
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No, if the applicant resides in Cuba Yes, if he does not have a domicile or a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in Cuba
Who can act as agent?		Any person authorized to practice before the Office. The names and professional addresses of the persons who can act as agents are published in the Official Gazette [<i>Boletín Oficial de la Oficina</i>].

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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CY DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF CY

COMPANIES AND OFFICIAL RECEIVER OF CYPRUS

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Cyprus
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, German or Greek ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 191
International filing fee:	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney qualified to practice in Cyprus
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ²
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ²
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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CZ INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE CZ

OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Czechia
Language in which international applications may be filed: ^{1, 2}	Czech, English, French or German
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French or German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁵
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Visegrad Patent Institute
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Visegrad Patent Institute
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Czech koruna (CZK) and Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	CZK 1,500
International filing fee: ⁶	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (XV)
Fee for priority document:	CZK 600

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (see PCT Rule 12.3).

² If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

³ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

⁴ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁵ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 25 June 2015, pages 101 *et seq.*

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No

Who can act as agent?

Any patent agent or attorney registered in Czechia

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Germany
Language in which international applications may be filed:	German
Language in which the request may be filed:	German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ¹	Yes ²
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 90
International filing fee:	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 20
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant has his residence, principal place of business or an establishment in Germany Yes, if the applicant has neither his residence, nor principal place of business, nor an establishment in Germany

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

² For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 40/2006, pages 19076 *et seq.*

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Who can act as agent?

If an agent is required: any patent attorney, attorney-at-law, or firm of representatives established in Germany and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office;³ any patent attorney or attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or of Switzerland, authorized to either practice in Germany, or to provide temporary services, and empowered to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office (refer to the *Act on the Activities of Patent Attorneys from EU member states in Germany (EuPAG)* and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany (EuRAG)*);

If an agent is not required: as mentioned above and any natural person⁴

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

If the agent is *not*:

- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law admitted to practice in Germany,
- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or of Switzerland, authorized to pursue certain professional activities (refer to the *Act on the Activities of Patent Attorneys from EU member states in Germany* and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany*)

In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act

In case of a common representative

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

If the agent is *not*:

- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law admitted to practice in Germany,
- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or of Switzerland, authorized to pursue certain professional activities (refer to the *Act on the Activities of Patent Attorneys from EU member states in Germany* and the *Act on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany*)

In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act

³ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

⁴ In accordance with the provisions of the *Legal Services Act (Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG)*.

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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DJ OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND DJ COMMERCE OF DJIBOUTI (ODPIC)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Djibouti
Language in which international applications may be filed: ¹	Arabic, English or French
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic, English or French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office ⁵

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ As from 3 January 2022. For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 October 2021, pages 166 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Austrian Patent Office.

C**Receiving Offices****C****DJ****OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND
COMMERCE OF DJIBOUTI (ODPIC)****DJ***[Continued]*

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Djibouti franc (DJF) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100 or equivalent in DJF
International filing fee: ⁶	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218 ⁷
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328 ⁷
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EG) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 180 or equivalent in DJF
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 500 or equivalent in DJF
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Djibouti Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Djibouti
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ See footnote 4.

C**Receiving Offices****C****DK****DANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE****DK**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Denmark
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Danish, English, French, German, Icelandic, Norwegian or Swedish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French or German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts XML and PDF files filed using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3). If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English, French or German (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 7 July 2016, pages 157 *et seq.*

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Danish krone (DKK)
Transmittal fee:	DKK 1,500
International filing fee:	DKK 9,170
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK 100
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK 1,380
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK 2,070
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (XN) or (SE)
Fee for priority document:	DKK 300
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	DKK 3,000

Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the European Economic Area
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Dominican Republic
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	4
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁵ National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), ⁶ Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency:	Dominican peso (DOP) and United States dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD	316
International filing fee: ⁷	USD	1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD	16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	328
Search fee:	See annex D(CL), (EP), (ES) or (US)	
Fee for priority document:	plus DOP	1,725 for the first 10 pages 12 for each additional page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	DOP	17,250
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Dominican Republic Yes, if he is a non-resident	
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the Dominican Republic	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

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C**Receiving Offices****C****DZ****ALGERIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY****DZ**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Algeria
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or French ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2,3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Algerian dinar (DZD) and Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	None
International filing fee: ⁵	CHF 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	CHF 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CHF 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CHF 300
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	DZD 200 per page
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Algeria Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 25 June 2015, pages 104 *et seq.*

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****EA****EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)****EA**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts XML and PDF files filed using ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Russian rouble (RUB), US dollar (USD) and Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	RUB 1,600
International filing fee: ⁶	USD 1,453 or EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	USD 16 or EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218 or EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328 or EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	RUB 1,500
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 21 August 2014, pages 121 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****EA****EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)****EA***[Continued]*

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant has a residence or his principal place of business in one of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention Yes, if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of those States
Who can act as agent?	Any legal practitioner qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention and inscribed in the register of patent attorneys kept in the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 300
International filing fee: ⁷	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(CL), (EP) or (ES)
Fee for priority document:	USD 0.20 per certified page

Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Ecuador
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C**Receiving Offices****C****EE****ESTONIAN PATENT OFFICE****EE**Competent receiving Office
for nationals and residents of:

Estonia

Language in which international
applications may be filed:

English or German

Language in which the request
may be filed:

English or German

Number of copies on paper required
by the receiving Office:

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Does the receiving Office accept the
filing of international applications in
electronic form?^{1, 2}Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing³Does the receiving Office accept requests
for restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26bis.3)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

Competent International
Searching Authority:

European Patent Office

Competent International Preliminary
Examining Authority:

European Patent Office

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 30 April 2015, pages 71 *et seq.*

C	Receiving Offices	C
EE	ESTONIAN PATENT OFFICE	EE

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 120
International filing fee: ⁴	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 16
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Estonia Yes, if he is a non-resident
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Who can act as agent?	Any registered Estonian patent attorney resident in Estonia

⁴ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****EG****EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE****EG**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Egypt
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2,3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁵ or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Egyptian pound (EGP) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 142
International filing fee: ⁷	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD 16
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EG), (EP) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	USD 30
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EGP 800 (individuals and research institutes) EGP 1,000 (companies less than 10 employees) EGP 1,500 (companies over 10 employees)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 21 September 2017, pages 132 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Austrian Patent Office.

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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EG**Receiving Offices**
EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE**C**
EG*[Continued]*

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Egypt Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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EP EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) EP

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Albania, Austria, Belgium, ¹ Bulgaria, ¹ Croatia, Cyprus, ¹ Czechia, Denmark, ¹ Estonia, Finland, ¹ France, ¹ Germany, ¹ Greece, ¹ Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, ¹ Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, ¹ Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, ¹ Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, ¹ Sweden, ¹ Switzerland, Turkey, ¹ United Kingdom ¹
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French or German
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French or German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via EPO Online Filing, the EPO web-form filing service, the EPO case management system (CMS), ⁵ ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing 2.0. Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R if EPO Online Filing is used.
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office

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¹ See, however, Annex B1 relating to that State as to the national requirements for compulsory filing with a national Office.

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 18 March 2021, page 51 *et seq.*

⁵ As from 1 January 2022, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the EPO case management system (CMS). For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 3 June 2021, page 108.

C	Receiving Offices EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)	C
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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee: ⁶	EUR 135
International filing fee: ⁷	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (web-form filing):	EUR 93
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 105
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 665
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant has a residence or his principal place of business in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention Yes, if he has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of those States
Who can act as agent?	Any professional representative entered on the relevant list maintained by the EPO (the directory of professional representatives can be ordered at the EPO, Vienna, or consulted on the EPO web site) Any legal practitioner qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention and who has his place of business in that State Where an applicant wishes to appoint the professional representatives practising within an association of representatives registered with the EPO under Rule 152(11) EPC, the name of that association and its registration number are to be indicated in Box No. IV of the Request form

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⁶ See information for users on the availability of DOCX filing and changes to the filing fee, fee for grant and transmittal fee, OJ EPO 2018, A28.

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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EP****Receiving Offices
EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)****C
EP***[Continued]*Waiver of power of attorney:⁸

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Yes⁹

If necessary in the circumstances of a particular case, for example:

(1) where a procedural act is performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless:

- the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record; or
- both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant (or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative).

(2) in case of doubt as to whether the agent or common representative is entitled to act.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Yes⁹

If necessary in the circumstances of a particular case, for example:

(1) where a procedural act is performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless:

- the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record; or
- both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant (or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative).

(2) in case of doubt as to whether the agent or common representative is entitled to act.

⁸ See OJ EPO 5/2010, page 335.⁹ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****ES****SPANISH PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE****ES**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Spain
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

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¹ Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ With effect from 1 November 2021, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using PCT-SAFE; as from that date it will only accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the EPO Online Filing software. For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 12 August 2021, page 136.

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SPANISH PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Euro (EUR)	
Transmittal fee:		EUR	75
International filing fee:		EUR	1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:		EUR	14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):			
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		EUR	185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		EUR	278
Search fee:		See Annex D(EP) or (ES)	
Fee for priority document:		EUR	29.98
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		EUR	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <i>Online</i> <i>On paper</i> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> 89.55 105.35 </div>
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No, if the applicant resides in Spain or in another country of the European Union Yes, if he resides in a country other than a country of the European Union	
Who can act as agent?		Any patent attorney whose name appears on a list maintained by the Office	
Waiver of power of attorney:			
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?		Yes ⁵	
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:		In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act; and upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?		Yes ⁵	
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:		In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act; and upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.	

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****FI****FINNISH PATENT AND
REGISTRATION OFFICE (PRH)****FI**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Finland
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Finnish or Swedish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts XML and PDF files filed using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3). If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 10 November 2016, page 230 *et seq.*

C**Receiving Offices****C****FI****FINNISH PATENT AND
REGISTRATION OFFICE (PRH)****FI***[Continued]*

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 135
International filing fee:	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (FI) or (SE)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 15 for transmittal plus EUR 70 per document for a patent or EUR 50 per document for a utility model
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 450
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Finland Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the European Economic Area
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****FR****NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY (INPI) (FRANCE)****FR**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	France
Language in which international applications may be filed:	French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ¹	Yes ²
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 62
International filing fee:	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 15
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 156

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 18/2003, pages 9656 *et seq.*

C**Receiving Offices****C****FR****NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY (INPI) (FRANCE)****FR***[Continued]*Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?No, if the applicant resides in a State member of the European
Union or party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area
Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person registered to practice before the Office

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?Particular instances in which a
separate power of attorney is required:Yes³The Office continues to require that a power of attorney be
submitted in the following instances:

If the agent is:

- a person indicated in article L.422-5 of the Code of Intellectual
Property,
- an enterprise or a public institution contractually bound to the
applicant,
- a specialized professional organization;

In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act;

In case of a common representative.

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted?Particular instances in which a copy of
a general power of attorney is
required:Yes³The Office continues to require that a power of attorney be
submitted in the following instances:

If the agent is:

- a person indicated in article L.422-5 of the Code of Intellectual
Property,
- an enterprise or a public institution contractually bound to the
applicant,
- a specialized professional organization;

In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act;

In case of a common representative.

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C	Receiving Offices	C
GB	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE¹ (UNITED KINGDOM)	GB

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	United Kingdom; ² also for residents of the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and the Bailiwick of Guernsey
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or Welsh ³
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{4, 5}	Yes ⁶
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office

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¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

² By virtue of the British Nationality Act 1981, United Kingdom nationality is afforded to British Citizens, British Dependent Territories Citizens, British Overseas Citizens, British Subjects and British Protected Persons. Questions about the nationality and residence of applicants from dependent territories of the United Kingdom should be referred to the Patents Legal Section, Intellectual Property Office.

³ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

⁴ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

⁵ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁶ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 32/2004, pages 18092 *et seq.*

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
GB **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE⁷** **GB**
(UNITED KINGDOM)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Pound sterling (GBP)
Transmittal fee:		GBP 75
International filing fee:		GBP 1,028
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:		GBP 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		GBP 155
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		GBP 232
Search fee:		See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:		GBP 20
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		GBP 150
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No
Who can act as agent?		Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). ⁸ A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2 nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD ⁹
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?		Yes ¹⁰
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:		Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?		Yes ¹⁰
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:		Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁷ See footnote 1.

⁸ For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2021, any agent appointed must have an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar.

⁹ E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50; facsimile: (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

¹⁰ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C	Receiving Offices	C
GD	SUPREME COURT REGISTRY (GRENADA)	GD

Information not yet available

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Georgia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Georgian ¹ or Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “due care” and the “unintentional” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Israel Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁵ , Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Israel Patent Office ⁶ or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee: ^{7, 8}	USD 100
International filing fee: ⁹	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁹	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP), (IL), (RU) or (US)
Fee for priority document: ⁷	USD 30
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 60
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Georgia. If the applicant does not reside in Georgia, it is preferable that they appoint an agent or provide an address for service.
Who can act as agent?	Any person who is a resident of Georgia or registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney.
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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GH REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT GH

(GHANA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Ghana
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), ¹ European Patent Office ² or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Ghanaian cedi (GHS) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	GHS 2,500 for individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons GHS 5,000 for entities employing 25 persons or more
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (CN), (EP) or (SE)
Fee for priority document:	USD 20
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Ghana Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Ghana An engineer or other qualified scientist recognized for that purpose by the Registrar at the Registrar's discretion

¹ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, by the Austrian Patent Office or by the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

- 1 The international application filed by a national of Greece must be accompanied by a translation into Greek for the purposes of national security (Law No. 4325/1963 for inventions concerning national defense) if no priority of an earlier national application is claimed.
- 2 If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).
- 3 This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (HONDURAS)****HN**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Honduras
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 200
International filing fee: ²	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (ES)
Fee for priority document:	USD 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 50
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in Honduras
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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HR STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE HR

(CROATIA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Croatia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Croatian or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts XML and PDF files filed using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Croatian kuna (HRK)
Transmittal fee:	HRK 200
International filing fee: ⁵	Equivalent in HRK of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	Equivalent in HRK of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in HRK of Swiss francs 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in HRK of Swiss francs 300

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 22 February 2018, pages 193 *et seq.*

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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Fees payable to the receiving Office (<i>cont'd</i>):	Currency: Croatian kuna (HRK)
Search fee:	Equivalent in HRK of the search fee payable to the European Patent Office in EUR: see Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	HRK 230 plus HRK 50 for each additional priority document
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	HRK 300
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Croatia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> any natural person who is a citizen of the Republic of Croatia or a citizen of a Contracting State of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (hereinafter: the EEA), having permanent residence in the Republic of Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in technical or natural sciences and having passed the professional examination for patent representative before the Office,⁶ any natural person who is a citizen of the Republic of Croatia or a citizen of a Contracting State of the EEA, having permanent residence in the Republic of Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in an area other than technical or natural sciences, having at least five years of working experience in jobs relating to the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights, obtained after completing the studies and having passed the professional examination for patent representative before the Office,⁶ an attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association who passed the professional examination for patent representative before the Office, or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship, any legal person with a registered office in the Republic of Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, employing at least one person meeting the conditions referred to in point 1 or 2 of this paragraph or cooperating with such person pursuant to some other contractual relationship and performing the activities of representation before the Office as its registered activity.⁶
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁶ A list of patent representatives is available on the website of the Office at: www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/

C**Receiving Offices****C****HU****HUNGARIAN INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY OFFICE (HIPO)****HU**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Hungary
Language in which international applications may be filed: ^{1,2}	English, French, German, Hungarian
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French, German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{3,4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁵
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Visegrad Patent Institute
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Visegrad Patent Institute

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (see PCT Rule 12.3).

² If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

³ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

⁴ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁵ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 28 May 2015, pages 85 *et seq.*

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Hungarian forint (HUF)
Transmittal fee:		HUF 11,800
International filing fee: ⁶		HUF 444,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶		HUF 5,000
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		HUF 66,800
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		HUF 100,200
Search fee:		See Annex D(EP) or (XV)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		HUF 300 per page
	plus	HUF 3,000 per document
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		Information not yet available
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No
Who can act as agent?		Any authorized representative, such as a Hungarian patent attorney or attorney-at-law or registered European patent attorney ⁷

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ The list of registered patent attorneys is available on the website of the Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys (HCPA) at www.szabadalmikamara.hu/Index.aspx?MN=Tagok_MindenTag&LN=English

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of: ¹	All PCT Contracting States ²
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Any language ³
Language in which the request may be filed:	Any language of publication
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ⁴	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing ⁵
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

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¹ Applicants may file with the International Bureau only if the national security provisions allow filing of patent applications abroad. Compliance with such provisions is the applicant's responsibility and will not be checked by the International Bureau.

² The International Bureau is the only receiving Office for the following Contracting States: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, [Guatemala](#), Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Nigeria, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sri Lanka and United Arab Emirates.

³ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3). If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into one of the languages of publication (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

⁴ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”). Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁵ In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the applicant may use the ePCT Contingency Upload Service (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html>), submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R), or use a different receiving Office. For the relevant notification by the International Bureau acting as receiving Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 11 February 2021, pages 23 *et seq.*

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Competent International
Searching Authority:

Any International Searching Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with any other receiving Office of, or acting for, the PCT Contracting State of which the applicant (or, if there is more than one applicant, at least one of the applicants) is a national or resident^{6, 7} (see Annexes B1 and B2 for such other competent receiving Offices, Annex C for the corresponding competent International Searching Authorities, and below for the States for which the International Bureau acts instead of their national Offices pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b))

For nationals and residents of Angola: Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

For nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda: Canadian Intellectual Property Office or European Patent Office

For nationals and residents of Barbados: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office

For nationals and residents of Dominica: Canadian Intellectual Property
Office or European Patent Office

For nationals and residents of Guatemala: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office

For nationals and residents of Kuwait: Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office

For nationals and residents of Lao People's Democratic Republic: China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office (JPO) or Korean Intellectual Property Office

For nationals and residents of Madagascar: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

For nationals and residents of Nigeria: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office or European Patent Office

For nationals and residents of Saint Lucia: Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office

For nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office

For nationals and residents of Sri Lanka: Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

For nationals and residents of the United Arab Emirates: Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office

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⁶ Where the applicant is a national or a resident of the United States of America, the availability of the European Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority is restricted. The limitation criteria also apply to applications filed by two or more applicants when at least one of them is a national or resident of the United States of America, and when none of them are nationals or residents of a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention. For details, see Annexes D(EP) and E(EP).

⁷ Where the applicant is a national or a resident of the United States of America, the Australian Patent Office may be chosen as the competent International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications only. For further details concerning which international applications this is restricted to, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 23 October 2008, pages 131 *et seq.*

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Preliminary Examining Authority:

Any International Preliminary Examining Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with any other receiving Office of, or acting for, the PCT Contracting State of which the applicant (or, if there is more than one applicant, at least one of the applicants) is a national or resident^{8, 9} (see Annexes B1 and B2 for such other competent receiving Offices, Annex C for the corresponding competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities, and below for the States for which the International Bureau acts instead of their national Offices pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b))

For nationals and residents of Angola: Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA),¹⁰ European Patent Office,¹¹ or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

For nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda: Canadian Intellectual Property Office¹⁰ or European Patent Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Barbados: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office,¹² Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Dominica: Canadian Intellectual Property Office¹⁰ or European Patent Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Guatemala: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office,¹³ National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile),¹⁰ Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Kuwait: Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Lao People's Democratic Republic: China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA),¹⁰ European Patent Office,¹⁰ Intellectual Property Office of Singapore,¹⁰ Japan Patent Office (JPO)¹⁰ or Korean Intellectual Property Office

For nationals and residents of Madagascar: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office,¹² Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

For nationals and residents of Nigeria: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office¹⁰ or European Patent Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Saint Lucia: Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office¹¹ or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office,¹⁰ European Patent Office¹⁰ or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Sri Lanka: Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office,¹⁴ Korean Intellectual Property Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

For nationals and residents of the United Arab Emirates: Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office

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⁸ See footnote 6.

⁹ See footnote 7.

¹⁰ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

¹¹ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

¹² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

¹³ This Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

¹⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

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Fees payable to the receiving Office: ¹⁵	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)		
Transmittal fee: ¹⁶	CHF 100	or EUR 93	or USD 109
International filing fee: ¹⁷	CHF 1,330	or EUR 1,233	or USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ^{17, 18}	CHF 15	or EUR 14	or USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):			
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	CHF 100	or EUR 93	or USD 109
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CHF 200	or EUR 185	or USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CHF 300	or EUR 278	or USD 328
Search fee:	For the amounts, see Annex D corresponding to International Searching Authority chosen by applicant		
Fee for priority document: ¹⁹	CHF 50	or EUR 46	or USD 55
	Supplement for airmail:		
	CHF 10	or EUR 9	or USD 11
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	None		
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No		
Who can act as agent?	Any person who has the right to practice before the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, any of the applicants is a resident or national, or, where the International Bureau acts as receiving Office pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), any natural or legal person		

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¹⁵ For further details on the payment of fees see the WIPO web site at: [https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html# methods](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html#methods).

¹⁶ Applicants who qualify for the 90% reduction of the international filing fee (see footnote 17) do not have to pay the transmittal fee.

¹⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:

(a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below 25,000 US dollars (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US dollar values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent five-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau; or

(b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country;

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).

For further details of the applicability of the 90% reduction, see <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/> and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 5 March 2020, pages 45 *et seq.*, Schedule of Fees, item 5. It is to be noted that, if both the electronic filing reduction and the 90% reduction of the international filing fee are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated after the electronic filing reduction.

18 See footnote 4.

¹⁹ No fee is due where the priority document is established, in accordance with Rule 17.1(b), for the purposes of an international application nor where the Office is requested to make priority documents available via the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (see Annex B).

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the International Bureau waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes²⁰

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

Has the International Bureau waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes²⁰

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

²⁰ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****ID****DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (INDONESIA)****ID**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Indonesia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office (JPO) or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ⁴ Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, ⁴ Japan Patent Office (JPO) ⁴ or Korean Intellectual Property Office

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 January 2016, pages 11 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Indonesian rupiah (IDR)
Transmittal fee:		IDR 1,000,000
International filing fee: ⁵		Equivalent in IDR of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵		Equivalent in IDR of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		Equivalent in IDR of Swiss francs 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		Equivalent in IDR of Swiss francs 300
Search fee:		Equivalent in IDR of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AU), (EP), (JP), (KR), (RU) or (SG)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		IDR 300,000
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No, if the applicant resides in Indonesia Yes, if he is non-resident
Who can act as agent?		Any patent consultant registered in Indonesia

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****IE****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF IRELAND****IE**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Ireland
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 76
International filing fee:	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4): ³	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 3.00 for the certified copy plus EUR 0.60 per page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 11 July 2019, pages 105 *et seq.*

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Ireland Yes, if he is non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered in the Register of Patent Agents kept at the Office
Waiver of power of attorney: Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

C**Receiving Offices****C****IL****ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE****IL**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Israel
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via PCT-SAFE or ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Israel Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁵ Israel Patent Office ⁵ or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁵
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: New Israeli sheqel (ILS) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	ILS 554
International filing fee:	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (US) or (IL)
Fee for priority document:	ILS 88
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 25 August 2016, pages 176 *et seq.*

⁴ Applicants filing international applications with RO/IL will be able to use ePCT to generate a .zip file containing a validated request form only.

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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IL**Receiving Offices**
ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE**C**
IL*[Continued]*Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No

Who can act as agent?

Any member of the Israel Bar Association or patent attorney
registered and holding a current license to practice in Israel

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?Yes⁶Particular instances in which a separate
power of attorney is required:Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on
the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filingHas the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted?Yes⁶Particular instances in which a copy of a
general power of attorney is required:Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on
the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****IN****INDIAN PATENT OFFICE****IN**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	India
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or Hindi ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office, Indian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), ⁶ European Patent Office, ⁵ Indian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO), ⁶ Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 13 November 2014, pages 171 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, by the Austrian Patent Office or by the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency:	Indian rupee (INR) and US dollar (USD)	
		<i>Natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies)</i>	<i>Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies)</i>
Transmittal fee:			
– electronic filing:		None	None
– paper filing:	INR	3,500	17,600
International filing fee: ⁷	USD	1,453	
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD	16	
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):			
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	218	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	328	
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (CN), (EP), (IN), (JP), (SE) or (US)		
		<i>Natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies)</i>	<i>Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies)</i>
Fee for priority document: ⁸			
– online transmission:			
up to 30 pages:	INR	1,000	5,000
from 31 st page, per page:	INR	30	150
– paper transmission:			
up to 30 pages:	INR	1,100	5,500
from 31 st page, per page:	INR	30	150
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, but an address for service in India is required		
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent registered to practice before the Office ⁹		

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IR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER IR

(ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Islamic Republic of Iran
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ³
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Indian Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), ⁴ European Patent Office ⁴ , Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Indian Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Iranian Rial (IRR)
Transmittal fee:	IRR 50,000 for natural persons IRR 500,000 for legal persons
International filing fee: ⁵	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 200 ³
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 300 ³

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 21 April 2016, pages 81 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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IR	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)	IR

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Fees payable to the receiving Office
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Search fee:

Currency: Iranian Rial (IRR)

Equivalent in IRR of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(CN), (EP), (IN) or (RU)

Fee for priority document:

Please refer to the Office

Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

Please refer to the Office

Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any agent authorized to practice before the Office⁶

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a separate power of
attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a copy of a general
power of attorney be submitted?

No

⁶ A list of registered agents may be obtained from the Office.

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IS ICELANDIC INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (ISIPO) IS

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Iceland
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Danish, English, Norwegian or Swedish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via EPO Online Filing or ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Icelandic krona (ISK)
Transmittal fee:	ISK 18,200
International filing fee:	ISK 184,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,100
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 27,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 41,600
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (SE) or (XN)
Fee for priority document:	ISK 4,900
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	ISK 43,500

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3). If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 10 December 2015, pages 203 *et seq.*

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IS ICELANDIC INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (ISIPO) IS

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Iceland Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person residing in the European Economic Area (EEA), in a member state of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) or in the Faroe Islands
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****IT****ITALIAN PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE****IT**Competent receiving Office
for nationals and residents of:

Italy

Language in which international
applications may be filed:

English, French, German or Italian.¹ In accordance with Article 152(2) of Decree-Law No. 30 of 10 February 2005, an international application filed in English, French or German by a resident of Italy must be accompanied by a summary in Italian which defines in a comprehensive manner the characteristics of the invention and a copy of any drawings (only for the purposes of Article 198(1) of the above mentioned Decree-Law) if no priority of an earlier national (Italian) application is claimed or, where such priority is claimed, if the international application is filed prior to the expiration of 90 days from the filing date of that earlier national application.

Language in which the request
may be filed:

English, French or German

Number of copies on paper required
by the receiving Office:

1

Does the receiving Office accept the
filing of international applications in
electronic form?^{2, 3}Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing⁴Does the receiving Office accept requests
for restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26bis.3)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

Competent International
Searching Authority:

European Patent Office

Competent International Preliminary
Examining Authority:

European Patent Office

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 23 November 2017, pages 179 *et seq.*

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 30.99
International filing fee:	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 16 (in fee stamps) for the request to prepare the priority document, plus
	EUR 16 (in fee stamps) for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity), plus
	EUR 7 for a patent application, or
	EUR 5 for a utility model application
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 15 (online) EUR 16 (on paper) (in fee stamps)
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney recorded in the official register established by the Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute ⁵ Citizens of the European Union qualified to practice as patent attorney in another member State, on a temporary basis, pursuant to the procedure under the legislative Decree No. 206/2007 Any Italian lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law ⁶

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⁵ The list of patent attorneys can be obtained from the Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale (Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute) (<https://www.ordine-brevetti.it>).

⁶ For further details, refer to <https://www.consiglionazionaleforense.it>.

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ITALIAN PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IT*[Continued]***Waiver of power of attorney:**

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Yes⁷

The Office continues to require that a power of attorney be submitted in the following instances:

If the agent is not:

- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Italy (recorded in the pertinent official register or professional roll) or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law;
- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law qualified to practice in another member State of the European Union, authorized to pursue certain professional activities in Italy on a temporary basis (refer to legislative Decree No. 206/2007);

In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act;

In case of a common representative.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Yes⁷

The Office continues to require that a power of attorney be submitted in the following instances:

If the agent is not:

- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Italy (recorded in the pertinent official register or professional roll) or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law;
- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law qualified to practice in another member State of the European Union, authorized to pursue certain professional activities in Italy on a temporary basis (refer to legislative Decree No. 206/2007);

In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act.

⁷ For international applications filed on or after 1 March 2021. Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C Receiving Offices C

JO INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION JO

DIRECTORATE, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND SUPPLY (JORDAN)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Jordan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic ¹ or English
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁵ or United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) ⁶

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 13 July 2017, pages 106 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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JO INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION JO

DIRECTORATE, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND SUPPLY (JORDAN)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Jordanian dinar (JOD) and US dollar (USD)	
Transmittal fee:		JOD	100
International filing fee: ⁷		USD	1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷		USD	16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):			
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		USD	218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		USD	328
Search fee:		See Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP) or (US)	
Fee for priority document:		JOD	100 ⁸ 50 ⁹
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		JOD	50 ⁸ 25 ⁹
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No, if the applicant resides in Jordan Yes, if he is a non-resident	
Who can act as agent?		Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office	
Waiver of power of attorney:			
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?		No	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?		No	

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁸ This amount is applicable in case of filing by a company or an organization.

⁹ This amount is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

C	Receiving Offices	C
JP	JAPAN PATENT OFFICE (JPO)	JP

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Japan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or Japanese
Language in which the request may be filed:	English or Japanese
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2}	Yes, the Office accepts XML files with JPEGs as well as TIFFs for the drawings filed using JPO PAS
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, ³ Indian Patent Office, ³ Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ³ or Japan Patent Office (JPO)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁴ Indian Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ⁴ or Japan Patent Office (JPO) ⁴
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Japanese yen (JPY)
Transmittal fee:	JPY 10,000 ⁵
International filing fee:	JPY 153,600
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,700
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 34,600
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (IN), (JP) or (SG)
Fee for priority document:	JPY 1,400
Fee for transmitting copies of earlier search and other documents (PCT Rule 12bis.1(c)):	JPY 1,700

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ The Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁵ 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. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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JP	JAPAN PATENT OFFICE (JPO)	JP

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Japan Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Japan, or any firm registered to practice before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****KE****KENYA INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE****KE**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Kenya
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), ⁴ European Patent Office ⁵ or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 21 February 2019, pages 31 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, by the Austrian Patent Office or by the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Kenyan shilling (KES) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee: ⁶	KES 5,000 or USD 250 plus cost of mailing
International filing fee: ⁷	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(AU), (AT), (CN), (EP) or (SE)
Fee for priority document: ⁶	KES 2,000 or USD 100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ⁶	KES 1,000 or USD 50
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Kenya Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office. A list of registered agents may be obtained from the Office.

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C**Receiving Offices****C****KG**

**STATE AGENCY OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY AND INNOVATION UNDER THE
CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE KYRGYZ
REPUBLIC (KYRGYZPATENT)**

KG

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Kyrgyzstan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 22 October 2020, pages 217 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C**Receiving Offices****C****KG**

**STATE AGENCY OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY AND INNOVATION UNDER THE
CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE KYRGYZ
REPUBLIC (KYRGYZPATENT)**

KG*[Continued]*

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Kyrgyz som (KGS) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	KGS 4,000 ⁶
International filing fee: ⁷	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	None
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	KGS 3,500 ⁸
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Kyrgyzstan Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁹
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. This 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 (Resolution of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic of 3 October 2016, No. 523).

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁸ For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in euro or US dollar in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Kyrgyzstan and applicable on the date of payment.

⁹ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****KH**

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(DIP), MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (MISTI)
(CAMBODIA)**

KH

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Cambodia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or Khmer ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), ² European Patent Office, ² Japan Patent Office (JPO), ² Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ² or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Cambodian riel (KHR) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	KHR 420,000
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(CN), (EP), (JP), (KR) or (SG)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Please refer to the Office
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****KN****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
(SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS)****KN**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ¹ or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)
Transmittal fee:	XCD 50
International filing fee:	Equivalent in XCD of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in XCD of Swiss francs 15
Search fee:	Equivalent in XCD of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(EP) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	XCD 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	XCD 50
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Saint Kitts and Nevis Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Saint Kitts and Nevis ²
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

² A list of registered agents may be obtained from the Office.

C**Receiving Offices****C****KP****INVENTION OFFICE OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
KOREA****KP**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, Korean, Russian ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), ² Austrian Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Won (KPW)
Transmittal fee:	Equivalent in KPW of Swiss francs 50
International filing fee: ³	Equivalent in KPW of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	Equivalent in KPW of Swiss francs 15
Search fee:	Equivalent in KPW of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AT), (CN) or (RU)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Fee for copying and mailing costs
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****KR****KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE****KR**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Republic of Korea
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Japanese or Korean ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Japanese or Korean
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ²	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-filing ³ or PCT-SAFE in XML
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office (JPO) ⁴ or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, ⁵ Japan Patent Office (JPO) ⁵ or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Won (KRW) and Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	KRW 45,000
International filing fee:	CHF 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CHF 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CHF 300
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (JP), (KR) or (SG)
Fee for priority document:	None

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 28 September 2017, pages 139 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C**Receiving Offices****C****KR****KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE****KR***[Continued]*Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?No, if the applicant resides in the Republic of Korea
Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any registered patent attorney or legal representative

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted?

No

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KZ NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (NIIP) (KAZAKHSTAN) KZ

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Kazakhstan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ² or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Kazakh tenge (KZT) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	KZT 10,264.80
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	KZT 2,730.56 ^{4, 5} (1,100) ⁶
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Kazakhstan Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Kazakhstan
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.

⁵ This amount is applicable in case of filing by a legal entity.

⁶ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person.

C**Receiving Offices****C****LR****LIBERIA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE (LIPO)****LR**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Liberia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), ¹ European Patent Office ² or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 50
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (CN), (EP) or (SE)
Fee for priority document:	USD 5 per page of the certified copy
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney certified by the Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO) and registered by the Legal Bar Association or any IP agent certified by LIPO

¹ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****LS****REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE
(LESOTHO)****LS**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Lesotho
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Lesotho loti (plural maloti) (LSL)
Transmittal fee:	LSL ... ¹
International filing fee: ²	Equivalent in LSL of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	Equivalent in LSL of Swiss francs 15
Search fee:	Equivalent in LSL of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AT) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	LSL ... ¹
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Lesotho Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any legal practitioner practicing and resident in Lesotho

¹ This fee in Lesotho maloti is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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LT STATE PATENT BUREAU OF THE REPUBLIC LT OF LITHUANIA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Lithuania
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Lithuanian, English, Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via EPO Online Filing. Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R or DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Visegrad Patent Institute
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁵ Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Visegrad Patent Institute
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 92
International filing fee: ⁶	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (RU) or (XV)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 23
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 115

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the international Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notifications by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 24 January 2013, pages 8 *et seq.* and 13 September 2018, page 290.

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Visegrad Patent Institute.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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OF LITHUANIA

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the EEA (European Economic Area) Yes, if he is a non-resident of the EEA
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****LU****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
(LUXEMBOURG)****LU**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Luxembourg
Language in which international applications may be filed:	French or German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 19
International filing fee:	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 7 plus EUR 1 for every set of 3 pages or part thereof
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent registered to practice in Luxembourg or any member of the Luxembourg Bar, as well as any patent agent registered in a member State of the European Economic Area

C**Receiving Offices****C****LV****LATVIAN PATENT OFFICE****LV**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Latvia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, German, Latvian, Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French, German, Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 12 February 2015, pages 34 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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LV	LATVIAN PATENT OFFICE	LV

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR	70
International filing fee: ⁶	EUR	1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	EUR	14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)	
Fee for priority document:	EUR	19.16
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No, if the applicant resides in Latvia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?		Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷	
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷	
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None	

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C Receiving Offices C

LY LIBYAN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE LY

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Libya
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Libyan dinar (LYD) and Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	LYD ... ²
International filing fee: ³	CHF 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	CHF 15
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Libya Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****MA****MOROCCAN OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL
AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY (OMPIC)****MA**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Morocco
Language in which international applications may be filed:	French ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ⁵ Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 6 April 2017, pages 63 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, by the Austrian Patent Office or by the Swedish [Intellectual Property Office \(PRV\)](#).

C	Receiving Offices	C
MA	MOROCCAN OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY (OMPIC)	MA

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Moroccan dirham (MAD) and Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	None
International filing fee: ⁶	CHF 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	CHF 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CHF 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CHF 300
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP), (RU) or (SE)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes, if the applicant is a legal person, or a natural person not resident in Morocco
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Morocco

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****MD****STATE AGENCY ON INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY (REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA)****MD**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Republic of Moldova
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, German, Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French, German, Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 31 October 2019, pages 159 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C**Receiving Offices****C****MD****STATE AGENCY ON INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY (REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA)****MD***[Continued]*

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 100
International filing fee: ⁶	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 20
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 100
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Republic of Moldova Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C Receiving Offices C

ME MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ME DEPARTMENT FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (MONTENEGRO)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Montenegro
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or Montenegrin ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 15
International filing fee:	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185 ⁴
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278 ⁴
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 5
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 24 June 2021, pages 115 *et seq.*

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ME MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ME DEPARTMENT FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (MONTENEGRO)

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Montenegro Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any legal or natural person listed in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office ⁵ or any attorney listed in the Directory of the Bar Association of Montenegro
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁵ Please refer to the Office.
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MK STATE OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY MK (NORTH MACEDONIA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	North Macedonia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Macedonian denar (MKD)
Transmittal fee:	MKD 2,700
International filing fee: ¹	Equivalent in MKD of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	Equivalent in MKD of Swiss francs 15
Search fee:	Equivalent in MKD of the search fee payable to the European Patent Office in EUR: see Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MKD 550
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	MKD 1,000
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in North Macedonia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person registered to practice before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****MN****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF MONGOLIA****MN**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Mongolia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Russian ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ² , Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	None
International filing fee: ³	CHF 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	CHF 15
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (KR) or (RU)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Mongolia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Mongolia, registered to practice as a patent agent before the Office

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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MT INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRATIONS MT

DIRECTORATE, COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY FOR THE ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY (MALTA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Malta
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 55
International filing fee: ¹	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	EUR 14
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 11.65
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 23.29

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¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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MT **INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRATIONS** **MT**

DIRECTORATE, COMMERCE DEPARTMENT,

MINISTRY FOR THE ECONOMY AND

INDUSTRY (MALTA)

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in a State member of the European Union or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in a State member of the European Union or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area
Waiver of power of attorney: Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Yes ² Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Yes ² Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

² Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****MW****MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT
OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL (MALAWI)****MW**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Malawi
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Malawian kwacha (MWK) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	MWK 6,000
International filing fee: ¹	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered as patent agent before the Office

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****MX****MEXICAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY****MX**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Mexico
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1 ¹
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ⁵ Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, ⁶ Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), ⁶ Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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¹ Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 9 July 2015, pages 119 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C	Receiving Offices	C
MX	MEXICAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY	MX

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Mexican peso (MXN) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee: ⁷		USD 323.70
International filing fee: ⁸		USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁸		USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		USD 328
Search fee:		See Annex D(AT), (CL), (EP), (ES), (KR), (SE), (SG) or (US)
Fee for priority document: ⁷		MXN 11.46 per page, for black and white copy
		MXN 14.60 per page, for color copy
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No, if the applicant resides in Mexico
		Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?		Any resident of Mexico
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?		No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?		No

⁷ This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.

⁸ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C Receiving Offices C

MY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CORPORATION MY OF MALAYSIA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Malaysia						
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English						
Language in which the request may be filed:	English						
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1						
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts XML and PDF files filed using ePCT-Filing.						
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests						
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO) or Korean Intellectual Property Office						
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ⁴ Japan Patent Office (JPO) ⁴ or Korean Intellectual Property Office						
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Malaysian ringgit (MYR)						
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	<i>Electronic Filing</i>	<i>Paper Filing</i>					
MYR	500	550					
	plus MYR 60 70 per sheet for each sheet in excess of 30						
International filing fee: ⁵	Equivalent in MYR of Swiss francs 1,330						
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	Equivalent in MYR of Swiss francs 15						

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 25 September 2014, pages 138 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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1 Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language
(see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

2 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and
Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the
receiving Office").

3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in
accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no
additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

4 For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 12 September 2019, pages 131 *et seq.*

5 This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****NL****NETHERLANDS PATENT OFFICE****NL**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Netherlands
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Dutch, English, French or German ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French or German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via EPO Online Filing. Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R.
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English, French or German (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notifications by the Office, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 11/2005, pages 7068 *et seq.* and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 27 September 2018, page 300.

C**Receiving Offices****C****NL****NETHERLANDS PATENT OFFICE****NL***[Continued]*

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 50
International filing fee:	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 9
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 161
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any registered patent attorney or any registered lawyer. A list of professional representatives in the Netherlands is available in the Office.
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C	Receiving Offices	C
NO	NORWEGIAN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE	NO

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Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person

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Receiving Offices
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF NEW ZEALAND (IPONZ)

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	New Zealand
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts XML and PDF files filed using ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁴ , Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁴

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF NEW ZEALAND (IPONZ)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: New Zealand dollar (NZD)
Transmittal fee: ⁵	NZD 207
International filing fee:	NZD 2,025
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 23
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NZD 305
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NZD 457
Search fee:	See Annex D(AU), (EP), (KR) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	None
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office as a patent attorney. ⁶
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where there is a change in representation, that is where an applicant is represented by a new agent or representative
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where there is a change in representation, that is where an applicant is represented by a new agent or representative

⁵ Inclusive of Goods and Services Tax.

⁶ Information about registered patent attorneys is available from the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board at: <https://www.ttipattorney.gov.au/>.

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****OA****AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI)****OA**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ² Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: CFA franc BEAC (XAF)
Transmittal fee:	Information not yet available
International filing fee: ³	Equivalent in XAF of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	Equivalent in XAF of Swiss francs 15
Search fee:	Equivalent in XAF of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AT), (EP), (RU) or (SE)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	XAF 60,000 plus XAF 15,000 per page in excess of 10 pages
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in an OAPI Member State Yes, if the applicant does not reside in an OAPI Member State
Who can act as agent?	Any agent authorized to represent applicants before the OAPI

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Swedish [Intellectual Property Office \(PRV\)](#).

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(1B)).

C Receiving Offices C

OM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, OM MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (OMAN)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Oman
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic ¹ or English
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁵ or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 2 June 2016, pages 107 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C Receiving Offices C

OM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, OM MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (OMAN)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Omani rial (OMR)
Transmittal fee:		OMR 40
International filing fee: ⁷		Equivalent in OMR of US dollars 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷		Equivalent in OMR of US dollars 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		Equivalent in OMR of US dollars 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		Equivalent in OMR of US dollars 328
Search fee:		See Annex D(AT), (AU), (EG), (EP) or (US)
Fee for priority document:		OMR 70
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		OMR 200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No, if the applicant resides in Oman Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?		Any attorney or lawyer registered to practice in Oman
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?		No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?		No

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****PA****DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)****PA**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Panama
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ , National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), ⁶ Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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¹ Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 20 October 2016, pages 207 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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PA	DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY (DIGERPI) (PANAMA)	PA

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 240
International filing fee: ⁷	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(BR), (CL), (EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	USD 60
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 480

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
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Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Panama
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Waiver of power of attorney:	
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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PE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEFENSE OF COMPETITION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION (PERU) PE

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Nuevo sol (PEN)
Transmittal fee:		PEN 233.35
International filing fee: ⁷		Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷		Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 328
Search fee:		See Annex D(AT), (BR), (CL), (EP), (ES), (KR) or (US)
Fee for priority document:		None
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		PEN 191.97
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, but an address for service in Peru is required	
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Peru	

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****PG****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA****PG**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Papua New Guinea
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Kina (PGK) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	PGK 250
International filing fee: ¹	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	USD 16
Search fee: ²	See Annex D(AU)
Fee for priority document:	PGK 30 plus PGK 2 per page in excess of 30
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Papua New Guinea Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Papua New Guinea

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

² Fee payable in USD.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Philippines
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or Filipino ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ⁵ Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Japan Patent Office (JPO), ⁵ Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁵
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Philippine peso (PHP) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	PHP 4,200
International filing fee: ⁶	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee: ⁷	See Annex D(AU), (EP), (JP), (KR), (PH) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	PHP 2,700

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 7 January 2016, pages 2 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ Fee payable in USD.

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Receiving Offices

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Philippines Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent or representative residing in the Philippines upon whom notices or processes for judicial or administrative procedure may be served
Waiver of power of attorney: Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Yes ⁸ Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Yes ⁸ Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

⁸ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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PL PATENT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND PL

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Poland
Language in which international applications may be filed: ^{1, 2}	English, French, German or Polish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{3, 4, 5}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Visegrad Patent Institute
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Visegrad Patent Institute
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Polish zloty (PLN)
Transmittal fee:	PLN 300
International filing fee: ⁶	Equivalent in PLN of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	Equivalent in PLN of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in PLN of Swiss francs 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in PLN of Swiss francs 300

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (see PCT Rule 12.3).

² If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

³ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

⁴ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁵ For the relevant notifications by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 5 November 2015, pages 178 *et seq.* and 13 September 2018, page 290.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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Receiving Offices

PATENT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
POLAND

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Fees payable to the receiving Office (<i>cont'd</i>):	
Search fee:	Currency: Polish zloty (PLN) Equivalent in PLN of the search fee payable to the European Patent Office in EUR: see Annex D(EP) or (XV)
Fee for priority document:	For a patent or a utility model: PLN 60 (up to 20 sheets) or PLN 125 (for more than 20 sheets)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PC Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	PLN 80
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes, if the applicant has neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Poland, or in another member State of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office ⁷

⁷ A list is available on the website of the Office at:
<https://grab.uprp.pl/RzecznicyPatentowi/Strony%20witryny/Wyszukiwanie%20rzecznika%20patentowego.aspx>

C Receiving Offices C

PT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PT PROPERTY (PORTUGAL)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency:	Euro (EUR)	
Transmittal fee:	EUR	10.79 (online)	21.58 (on paper)
International filing fee: ⁵	EUR	1,233	
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	EUR	14	
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):			
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	185	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	278	
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)		
Fee for priority document:	EUR	16.19 (electronic copy)	
	EUR	43.14 (paper copy)	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	— where the request is filed online:	EUR	161.79
	— where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	323.58
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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No		
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Who can act as agent?	An official industrial property agent, an appointed lawyer, or a registered representative		
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Waiver of power of attorney:			
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶		
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	If the applicant is not represented by an official industrial property agent		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶		
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	If the applicant is not represented by an official industrial property agent		

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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Competent receiving Office
for nationals and residents of:

Oatar

Language in which international applications may be filed:

Arabic or English¹

Language in which the request
may be filed:

Arabic or English

Number of copies on paper required
by the receiving Office:

1

Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?^{2, 3}

Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing⁴

Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

Competent International
Searching Authority:

Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States
Patent and Trademark Office

Competent International Preliminary
Examining Authority:

Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office⁵ or United States Patent and Trademark Office⁵

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 20 August 2015, pages 136 *et seq.*

5 The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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QA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT QA

(QATAR)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Qatari riyal (QAR)
Transmittal fee:		QAR 400
International filing fee:		Equivalent in QAR of US dollars 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:		Equivalent in QAR of US dollars 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		Equivalent in QAR of US dollars 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		Equivalent in QAR of US dollars 328
Search fee:		See Annex D(EG), (EP) or (US)
Fee for priority document:		QAR 600
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		QAR 2,000
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?		No, if the applicant resides in Qatar Yes, if the applicant is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?		Any attorney or lawyer registered in Qatar, any patent attorney holding a license to practice and registered before the Office or any natural or legal person resident in Qatar
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?		No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?		No

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Receiving Offices

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RO

**STATE OFFICE FOR INVENTIONS
AND TRADEMARKS (ROMANIA)**

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Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in Romania
Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any industrial property agent resident in Romania whose name
appears on the register kept in the Office

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Serbian dinar (RSD) and euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee: ⁴	RSD 8,210
International filing fee: ⁵	EUR 1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	EUR 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 278
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (XV)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ⁴	RSD 1,970 for the first document up to ten pages
	plus RSD 490 for each subsequent document up to ten pages
	plus RSD 30 per page in excess of ten
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ⁴	RSD 3,300
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Serbia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice as a patent agent before the Office, or any attorney-at-law registered in Serbia
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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RU FEDERAL SERVICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (ROSPATENT) (RUSSIAN FEDERATION) RU

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Russian rouble (RUB) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee: ⁶	RUB 1,700
International filing fee: ^{6, 7}	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ^{6, 7}	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document: ⁸	RUB 1,700
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ⁸	RUB 1,000
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the Russian Federation
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁹
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁹
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

⁶ This fee is payable to the receiving Office. For further details, see the Rospatent website at: <https://rospatent.gov.ru/ru/activities/inter/coop/wipo/pct/phase/duties>

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁸ This fee is payable to the receiving Office. For further details, see items 4.9 and 4.11 in the table at <https://rospatent.gov.ru/ru/activities/dues/table> and the bank account details at https://rospatent.gov.ru/content/uploadfiles/pr_44_pril_1.pdf

⁹ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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RW

**OFFICE OF THE
REGISTRAR GENERAL (RDB)**

RW

Information not yet available

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency:	US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD	100
International filing fee: ⁶	USD	1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	USD	16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	328
Search fee:	See Annex D(CA), (EG), (EP), (KR) or (RU)	
Fee for priority document:	USD	100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD	534 (276) ⁷

Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Saudi Arabia
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Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

C**Receiving Offices****C****SC**

**REGISTRATION DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
(SEYCHELLES)**

SC

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Seychelles
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD ... ¹
International filing fee: ²	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Seychelles Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Seychelles

¹ The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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5 The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Sudanese pound (SDG)
Transmittal fee:	SDG 50
International filing fee: ⁶	Equivalent in SDG of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	Equivalent in SDG of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in SDG of Swiss francs 200 ⁷
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in SDG of Swiss francs 300 ⁷
Search fee:	Equivalent in SDG of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D (EG) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Sudan. An address for service in the Sudan is required for non-residents.
Who can act as agent?	Lawyers authorized to work in the Sudan under the Legal Profession Act 1983, or any other substitute Act Chartered accountants authorized to work in the Sudan Nationals of the Sudan graduated from a Sudanese university or in possession of an equivalent degree Any Sudanese national with at least five years' experience in the field of patents

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C	Receiving Offices	C
SE	SWEDISH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (PRV)	SE

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Sweden
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian or Swedish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2,3,4}	Yes, the Office accepts XML and PDF files filed using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, Nordic Patent Institute or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3). If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 31 May 2018, pages 244 *et seq.*

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Swedish krona (SEK)
Transmittal fee:	SEK 1,200
International filing fee:	SEK 12,280
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK 140
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK 1,850
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK 2,770
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (SE) or (XN)
Fee for priority document:	None
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	SEK 1,000

Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person
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Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

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SG INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE SG

OF SINGAPORE

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Singapore
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Chinese or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Chinese or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office (JPO) or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ⁵ Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, ⁶ Japan Patent Office (JPO) ⁶ or Korean Intellectual Property Office

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 15 January 2015, pages 5 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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SG INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE SG

OF SINGAPORE

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Singapore dollar (SGD)
Transmittal fee:	SGD 150
International filing fee:	SGD 1,977
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 22
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SGD 297
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SGD 446
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP), (JP), (KR) or (SG)
Fee for priority document:	SGD 35 paper copy SGD 28 electronic copy
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	SGD 250
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, but an address for service in Singapore is required
Who can act as agent?	Any individual, partnership or body corporate entitled to practice before the Registry of Patents ⁷ of the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁸
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁸
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁷ As to who would be entitled to practice before the Registry, reference is made to Part XIX of the Patents Act and the Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001.

⁸ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C	Receiving Offices	C
SI	SLOVENIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE	SI

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Slovenia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, German or Slovene ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French or German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 21 September 2017, pages 134 *et seq.*

C	Receiving Offices	C
SI	SLOVENIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE	SI

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR	91
International filing fee: ⁵	EUR	1,233
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	EUR	14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	185
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	278
Search fee:		See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	EUR	15.40
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	42
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No	
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office	

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C	Receiving Offices	C
SK	INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC	SK

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Slovakia
Language in which international applications may be filed: ^{1, 2}	English, French, German or Slovak
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French or German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁵ .
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Visegrad Patent Institute
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Visegrad Patent Institute

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (see PCT Rule 12.3).

² If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

³ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

⁴ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁵ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 2 June 2016, pages 112 *et seq.*

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SK	INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC	SK

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Euro (EUR)	
Transmittal fee:	EUR	33 (online filings)	66 (paper filings)
International filing fee: ⁶	EUR	1,233	
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	EUR	14	
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):			
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	185	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	278	
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (XV)		
Fee for priority document:	— where the request for a copy of the priority document is filed by electronic means:		EUR 10
	— where the request for a copy of the priority document is filed on paper:		EUR 20
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	166	
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?			
No			
Who can act as agent?			
Any person appointed by the applicant			

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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⁸ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in El Salvador Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in El Salvador
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

C**Receiving Offices****C****SY**

**MINISTRY OF INTERNAL TRADE AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION, DIRECTORATE
OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL
PROPERTY PROTECTION
(SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC)**

SY

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Syrian Arab Republic
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic, English, French ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic, English, French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office ² or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD ... ³
International filing fee: ⁴	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EG), (EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	USD ... ³
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Information not yet available
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Syrian Arab Republic Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office or any attorney or lawyer registered in the Syrian Arab Republic

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Austrian Patent Office.

³ The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in a near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****TH****DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY (DIP) (THAILAND)****TH**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Thailand
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Thai ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), ² European Patent Office, ² Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, ² Japan Patent Office (JPO), ² Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ²
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Baht (THB)
Transmittal fee:	THB 3,000
International filing fee: ³	Equivalent in THB of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	Equivalent in THB of Swiss francs 15
Search fee:	See Annex D(AU), (CN), (EP), (JP), (KR), (SG) or (US)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	THB 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Thailand Yes, if the applicant is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C	Receiving Offices	C
TH	DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (DIP) (THAILAND)	TH

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted?

No

C**Receiving Offices****C****TJ**

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR PATENTS
AND INFORMATION UNDER THE MINISTRY
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**

TJ

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Tajikistan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Russian ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 8 October 2020, pages 204 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C**Receiving Offices****C****TJ**

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR PATENTS
AND INFORMATION UNDER THE MINISTRY
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Tajik somoni (TJS) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	TJS ... ⁶
International filing fee: ⁷	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	TJS ... ⁶
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Tajikistan Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney

⁶ The amounts of fees in Tajik somoni are not yet known. They will be fixed in the near future and will be subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****TM**

**STATE SERVICE FOR INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
AND ECONOMY OF TURKMENISTAN**

TM

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Turkmenistan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Russian ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ² or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD ... ³
International filing fee: ⁴	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	USD ... ³
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Turkmenistan Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the international Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ The amount of this fee is not yet established. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable schedule of fees.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****TN**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
STANDARDIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY (INNORPI) (TUNISIA)**

TN

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Tunisia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic, English or French ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 21 November 2019, pages 182 *et seq.*

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Receiving Offices

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
STANDARDIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY (INNORPI) (TUNISIA)**

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Tunisian dinar (TND) and Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	TND 100
International filing fee: ⁵	CHF 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	CHF 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CHF 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CHF 300
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	TND 30
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Tunisia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Tunisia

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****TR****TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE (TURKPATENT)****TR**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Turkey
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, German or Turkish ^{1, 2}
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French or German
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁵
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “ due care ” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English, French or German (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

³ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

⁴ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁵ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 28 May 2015, pages 87 *et seq.*

C**Receiving Offices****C****TR****TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE (TURKPATENT)****TR***[Continued]*

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	None
International filing fee: ⁶	CHF 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	CHF 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CHF 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CHF 300
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (TR)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	CHF 30
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Turkey Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person registered to practice as a patent attorney before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

C**Receiving Offices****C****TT**

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE,
MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS
(TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO)**

TT

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Trinidad and Tobago
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ¹ National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office ²
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Trinidad and Tobago dollar (TTD) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	TTD 750
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 16
Search fee: ⁴	See Annex D(AT), (CL), (EP), (SE) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	TTD 50 plus TTD 5 per page
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any person admitted to practice as a patent agent in Trinidad and Tobago. A list of patent agents admitted to practice may be obtained from the Office.

¹ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, by the Austrian Patent Office or by the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ Fee payable in USD.

C**Receiving Offices****C****UA**

**NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
AUTHORITY, STATE ENTERPRISE “UKRAINIAN
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE
(UKRPATENT)”**

UA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Ukraine
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ² , Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Ukrainian hryvnia (UAH), Euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee: ³	UAH 2,600 or equivalent in EUR or in USD
International filing fee: ⁴	USD 1,453 or equivalent in UAH or in EUR
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	USD 16 or equivalent in UAH or in EUR
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (RU) or (UA)
Fee for priority document: ³	UAH 800 plus UAH 10 for each sheet in excess of 30 or equivalent in EUR or in USD
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ³	UAH 200 or equivalent in EUR or in USD

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profit 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-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C**Receiving Offices****C****UA**

**NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
AUTHORITY, STATE ENTERPRISE “UKRAINIAN
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE
(UKRPATENT)”**

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Ukraine Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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BUREAU (URSB)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Uganda
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁴ or Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ⁵
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Uganda shilling (UGX)
Transmittal fee:	Please refer to the Office
International filing fee: ⁶	Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 328
Search fee:	Equivalent amount in UGX of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority: See Annex D(AT), (EP) or (SG)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Please refer to the Office
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 13 February 2020, pages 20 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Austrian Patent Office.

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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UG	UGANDA REGISTRATION SERVICES BUREAU (URSB)	UG

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Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in Uganda
Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any advocate of the High Court of Uganda

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a separate power of
attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a copy of a general
power of attorney be submitted?

No

C**Receiving Offices****C****US****UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO)****US**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	United States of America
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2}	Yes ³
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, ⁴ European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Israel Patent Office, ⁵ Japan Patent Office (JPO), ⁶ Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, ⁷ European Patent Office, ⁷ Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, ⁷ Israel Patent Office, ⁷ Japan Patent Office (JPO), ⁷ Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ The USPTO accepts the filing of international applications in electronic form according to its national law and technical systems (see Section 703(d) and 703(f)(ii) of the PCT Administrative Instructions). For more information, see www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/applying-online/about-efs-web. Technical support for filing international applications electronically is available from the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) at (1-866) 217 91 97. Note that the applicable national law and technical systems provide for requirements which are different from, and not compatible with, the requirements of Section 703(b)(ii) to (iv) of the PCT Administrative Instructions (see *PCT Gazette* No. 18/2002, page 8974). Applicants may, however, use ePCT or PCT-SAFE to generate a .zip file containing a validated request form, and then submit the .zip file electronically via EFS-Web. For further details, see <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/30/2020-18743/facilitating-the-use-of-the-world-intellectual-property-organizations-epct-system-to-prepare>

⁴ This Office has limited its availability as International Searching Authority to 250 international applications per quarter. For further details, see <https://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/2014/week52/TOC.htm#ref20>

⁵ This Authority is competent only where it has not received more than 100 international applications from the USPTO during the relevant fiscal quarter. For further information, see <http://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/mod-ilpo-isa-ipea.pdf>

⁶ This Authority is competent only if it has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the USPTO during the five year period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2023, not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth and fifth years.

⁷ This Authority is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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UZ INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AGENCY UZ

UNDER THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Uzbekistan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Russian ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Russian
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 8 October 2020, pages 206 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Uzbek sum (UZS) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	UZS 245,000 ⁶
International filing fee: ⁷	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	UZS 245,000 ⁶
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Uzbekistan Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney

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C**Receiving Offices****C****VN****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF VIET NAM (IP VIET NAM)****VN**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Viet Nam
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Korean Intellectual Property Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ⁴ Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, ⁵ Japan Patent Office (JPO), ⁵ Korean Intellectual Property Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 31 October 2019, pages 161 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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VN	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF VIET NAM (IP VIET NAM)	VN

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:		Currency: Vietnamese dong (VND) and Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:		VND 300,000
International filing fee: ⁶		CHF 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶		CHF 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):		CHF 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):		CHF 300
Search fee:		See Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE) or (SG)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Viet Nam or has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in Viet Nam Yes, if he is a non-resident or where there are two or more applicants, the first named applicant on the request form (PCT/RO/101) does not reside in Viet Nam	
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney with the right to practice before the Office	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).
(12 August 2021)

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Receiving Offices

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WS

**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND
LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA)**

WS

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Samoa
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ³
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁴ or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ As from 31 January 2022. For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 October 2021, pages 168 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

Fees payable to the receiving Office: Currency: Samoan tala (SAT) and US dollar (USD)

International filing fee: ⁵	USD	1,453
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Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	USD	16
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Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218 ⁶
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h fee: See Annex D

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): SAT 100

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	SAT	200
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Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Samoa
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? No

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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⁶ See footnote 3.

C	Receiving Offices	C
ZA	COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMISSION (CIPC) (SOUTH AFRICA)	ZA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	South Africa
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ³
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁴ or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁵
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: South African rand (ZAR)
Transmittal fee:	ZAR 525
International filing fee: ⁶	ZAR 20,630
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	ZAR 230
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ZAR 3,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ZAR 4,650
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	ZAR 210

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 4 June 2015, pages 92 *et seq.*

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Austrian Patent Office.

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C	Receiving Offices	C
ZA	COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMISSION (CIPC) (SOUTH AFRICA)	ZA

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Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in South Africa
Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or partnership registered before the Office

C Receiving Offices C

ZM PATENTS AND COMPANIES REGISTRATION AGENCY (PACRA) (ZAMBIA) ZM

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Zambia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ³
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 50
International filing fee: ⁴	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 218
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 328
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT) or (SE)
Fee for priority document:	USD 20
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Zambia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer practicing in Zambia

¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 23 July 2020, pages 159 *et seq.*

⁴ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

D International Searching Authorities D

AT AUSTRIAN PATENT OFFICE AT

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ^{1, 2}	Euro (EUR) 1,775 Singapore dollar (SGD) 2,846 South African rand (ZAR) 30,610 Swiss franc (CHF) 1,915 US dollar (USD) 2,091 Won (KRW) 2,422,000
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ^{2, 3}	EUR 1,775
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 0.95 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	EUR 0.95 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the search fee has not been reduced² and where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, the search fee shall be refunded to the following extent, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – where the earlier search was carried out by the Authority: refund of 75% – where the earlier search was carried out by another International Searching Authority: refund of 50% – where the earlier search was carried out by another Patent Office: refund of 25%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR 229
Languages accepted for international search:	English, French, German
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, DVD
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Austrian patent law

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This 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.

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
AT	AUSTRIAN PATENT OFFICE	AT

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴
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Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
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Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴
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Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None
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⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

D International Searching Authorities D

AU AUSTRALIAN PATENT OFFICE AU

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	<div> <div>Australian dollar (AUD)</div> <div>Euro (EUR)</div> <div>New Zealand dollar (NZD)</div> <div>Singapore dollar (SGD)</div> <div>South African rand (ZAR)</div> <div>Swiss franc (CHF)</div> <div>US dollar (USD)</div> <div>Won (KRW)</div> </div> <div> <div>2,200</div> <div>1,429</div> <div>2,379</div> <div>2,150</div> <div>23,560</div> <div>1,573</div> <div>1,697</div> <div>1,829,000</div> </div> <div>(1,449)²</div>
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	AUD 2,200
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): How to obtain copies: Fee(s):	The Authority provides applicants and designated (elected) Offices with a copy of each document cited in the international search report upon request, subject to the payment of the fee mentioned below. Documents can be requested through eServices at https://services.ipaustralia.gov.au/ICMWebUI/views/private/icm-home.xhtml AUD 50 per document ⁴
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	AUD 50 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of up to 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit Where the Office issues a declaration that no international search report will be established under PCT Article 17(2)(a): refund of AUD 1,500
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	None
Languages accepted for international search:	English
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)? Types of electronic carrier required:	Yes The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 November 2021.

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is capped at AUD 200.

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AU	AUSTRALIAN PATENT OFFICE	AU

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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Australian patent law
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

D International Searching Authorities D

BR NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BR

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY (BRAZIL)

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹		Online	On paper ²
	Brazilian real (BRL)	1,685	2,525
	Euro (EUR)	285	428
	Swiss franc (CHF)	306	458
	US dollar (USD)	330	495
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	BRL 1,360 (online)	2,040 (on paper) ²	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): ³	BRL 1.5 (online)	2 (on paper) ²	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	BRL 1.5 (online)	2 (on paper) ²	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25%</p>		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): ³	BRL 1,220 (online)	1,830 (on paper) ²	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)): ³	BRL 180 (online)	270 (on paper) ²	
Languages accepted for international search:	English, ⁴ Portuguese and Spanish ⁵		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes		
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD or DVD.		
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Brazilian patent law		

¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C). It is reduced by 60% where the international application 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, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251/19 of 2 October 2019.

² International applications and PCT-related documents filed on paper are received only by mail (refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253/19 of 13 November 2019).

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances. Footnote 1 (except the first sentence) is also applicable.

⁴ For international applications filed with any receiving Office except the receiving Offices established in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

⁵ For international applications filed with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) acting as receiving Office or with the receiving Offices of the Latin American and Caribbean regions.

D International Searching Authorities D

CA CANADIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CA

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Canadian dollar (CAD) 1,632 Euro (EUR) 1,060 Swiss franc (CHF) 1,218 US dollar (USD) 1,353
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	CAD 1,632
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): How to obtain copies: Fee(s):	<p>The Authority provides applicants with a first copy of each non-patent literature (NPL) document cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each NPL document cited is available to designated (elected) Offices upon request, free of charge.</p> <p>Additional copies of NPL documents and copies of published patent documents are available to both applicants and designated (elected) Offices upon request, subject to the payment of the fee(s) mentioned below.</p> <p>Requests for copies of documents should be sent to: ic.cipopbtpctpractice-opicpratiquetpctdb.ic@canada.ca</p> <p>For each request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in paper form: CAD 1 per page — in electronic form: CAD 10 for the first 7 megabytes plus CAD 10 for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in paper form: CAD 1 per page — in electronic form: CAD 10 for the first 7 megabytes plus CAD 10 for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the applicant requests the Authority to take into account the results of an earlier search, and the Authority benefits from that earlier search: Up to 25% of the search fee shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search</p>
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	None
Languages accepted for international search:	English, French

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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CA CANADIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE CA

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)?

Yes³

Types of electronic carrier required:

The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single diskette, CD-ROM or DVD.

Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Canadian patent law

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

³ Sequence listings can be submitted electronically through the Office's general correspondence web service at: <https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr01970.html>

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

D International Searching Authorities D

CL NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL CL PROPERTY (CHILE)

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	US dollar (USD)	2,000	(400) ²	(300) ³
	Euro (EUR)	1,697	(339) ²	(255) ³
	Swiss franc (CHF)	1,831	(366) ²	(275) ³
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	USD	2,000	(400) ²	(300) ³
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international search report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international search report is sent by mail.			
How to obtain copies:	Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@inapi.cl , free of charge, for designated (elected) Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.			
Fee(s):	USD	10	per document	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):	USD	10	per document	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search carried out by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of 25%			
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	USD	350		
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)):	None			
Languages accepted for international search:	English, Spanish			

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity where the applicant is a national of and a resident 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, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a university 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 in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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CL	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY (CHILE)	CL

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD or DVD.

Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Chilean patent law

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

No

D International Searching Authorities D

CN CHINA NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL CN

PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION (CNIPA)

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Yuan renminbi (CNY) 2,100 Euro (EUR) 262 Swiss franc (CHF) 301 US dollar (USD) 328
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	CNY 2,100
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	CNY 2 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	CNY 2 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion: refund of 75%</p>
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	CNY 200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	CNY 200
Languages accepted for international search:	Chinese, English
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?	CD-ROM, DVD

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
CN	CHINA NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION (CNIPA)	CN

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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Chinese patent law
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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D**International Searching Authorities****D****EG****EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE****EG**

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ^{1,2}	Egyptian pound (EGP)	4,000
	Euro (EUR)	216
	Swiss franc (CHF)	233
	US dollar (USD)	254
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ^{2, 3}	EGP	4,000
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. Additional copies may be ordered at EGP 50 per document.	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	EGP 200 for the first 30 pages plus EGP 3 for each additional page	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50% upon request by the applicant	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EGP	1,600
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EGP	200
Languages accepted for international search:	Arabic ⁴ , English ^{4, 5}	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	Diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1	

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² 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".

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ For international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.leagueofarabstates.net/ar/Pages/default.aspx).

⁵ For international applications filed with any receiving Office other than the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.leagueofarabstates.net/ar/Pages/default.aspx).

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International Searching Authorities

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EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted? No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted? No

D International Searching Authorities D

EP EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) EP

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	<table> <tr><td>Euro (EUR)</td><td>1,775</td></tr> <tr><td>Danish krone (DKK)</td><td>13,210</td></tr> <tr><td>Hungarian forint (HUF)</td><td>639,500</td></tr> <tr><td>Icelandic krona (ISK)</td><td>268,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Japanese yen (JPY)</td><td>236,100</td></tr> <tr><td>New Zealand dollar (NZD)</td><td>2,942</td></tr> <tr><td>Norwegian krone (NOK)</td><td>17,880</td></tr> <tr><td>Pound sterling (GBP)</td><td>1,526</td></tr> <tr><td>Singapore dollar (SGD)</td><td>2,846</td></tr> <tr><td>South African rand (ZAR)</td><td>30,610</td></tr> <tr><td>Swedish krona (SEK)</td><td>18,610</td></tr> <tr><td>Swiss franc (CHF)</td><td>1,915</td></tr> <tr><td>US dollar (USD)</td><td>2,091</td></tr> </table>	Euro (EUR)	1,775	Danish krone (DKK)	13,210	Hungarian forint (HUF)	639,500	Icelandic krona (ISK)	268,000	Japanese yen (JPY)	236,100	New Zealand dollar (NZD)	2,942	Norwegian krone (NOK)	17,880	Pound sterling (GBP)	1,526	Singapore dollar (SGD)	2,846	South African rand (ZAR)	30,610	Swedish krona (SEK)	18,610	Swiss franc (CHF)	1,915	US dollar (USD)	2,091
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US dollar (USD)	2,091																										
Additional search fees (PCT Rules 40.2 and 40bis ²): ³	Same amount as above in EUR																										
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the international search report drawn up by the Authority is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, the international search fee paid for the pending international application shall be refunded as follows:⁴</p> <p>For a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45bis) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE⁵, CY, FR, GB⁶, GR, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL⁵, SM, TR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – full benefit: refund of 100% – partial benefit: refund of 25% <p>For an international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – full benefit: refund of 70% – partial benefit: refund of 17.5% 																										

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office concerned in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C). 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 classified by the World Bank as low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, see <https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html>. This fee is also reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of Rule 18 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force. For further information refer to the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4): <https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html> and OJ EPO 2021, A58.

² This fee will be applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5bis. For further information, refer to the "Notice from the European Patent Office dated 14 June 2020 concerning the applicability of new Rule 20.5bis PCT on the correction of erroneous filings in proceedings before the EPO" (OJ EPO 2020, A81) and the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 30 April 2020, page 83.

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances. Footnote 2 (except the first sentence) is also applicable.

⁴ See OJ EPO 2019, A5.

⁵ Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the Authority and that Office.

⁶ Applies to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 July 2018 for the United Kingdom.

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EP EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) EP

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Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): ⁷	EUR 910
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EUR 240
Languages accepted for international search:	English, French, German and, where the international application is filed with the Netherlands Patent Office, Dutch
Does the Authority accept informal comments on earlier search results where an international application claims priority from an earlier application already searched by this Authority?	Yes, the applicant may submit informal comments to overcome objections raised in the search opinion established for the priority application. At the EPO this service is called "PCT Direct". Informal comments should be sent to the receiving Office together with the international application in the form of a separate letter entitled "PCT Direct/informal comments". If the claims and/or the description of the international application differ from those of the earlier application, applicants should preferably also submit a marked-up copy indicating the differences. PCT Direct submissions are published on PATENTSCOPE. This service is free of charge. ⁸
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM (type: ISO/IEC 10149:1995, 120 mm CD-ROM; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB) CD-R (type: 120 mm CD-Recordable Disk; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB) DVD (type: ISO/IEC 16448:1999, 120 mm DVD—Read-Only Disk; format: 4.7 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher)) DVD-R (type: Standard ECMA-279, 120 mm (3.95 GB per side)—DVD-Recordable; format: 3.95 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter which is searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the European Patent Convention

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⁷ The applicable procedure since 1 July 2010 is as set out in OJ EPO 5/2010, page 322.

⁸ For more details on the PCT Direct service and, in particular, on the form of submission and on the content of a PCT Direct request, see OJ EPO 2017, A21.

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Waiver of power of attorney:⁹

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes¹⁰

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes¹⁰

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

⁹ See OJ EPO 5/2010, page 335.

¹⁰ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

D International Searching Authorities D

ES SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ES

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	<div>Euro (EUR) 1,775</div> <div>Swiss franc (CHF) 1,915</div> <div>US dollar (USD) 2,091</div>
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	EUR 1,775
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	<div>EUR 4.69 per national document</div> <div>EUR 4.69 per foreign document</div>
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	EUR 0.23 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded, upon request by the applicant.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application: refund of 100% or 50%, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by an Authority of a State party to the EPC: refund of 75%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by an Authority of a State not party to the EPC: refund of 25%</p>
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	None
Languages accepted for international search:	English, Spanish
Does the Authority accept informal comments on earlier search results where an international application claims priority from an earlier application already searched by this Authority?	Yes, the applicant may submit informal comments to overcome objections raised in the search report and written opinion for the priority application. At the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office this service is called "PCT Direct". Informal comments should be sent to the receiving Office together with the international application in the form of a separate letter entitled "PCT Direct/informal comments" (" <i>PCT Directo/comentarios informales</i> "). PCT Direct submissions are published on PATENTSCOPE.

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office concerned in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C). The fee is reduced by 75% 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 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", see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oepm_fee_reduction.html.

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances. Footnote 1 (except the first sentence) is also applicable.

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)?

Yes

Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?

Diskette, CD-ROM

Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Spanish patent law No. 24/2015 of 24 July 2015

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act; and upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act; and upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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REGISTRATION OFFICE (PRH)****FI**

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Euro (EUR) 1,775 Swiss franc (CHF) 1,915 US dollar (USD) 2,091
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	EUR 1,775
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): How to obtain copies: Fee(s):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. Designated (elected) Offices also receive a first set of copies, upon request, free of charge. Additional copies are available to applicants and designated (elected) Offices by e-mail at: pct@prh.fi. None
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	EUR 0.60 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier national search, international search, supplementary international search or international-type search already carried out by the Authority, a Nordic patent authority or the European Patent Office on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of EUR 300
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	None
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	EUR 200
Languages accepted for international search:	English, Finnish, Swedish
Does the Authority accept informal comments on earlier search results where an international application claims priority from an earlier application already searched by this Authority?	Yes, the applicant may submit informal comments to overcome objections raised in the search report and written opinion for the priority application. At the PRH this service is called "PCT Direct". Informal comments should be sent to the receiving Office together with the international application in the form of a separate letter entitled "PCT Direct/informal comments". PCT Direct submissions are published on PATENTSCOPE.

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

None. Physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (see Annex C)

Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Finnish patent law

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

D International Searching Authorities D

IL ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE IL

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	New Israeli sheqel (ILS) 3,553 Euro (EUR) 903 Swiss franc (CHF) 976 US dollar (USD) 1,107
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	ILS 3,553
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The Authority provides applicants and designated (elected) Offices with a copy of each non-patent literature (NPL) document cited in the international search report upon request only. Copies to Offices are provided free of charge and copies to applicants are subject to the fee mentioned below.
How to obtain copies:	Copies of documents can be requested through ILPO's secure PCT website at: https://pctonline-sc.justice.gov.il/ or alternatively by email at: PCToffice@justice.gov.il
Fee(s):	ILS 44 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	ILS 44 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	None
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	ILS 457
Languages accepted for international search:	English
Does the Authority accept informal comments on earlier search results where an international application claims priority from an earlier application already searched by this Authority?	Yes, the applicant may submit informal comments to overcome objections raised in the earlier search report. Such comments should be sent to the receiving Office together with the international application and will then be transmitted to this Authority.
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Subject matter that will not be searched: The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Israeli patent law

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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IN INDIAN PATENT OFFICE IN

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Indian rupee (INR)	10,000	(2,500) ²
	Euro (EUR)	116	(29) ²
	Japanese yen (JPY)	14,400	(3,600) ²
	Swiss franc (CHF)	125	(31) ²
	US dollar (USD)	137	(34) ²
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	INR	10,000	(2,500) ²
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	INR	10	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	INR	10	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application: refund of 25% to 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit</p>		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ²
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ²
Languages accepted for international search:	English		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes		
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R.		
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Indian patent law		

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted? No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted? No

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JP JAPAN PATENT OFFICE (JPO)¹ JP

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	<div>Japanese yen (JPY) 70,000³</div> <div>Euro (EUR) 526³</div> <div>Singapore dollar (SGD) 1,906⁴</div> <div>Swiss franc (CHF) 606³</div> <div>US dollar (USD) 662³</div> <div>Won (KRW) 714,000³</div>	<div>156,000⁴</div> <div>1,173⁴</div> <div>1,351⁴</div> <div>1,476⁴</div>
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁵	JPY 60,000	126,000 ⁴
<p>Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):</p> <p>How to obtain copies:</p> <p>Fee(s):</p>	<p>The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report, free of charge.</p> <p>Requests for copies of documents should be made using the relevant form available at: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tetuzuki/document/tokkyo_jyouyaku-jitumu/22.pdf#page=62</p> <p>JPY 1,400 per request</p>	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Refund of JPY 28,000⁶ (JPY 62,000)⁴ upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) where, the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application; (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application. 	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	None	

¹ The Office participates in the IP5 pilot project on collaborative search and examination under the PCT. For further information see: www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/pct/pct_kyoudouchousa_shikou.html

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

⁴ For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁶ The amount of the refund of the search fee is reduced where the fee reduction for the search fee (see footnote 3) was applied.

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Languages accepted for international search:	English, ⁸ Japanese ⁸
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	Diskette, CD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter which is searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Japanese Patent Act, and methods for treatment of the human body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁹
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁹
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

⁷ See footnote 1.

⁸ The following languages are accepted:

- Japanese or English for international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office as a receiving Office;
- English or a translation under PCT Rule 12.3 into English from other accepted languages for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the United States of America and Viet Nam;
- Japanese or a translation under PCT Rule 12.3 into Japanese from Korean or English for international applications filed with the receiving Office of the Republic of Korea, or Japanese or a translation under PCT Rule 12.3 into Japanese from any other languages for international applications filed with the International Bureau as a receiving Office (RO/IB) acting for the Republic of Korea; and
- Japanese, English or a translation under PCT Rule 12.3 into Japanese or English from any other languages for international applications filed with RO/IB acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the United States of America and Viet Nam.

⁹ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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KR KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY KR

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ⁴	Won (KRW)	1,200,000 ⁵	450,000 ⁶
	Australian dollar (AUD)	1,443 ⁵	541 ⁶
	Euro (EUR)	879 ⁵	330 ⁶
	New Zealand dollar (NZD)	1,561 ⁵	585 ⁶ (538) ^{6, 7}
	Singapore dollar (SGD)	1,410 ⁵	529 ⁶
	Swiss franc (CHF)	949 ⁵	356 ⁶
	US dollar (USD)	1,036 ⁵	389 ⁶
Additional search fees (PCT Rules 40.2 and 40bis): ⁸	KRW 225,000	1,200,000 ⁵	450,000 ⁶
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The Authority provides copies of each document cited in the international search report for download, free of charge, for six months from the date of mailing of the report.		
How to obtain copies:	Documents can be downloaded at: https://www.patent.go.kr/smart/jsp/kiponet/ma/mamarkapply/infomodifypatent/PCTStatusInfo.do . After six months from the date of mailing of the international search report or in case of problems with downloading the documents, applicants should contact the Authority (e-mail: isa.kipo@korea.kr, facsimile: (82-42) 472 71 40) or the PCT Korea Center in the United States of America (e-mail: pctkorea@pctkorea.com, facsimile: (1-703) 388 10 84). Paper copies of cited documents can be obtained directly at the Office subject to the fee mentioned below.		
Fee(s):	KRW	100 per page	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	KRW	100 per page	

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¹ Applicants that provide an e-mail authorization in their international application will be sent an encrypted copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) by e-mail. It can be opened using a password which appears at the bottom of the Notification of Receipt of Search Copy (PCT/ISA/202).

² The Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, accepts documents submitted by applicants after the international filing date through ePCT. For the official notification from the Office refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 15 November 2018, page 307 *et seq.*

³ The Office participates in the IP5 pilot project on collaborative search and examination under the PCT. For further information see: https://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/BoardApp/UnewNotiApp?a=&board_id=notice&ssl=&cp=1&pg=1&npp=&catmenu=m03_01_01&sdate=&edate=&searchKey=1&searchVal=pct&c=1003&seq=16962

⁴ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C). This fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

⁵ For searches carried out in English.

⁶ For searches carried out in Korean.

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 December 2021.

⁸ These fees are payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority: refund of 75% upon request by the applicant</p>
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	KRW 11,000
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	KRW 112,500
Languages accepted for international search:	English, Korean
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	Diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of patent law of the Republic of Korea
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁹ See footnote 1.

¹⁰ See footnote 2.

¹¹ See footnote 3.

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	US dollar (USD)	1,000	400 ²
	Euro (EUR)	849	339 ²
	Swiss franc (CHF)	916	366 ²
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	USD	1,000	400 ²
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international search report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international search report is sent by mail.		
How to obtain copies:	Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph , free of charge, for designated (elected) Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.		
Fee(s):	USD	20	8 ² per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	USD	20	8 ² per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority: refund of 50%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search</p>		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	USD	500	200 ²
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1c):	USD	250	100 ²
Language accepted for international search:	English		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes		
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, DVD-R		

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This amount applies 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.

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Yes⁴

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Yes⁴

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

D International Searching Authorities D

RU FEDERAL SERVICE FOR INTELLECTUAL RU PROPERTY (ROSPATENT) (RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	<div>Russian rouble (RUB) 8,500² 40,000³</div> <div>Euro (EUR) 98² 459³</div> <div>Swiss franc (CHF) 106² 498³</div> <div>US dollar (USD) 115² 543³</div>
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	RUB 8,500 ² 40,000 ³
<p>Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):⁵</p> <p>How to obtain copies:</p> <p>Fee(s):</p>	<p>The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report, free of charge.</p> <p>Applicants and designated (elected) Offices can request copies by e-mail at: pct-peo@rupto.ru.</p> <p>RUB 24 per page for a patent document</p> <p>RUB 60 per page for a non-patent document</p>
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	RUB 96 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%</p>
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): ⁴	RUB 3,500
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)): ⁴	RUB 4,000
Languages accepted for international search:	English, Russian

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee applies to searches carried out in Russian.

³ This fee applies to searches carried out in English.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances. For further details, see “How can payment of fees be effected” at www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_en/en/inter/

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority. For further details, see <http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/uslugi-predostavlyaemye-fips-na-platnoy-osnove-.php> (paragraph 14.6) and <http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/rekvizity-fips-dlya-oplaty-uslug-fips-okazyvaemykh-na-platnoy-osnove.php>

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1):

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R

Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the patent law of the Russian Federation

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁶

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁶

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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SE SWEDISH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SE

OFFICE (PRV)

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	<div>Swedish krona (SEK) 18,610</div> <div>Danish krone (DKK) 13,210</div> <div>Euro (EUR) 1,775</div> <div>Icelandic krona (ISK) 268,000</div> <div>Norwegian krone (NOK) 17,880</div> <div>Swiss franc (CHF) 1,915</div> <div>US dollar (USD) 2,091</div>
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	SEK 18,610
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	<p>All documents cited in the international search report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/</p> <p>The cited documents may also be ordered in paper form at the following cost:</p> <div> <div>SEK 0 for less than 10 pages</div> <div>SEK 50 for 10 pages</div> <div>plus SEK 2 for each page over 10</div> </div>
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):	<div>SEK 0 for less than 10 pages</div> <div>SEK 50 for 10 pages</div> <div>plus SEK 2 for each page over 10</div>
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where an earlier international or international-type search has already been made by this Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: the search fee will be refunded in part if the search can be based in full or in part on the search that was carried out by the Authority</p> <p>Where a search and examination report issued on an application filed with the Danish Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO), the Norwegian Industrial Property Office or the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with the international application: refund of SEK 2,800</p> <p>Where an earlier international application, the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with an international search report issued by the European Patent Office, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) or the Nordic Patent Institute: refund of SEK 2,800</p> <p>Where an earlier international application, the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with an international-type search report issued by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) or the Nordic Patent Institute: refund of SEK 2,800</p>

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular instances.

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OFFICE (PRV)

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Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	None
Languages accepted for international search:	Danish, English, Finnish, French, ³ Norwegian and Swedish
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?	Diskette formatted 1.44 Mo, CD-ROM, CD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Swedish patent law
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

³ French is not accepted for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden.

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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SG INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE SG

OF SINGAPORE

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Singapore dollar (SGD) 2,240 Euro (EUR) 1,397 Japanese yen (JPY) 183,400 Swiss franc (CHF) 1,507 US dollar (USD) 1,646 Won (KRW) 1,906,000
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	SGD 2,240
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	SGD 30 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	SGD 30 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from earlier search
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	SGD 650
Language accepted for international search:	Chinese, English
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, DVD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Singapore patent law

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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TR TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK TR

OFFICE (TURKPATENT)

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Turkish lira (TRY) 16,250 Euro (EUR) 1,775 Swiss franc (CHF) 1,915 US dollar (USD) 2,091
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	TRY 16,250
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	TRY 1.50 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	TRY 1.50 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search: refund of 50%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	TRY 1,000
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	TRY 200
Languages accepted for international search:	English and Turkish
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Turkish patent law

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Euro (EUR)	100 ²	300 ³
	Swiss franc (CHF)	108 ²	324 ³
	US dollar (USD)	118 ²	353 ³
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	EUR	100 ²	300 ³
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	Copies of documents cited in the international search report are available to both applicants and designated (elected) Offices upon request only.		
How to obtain copies:	Requests for copies of documents should be sent to the Office's mailing address or by facsimile to the following number: (380-44) 494 05 06		
Fee(s):	EUR	0.40	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	EUR	0.90	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%</p>		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	20	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	None		
Languages accepted for international search:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes		
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R		

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² For searches carried out in Russian or Ukrainian.

³ For searches carried out in English, French or German.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the law of Ukraine on the Protection of Rights to Inventions and Utility models
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ^{2,3}		<i>Small entity</i> ⁴	<i>Micro entity</i> ⁵
US dollar (USD)	2,180	(1,090)	(545)
Euro (EUR)	1,850	(925)	(463)
New Zealand dollar (NZD)	3,076	(1,538)	(769)
South African rand (ZAR)	31,120	(15,560)	(7,780)
Swiss franc (CHF)	1,996	(998)	(499)
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ^{3,6}		<i>Small entity</i> ⁴	<i>Micro entity</i> ⁵
USD	2,180	(1,090)	(545)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):		US patent document USD 3 per copy ⁷ Non-US patent documents, none; the applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a U.S. patent document or a published international application.	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):		USD 3 per copy of US patent document USD 25 per copy of non-US patent document See 37 CFR 1.19 for other document supply fees	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):		None	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1c)):		<i>Small entity</i> ⁴	<i>Micro entity</i> ⁵
USD	320	(160)	(80)

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¹ The Office participates in the IP5 pilot project on collaborative search and examination under the PCT. For further information see: www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/patent-cooperation-treaty/pct-collaborative-search

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ The amount of this fee changes periodically. The International Searching Authority or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/fees-and-payment/uspto-fee-schedule should be consulted for the applicable amount.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a "small entity". For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "small entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

⁵ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a "micro entity". For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "micro entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁷ From 3 July 2007, the USPTO no longer mails paper copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications cited in search reports, written opinions or international preliminary examination reports in international applications. From 29 October 2013, the USPTO also no longer mails copies of published international applications cited in international applications. However, electronic copies may be viewed at the USPTO's Internet web site (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents). The copies can also be printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online (ebiz1.uspto.gov/oems25p/index.html) or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records ((1-800) 972 63 82 or (571) 272 31 50) at the fee indicated above.

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Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p>
Languages accepted for international search:	English
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?	<p>Diskette: 3.50 inch, 1.44 MB storage; 3.50 inch, 720 KB storage; 5.25 inch, 1.2 MB storage; 5.25 inch, 360 KB storage</p> <p>Magnetic tape: 0.5 inch, up to 24,000 feet; Density: 1,600 or 6,250 bits per inch, 9 track; Format: Unix tar command; specify blocking factor (not “block size”); Line Terminator: ASCII Carriage Return plus ASCII Line Feed</p> <p>8 mm Data Cartridge: Format: Unix tar command; specify blocking factor (not “block size”); Line Terminator: ASCII Carriage Return plus ASCII Line Feed</p> <p>Compact disc: Format ISO 9660 or High Sierra Format</p> <p>Magneto Optical Disk: Size/Storage Specifications: 5.25 inch, 640 MB</p>
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of United States patent law
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁹
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule 92 <i>bis</i>
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁹
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule 92 <i>bis</i>

⁸ See footnote 1.

⁹ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Danish krone (DKK) 13,210 Euro (EUR) 1,775 Icelandic krona (ISK) 268,000 Norwegian krone (NOK) 17,880 Swedish krona (SEK) 18,610 Swiss franc (CHF) 1,915 US dollar (USD) 2,091
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	DKK 13,210
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	DKK 50 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):	DKK 3.25 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search: refund of 50% Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO), the Norwegian Industrial Property Office or the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and where the Authority benefits from that search report: refund of 25%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	DKK 8,000
Languages accepted for international search:	Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Danish, Icelandic and Norwegian patent laws

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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XV VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI) XV

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Euro (EUR) 1,775 Hungarian forint (HUF) 639,500 Swiss franc (CHF) 1,915 US dollar (USD) 2,091
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	EUR 1,775
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 0.80 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 ^{ter}):	EUR 0.80 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States or from an earlier international search report or international-type search report: refund of 40%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR 875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EUR 230
Languages accepted for international search:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)

SISA**AT****AUSTRIAN PATENT OFFICE****AT**Fees payable to the International Bureau:¹Supplementary search fee
(PCT Rule 45bis.3):²

Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)

– for a search of only the German-language
documentation: CHF 917– for a search of only the PCT minimum
documentation: CHF 1,834– for a search of only the European and
North American documentation: CHF 1,284Supplementary search handling fee
(PCT Rule 45bis.2):

CHF 200

Late payment fee

(PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):

CHF 100

Fees payable to the Authority:

Currency: Euro (EUR)

Fee for copies of documents cited in
the supplementary international search
report (PCT Rule 45bis.7(c)):

EUR 0.95 per page

Fee for copies of documents contained
in the file of the international
application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):

EUR 0.95 per page

Conditions for refund and amount of
refund of the supplementary search fee:Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be
refunded.Where the supplementary search request is considered not to have
been submitted before the start of the supplementary international
search (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%Languages accepted for supplementary
international search:

English, French, German

Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1
with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent
grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Austrian patent
lawScope of documentation included in the
supplementary international search:Three scopes of documentation are offered, at the choice of the
applicant (see “Fees payable to the International Bureau”)Limitations on supplementary
international search:The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if demand for
supplementary international search exceeds available resources.Does the Authority require that nucleotide
and/or amino acid sequence listings be
furnished in electronic form
(PCT Rules 13ter.1 and 45bis.5(c))?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium
does the Authority require?

CD-ROM, DVD

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ³
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ³
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA

(Supplementary Search)

EP EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) EP

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹		Currency:	Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²	CHF	1,915	
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF	200	
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF	100	
Fees payable to the Authority:		Currency:	Euro (EUR)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	910	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rules 13ter.1(c) and 45bis.5(c)):	EUR	240	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under PCT Rule 45bis.5(g).</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in PCT Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or of the supplementary search request.</p>		
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German		
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter which is searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the European Patent Convention		
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include the documents held in its search collection.		

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc. 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 classified by the World Bank as low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, see <https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html>. This fee is also reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of Rule 18 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force. For further information refer to the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4): <https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html>

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Limitations on supplementary international search:

Where applicable, the Authority shall start the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45*bis*.5(a) only if a copy of a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is furnished under PCT Rule 45*bis*.1(c)(ii) and thereafter transmitted to it under PCT Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(iii).

Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

CD-ROM (type: ISO/IEC 10149:1995, 120 mm CD-ROM; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

CD-R (type: 120 mm CD-Recordable Disk; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

DVD (type: ISO/IEC 16448:1999, 120 mm DVD—Read-Only Disk; format: 4.7 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

DVD-R (type: Standard ECMA-279, 120 mm (3.95 GB per side)—DVD-Recordable; format: 3.95 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

Waiver of power of attorney:³

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

³ See OJ EPO 5/2010, page 335.

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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(Supplementary Search)

FI FINNISH PATENT AND FI

REGISTRATION OFFICE (PRH)

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹		Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²	CHF	1,915
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF	200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF	100
Fees payable to the Authority:		Currency: Euro (EUR)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45bis.7(c)):	The applicant receives, together with the supplementary international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. Designated (elected) Offices also receive a first set of copies, upon request, free of charge. Additional copies are available, free of charge, to applicants and designated (elected) Offices by e-mail at: pct@prh.fi .	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	EUR	0.60 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, Finnish and Swedish	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Finnish patent law	
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents held in its search collection in: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish	

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

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Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority has no current limitations on its supplementary international search services.
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	None. Physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (see Annex C)
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ³
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ³
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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(Supplementary Search)
RU FEDERAL SERVICE FOR INTELLECTUAL RU
PROPERTY (ROSPATENT)
(RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹		Currency:	Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²		CHF	147 235 ³
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):		CHF	200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):		CHF	100
Fees payable to the Authority: ⁴		Currency:	Russian rouble (RUB)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):		RUB	4,200
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45bis.7(c)):		The applicant receives, together with the supplementary international search report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge. Applicants and designated (elected) Offices can request copies by e-mail at: pct-peo@rupto.ru.	
		RUB	24 per page for a patent document
		RUB	60 per page for a non-patent document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):		RUB	96 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:		Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:		English, Russian	

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in Russian rouble and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the Russian rouble and the Swiss franc.

³ 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).

⁴ For further details on the payment of fees to the Authority, see the Rospatent website at:
<http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/uslugi-predostavlyaemye-fips-na-platnoy-osnove.php> and
<http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/rekvizity-fips-dlya-oplaty-uslug-fips-okazyvaemykh-na-platnoy-osnove.php>

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)

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PROPERTY (ROSPATENT)
(RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the patent law of the Russian Federation
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search: ⁵	<p>The Authority shall include at least the Russian-language and certain other patent documents of the former Soviet Union and CIS States held in its search collection.</p> <p>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), the Authority shall include PCT minimum documentation and at least the Russian-language and certain other patent documents of the former Soviet Union and CIS States held in its search collection.</p>
Limitations on supplementary international search:	None
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1):	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

⁵ The exact scope of the searches is subject to confirmation by the Authority.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)
SE SWEDISH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SE
OFFICE (PRV)

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹		Currency:	Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²		CHF	1,915
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):		CHF	200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):		CHF	100
Fees payable to the Authority:		Currency:	Swedish krona (SEK)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45bis.7(c)):		All documents cited in the supplementary international search report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/ The cited documents may also be ordered in paper form at the following cost :	
		SEK	0 for less than 10 pages
		SEK	50 for 10 pages
	plus	SEK	2 for each page over 10
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):		SEK	0 for less than 10 pages
		SEK	50 for 10 pages
	plus	SEK	2 for each page over 10
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:		Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:		Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish	
Subject matter that will not be searched:		The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Swedish patent law	
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:		In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in its search collection in: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish	

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is linked to the search fee charged by the European Patent Office and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the Swedish krona and the Swiss franc.

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)
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OFFICE (PRV)

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Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	Diskette formatted 1.44 Mo, CD-ROM, CD-R
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ³
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ³
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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	(Supplementary Search)	
SG	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE	SG
	OF SINGAPORE	

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹		Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²	CHF	1,507
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF	200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF	100
Fees payable to the Authority:		Currency: Singapore dollar (SGD)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	SGD	650
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45bis.7(c)):	SGD	30 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	SGD	30 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%</p>	
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, Chinese	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Singapore patent law	
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in English and Chinese held in its search collection	
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources	

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in Singapore dollar and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the Singapore dollar and the Swiss franc.

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SG	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPORE	SG

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form

(PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

CD-R, DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

SISA	International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)	SISA
TR	TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (TURKPATENT)	TR

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹		Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)	
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3):		– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
		– for a search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	CHF 59
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF	200	
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF	100	
Fees payable to the Authority:		Currency: Turkish lira (TRY)	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45bis.7(c)):	TRY	1.50	per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	TRY	1.50	per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The Authority shall refund this fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under PCT Rule 45bis.5(g): refund of 100%		
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English and Turkish		
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Turkish patent law		
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in Turkish held in its search collection		
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13ter.1 and 45bis.5(c))?	Yes		
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.		

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html

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**International Searching Authorities
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**TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE (TURKPATENT)**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

Yes²

Particular instances in which a separate
power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent
representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any
paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was
not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted?

Yes²

Particular instances in which a copy of a
general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent
representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any
paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was
not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

² Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

SISA

International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)

SISA**UA**

NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY, STATE ENTERPRISE “UKRAINIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE (UKRPATENT)”

UA**Fees payable to the International Bureau:¹**

Supplementary search fee
(PCT Rule 45bis.3):²

Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)

- for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 97
- for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 97
- for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 76
- for a search where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv): CHF 65

Supplementary search handling fee
(PCT Rule 45bis.2):

CHF 200

Late payment fee
(PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):

CHF 100

Fees payable to the Authority:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45bis.7(c)):

Currency: Euro (EUR)

Copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report are available to both applicants and designated (elected) Offices upon request only.

Requests for copies of documents should be sent to the Office's mailing address or by facsimile to the following number: (380-44) 494 05 06

EUR 0.40 per page

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):

EUR 0.90 per page

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%

The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)

UA NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY UA
AUTHORITY, STATE ENTERPRISE “UKRAINIAN
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE
(UKRPATENT)”

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Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the law of Ukraine on the Protection of Rights to Inventions and Utility models
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	Three scopes of documentation are offered, at the choice of the applicant (see “Fees payable to the International Bureau”)
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1 and 45 <i>bis</i> .5(c))?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

SISA**International Searching Authorities
(Supplementary Search)****SISA****XN****NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE****XN****Fees payable to the International Bureau:¹**Supplementary search fee
(PCT Rule 45bis.3):²

Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)

- for a full search: CHF 1,915
- for a search of only the documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 580

Supplementary search handling fee
(PCT Rule 45bis.2):

CHF 200

Late payment fee

(PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):

CHF 100

Fees payable to the Authority:

Review fee

(PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):

Currency: Danish krona (DKK)

DKK 8,000

Fee for copies of documents cited in
the supplementary international search
report (PCT Rule 45bis.7(c)):

DKK 50

Fee for copies of documents contained
in the file of the international
application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):

DKK 3.25 per page

**Conditions for refund and amount of
refund of the supplementary search fee:**

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%

The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%

**Languages accepted for supplementary
international search:**

Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish

Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Danish, Icelandic and Norwegian patent laws

**Scope of documentation included in the
supplementary international search:**

In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents held in its search collection in: Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish

**Limitations on supplementary
international search:**

The Authority shall conduct a maximum of 500 supplementary international searches per year

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in Danish kroner and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the Danish krona and the Swiss franc.

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)	
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF	200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF	100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Euro (EUR)	
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	875
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45bis.7(c)):	EUR	0.80 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	EUR	0.80 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws	
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to the PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents held in its search collection in: Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak	
Limitations on supplementary international search:	None	

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

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**International Searching Authorities
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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

AT AUSTRIAN PATENT OFFICE AT

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ^{1, 2}	Euro (EUR)	1,749
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ^{2, 3}	EUR	1,749
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	EUR	185
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	0.95 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2): ³	EUR	0.95 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	229
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, French, German	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Austrian patent law	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵	
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵	
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None	

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This 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.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

AU AUSTRALIAN PATENT OFFICE AU

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Australian dollar (AUD) 590 (820) The amount in parentheses is payable where the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	AUD 590
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	AUD 280 (304) ⁴
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The Authority provides applicants and elected Offices with a copy of each document cited in the international preliminary examination report upon request, subject to the payment of the fee mentioned below.
How to obtain copies:	Documents can be requested through eServices at https://services.ipaustralia.gov.au/ICMWebUI/views/private/icm-home.xhtml
Fee(s):	AUD 50 per document ⁵
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	AUD 50 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Australian patent law
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 November 2021.

⁵ This fee is capped at AUD 200.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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International Preliminary Examining Authorities

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY (BRAZIL)

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Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Brazilian real (BRL)	Online 630	On paper ² 945
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	BRL	365 (online)	545 (on paper) ²
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	Equivalent in BRL of Swiss francs 200		
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): ¹	BRL	1.5 (online)	2 (on paper) ² per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2): ¹	BRL	1.5 (online)	2 (on paper) ² per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ¹	BRL	1,220 (online)	1,830 (on paper) ²
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2): ¹	BRL	180 (online)	270 (on paper) ²
Does the Office accept the filing of demands (PCT Chapter II) in electronic form?	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁵		
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, ⁶ Portuguese and Spanish ⁷		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Brazilian patent law		

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 60% where the international application 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, see Official Resolution of the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251/19 of 2 October 2019.

² International applications and PCT-related documents filed on paper are received only by mail (refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253/19 of 13 November 2019).

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances. Footnote 1 (except the first sentence) is also applicable.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁵ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 23 October 2014, pages 154 *et seq.*

⁶ For international applications filed with any receiving Office except the receiving Offices established in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

⁷ For international applications filed with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) acting as receiving Office or with the receiving Offices of the Latin American and Caribbean regions.

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

CA CANADIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE¹ CA

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Canadian dollar (CAD)	816
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	CAD	816
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	CAD	268
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	<p>A first copy of additional non-patent literature (NPL) documents not cited in the international search report is available to both applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.</p> <p>Additional copies of NPL documents and published patent documents are available to both applicants and elected Offices upon request, subject to the payment of the fee(s) mentioned below.</p> <p>Requests for copies of documents should be sent to: ic.cipobpctpractice-opicpratiquepctdb.ic@canada.ca.</p> <p>How to obtain copies:</p> <p>Fee(s):</p> <p>For each request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in paper form: CAD 1 per page — in electronic form: CAD 10 for the first 7 megabytes plus CAD 10 for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes 	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in paper form: CAD 1 per page — in electronic form: CAD 10 for the first 7 megabytes plus CAD 10 for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes 	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, French	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Canadian patent law	

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¹ The Canadian Intellectual Property Office may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

Yes⁶

Particular instances in which a separate
power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on
the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing;
or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has
power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted?

Yes⁶

Particular instances in which a copy of a
general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on
the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing;
or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has
power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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**International Preliminary
Examining Authorities**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
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Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	US dollar (USD)	1,500	(400) ³	(300) ⁴
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁵	USD	1,500	(400) ³	(300) ⁴
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁶	USD	218		
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the preliminary examination report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international preliminary examination report is sent by mail.			
How to obtain copies:	Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@inapi.cl , free of charge, for elected Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.			
Fee(s):	USD	10	per document	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	USD	10	per document	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%			
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	USD	350		
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	None			

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¹ The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity where the applicant is a national of and a resident 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, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a university 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 in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/

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Does the Office accept the filing of demands (PCT Chapter II) in electronic form?

Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing⁷

Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:

English, Spanish

Subject matter that will not be examined:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Chilean patent law

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

No

⁷ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 4 December 2014, pages 190 *et seq.* (4 January 2021)

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

CN CHINA NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION (CNIPA)¹ CN

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Yuan renminbi (CNY)	1,500
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	CNY	1,500
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	Equivalent in CNY of Swiss francs	200 (CNY 1,390) ⁵
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	CNY	2 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	CNY	2 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	CNY	200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	CNY	200
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Chinese, English	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Chinese patent law	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

¹ The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 29 May 2008, page 69, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

⁵ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 December 2021.

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International Preliminary Examining Authorities

E**EG**

EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE

EG

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Egyptian pound (EGP)	3,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	EGP	3,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ¹	USD	218
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	<p>The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report, free of charge.</p> <p>Additional copies may be ordered at EGP 50 per document.</p>	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EGP	200 for the first 30 pages
	plus EGP	3 for each additional page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EGP	1,600
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EGP	200
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Arabic ³ , English ^{3, 4}	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ For international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/en/Pages/default.aspx).

⁴ For international applications filed with any receiving Office other than the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/en/Pages/default.aspx).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

EP EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)¹ EP

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ^{2,3}	Euro (EUR)	1,830
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁴	Same amount as above	
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ^{3,5}	EUR	185
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	910
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EUR	240
Does the Office accept the filing of demands (PCT Chapter II) in electronic form? ⁶	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via EPO Online Filing, the EPO web-form filing service, the EPO case management system (CMS), ⁷ ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing 2.0. Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R if EPO Online Filing is used.	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, French, German	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter which is examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the European Patent Convention	

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¹ The EPO may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by the EPO, the Austrian Patent Office, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute.

² This 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 classified by the World Bank as low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, see <https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html>. This fee is also reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of Rule 18 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force. For further information refer to the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4): <https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html>

³ The late payment fee, equal to 50% of the amount of the unpaid fees, is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. See OJ EPO 5/1998, page 282.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances. Footnote 2 is also applicable.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁶ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 18 March 2021, page 51 *et seq.*

⁷ As from 1 January 2022, the Office will no longer accept the filing of demands (PCT Chapter II) in electronic form using the EPO case management system (CMS). For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 3 June 2021, page 108.

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**International Preliminary
Examining Authorities**

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EP

EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)⁸

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Waiver of power of attorney:⁹

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes¹⁰

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes¹⁰

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

⁸ See footnote 1.

⁹ See OJ EPO 5/2010, page 335.

¹⁰ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

ES SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ES

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Euro (EUR)	589.48
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	EUR	589.48
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	EUR	185
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	4.69 per national document EUR 4.69 per foreign document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EUR	0.23 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded, upon request by the applicant. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, Spanish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Spanish patent law No. 24/2015 of 24 July 2015	

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¹ The fee is reduced by 75% 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 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", see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oepm_fee_reduction.html.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
ES	SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ES

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act; and upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

In case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act; and upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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International Preliminary Examining Authorities

E**FI**

FINNISH PATENT AND REGISTRATION OFFICE (PRH)

FI

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Euro (EUR)	600
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	EUR	600
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	EUR	185
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. Elected Offices also receive a first set of copies, upon request, free of charge.	
How to obtain copies:	Additional copies are available to applicants and elected Offices by e-mail at: pct@prh.fi.	
Fee(s):	None	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EUR	0.60 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EUR	200
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, Finnish, Swedish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter which is examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with Finnish patent law	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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**International Preliminary
Examining Authorities**

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FI

**FINNISH PATENT AND
REGISTRATION OFFICE (PRH)**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the
requirement that a separate power of
attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate
power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a
common representative who was not indicated in the request form or
in the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Authority waived the
requirement that a copy of a general
power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a
general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a
common representative who was not indicated in the request form or
in the demand form at the time of their filing

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
IL	ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE	IL

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	New Israeli sheqel (ILS) 1,523
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	ILS 1,523
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	ILS 745 (704) ⁴
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The Authority provides applicants and elected Offices with a copy of each non-patent literature (NPL) document cited in the international preliminary examination report upon request only. Copies to Offices are provided free of charge and copies to applicants are subject to the fee mentioned below.
How to obtain copies:	Copies of documents can be requested through ILPO's secure PCT website at: https://pctonline-sc.justice.gov.il/ or alternatively by email at: PCToffice@justice.gov.il
Fee(s):	ILS 44 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	ILS 44 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS 457
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Israeli patent law

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 November 2021.

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
IL	ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE	IL

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

IN INDIAN PATENT OFFICE IN

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Indian rupee (INR)	12,000 ²	(3,000) ³
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁴	INR	12,000 ²	(3,000) ³
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁵	USD	218	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	INR	10	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	INR	10	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100% ⁶		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ⁷
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ⁷
Does the Office accept the filing of demands (PCT Chapter II) in electronic form?	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁸		
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Indian patent law		

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is reduced to INR 10,000 when the international search report was prepared by the Indian Patent Office.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual. It is reduced to INR 2,500 when the international search report was prepared by the Indian Patent Office.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁶ A processing fee equivalent to the amount of the transmittal fee (see Annex C(IN)) will be deducted from this refund.

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

⁸ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 13 November 2014, pages 171 *et seq.*

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IN	INDIAN PATENT OFFICE	IN

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
JP	JAPAN PATENT OFFICE (JPO)¹	JP

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Japanese yen (JPY)	26,000 ³	(58,000) ⁴
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁵	JPY	15,000	(34,000) ⁴
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁶	JPY	23,100	
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): How to obtain copies: Fee(s):	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document containing non-patent literature not cited in the international search report, free of charge. Requests for copies of documents should be made using the relevant form available at: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tetuzuki/document/tokkyo_jyouyaku-jitumu/22.pdf#page=62 JPY 1,400 per request		
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	JPY	1,400	per request
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: no refund		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None		

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¹ The Japan Patent Office (JPO) may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications for which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search 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, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

⁴ For preliminary examinations carried out in English.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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International Preliminary Examining Authorities

E**JP****JAPAN PATENT OFFICE (JPO)⁷****JP***[Continued]*

Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:

English,⁸ Japanese⁸

Subject matter that will not be examined:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter which is examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Japanese Patent Act, and methods for treatment of the human body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁹

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁹

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

⁷ See footnote 1.

⁸ The following languages are accepted:

- Japanese or English for international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office as a receiving Office;
- English or a translation under PCT Rule 12.3 into English from other accepted languages for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, [India](#), Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the United States of America and Viet Nam;
- Japanese or a translation under PCT Rule 12.3 into Japanese from Korean or English for international applications filed with the receiving Office of the Republic of Korea, or Japanese or a translation under PCT Rule 12.3 into Japanese from any other languages for international applications filed with the International Bureau as a receiving Office (RO/IB) acting for the Republic of Korea; and
- Japanese, English or a translation under PCT Rule 12.3 into Japanese or English from any other languages for international applications filed with RO/IB acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, [India](#), Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the United States of America and Viet Nam.

⁹ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

KR KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE¹ KR

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Won (KRW)	450,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	KRW	450,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	KRW	253,000
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): How to obtain copies:	<p>The Authority provides copies of each document cited in the international preliminary examination report for download, free of charge, for six months from the date of mailing of the report.</p> <p>Documents can be downloaded at: https://www.patent.go.kr/smart/jsp/kiponet/ma/mamarkapply/infomodifypatent/PCTStatusInfo.do.</p> <p>After six months from the date of mailing of the international preliminary examination report or in case of problems with downloading the documents, applicants should contact the Authority (e-mail: isa.kipo@korea.kr, facsimile: (82-42) 472 71 40) or the PCT Korea Center in the United States of America (e-mail: pctkorea@pctkorea.com, facsimile: (1-703) 388 10 84).</p> <p>Paper copies of cited documents can be obtained directly at the Office subject to the fee mentioned below.</p>	
Fee(s):	KRW	100 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	KRW	100 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	KRW	11,000
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	KRW	112,500

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¹ Applicants that provide an e-mail authorization in their international application will be sent an encrypted copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) (PCT/IPEA/409) by e-mail. It can be opened using a password which appears at the bottom of the Notification of Receipt of Demand by Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (PCT/IPEA/402).

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(II)).

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
KR	KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE⁵	KR

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Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, Korean
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of patent law of the Republic of Korea
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁵ See footnote 1.
(16 May 2021)

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

PH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE PH OF THE PHILIPPINES

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	US dollar (USD)	500	(200) ²
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	USD	500	(200) ²
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	USD	218	
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international preliminary examination report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international preliminary examination report is sent by mail.		
How to obtain copies:	Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph , free of charge, for elected Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.		
Fee(s):	USD	20	(8) ² per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	USD	20	(8) ² per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ³	USD	500	(200) ²
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	USD	250	(100) ²
Language accepted for international preliminary examination:	English		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines		

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² The amount in parentheses applies 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.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

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PH	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINES	PH

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Yes⁵

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Yes⁵

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

RU FEDERAL SERVICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (ROSPATENT) RU (RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Examination carried out in:	
	Russian	English
	Russian rouble (RUB)	6,750 (4,500) ² 24,000 (16,000) ²
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	RUB	6,000 (5,000) ² 23,500 (19,500) ²
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	USD	218
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): ⁵	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document containing non-patent literature not cited in the international search report, free of charge.	
How to obtain copies:	Applicants and elected Offices can request copies by e-mail at: pct-peo@rupto.ru.	
Fee(s):	RUB	24 per page for a patent document
	RUB	60 per page for a non-patent document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2): ⁵	RUB	96 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ³	RUB	3,500
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2): ³	RUB	4,000

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. For further details, see “How can payment of fees be effected” at www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_en/en/inter/

² This fee applies where the international search report was prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances. Footnote 1 is also applicable.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)). Footnote 1 is also applicable.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. For further details, see <http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/uslugi-predostavlyayemye-fips-na-platnoy-osnove.php> (paragraph 14.6) and <http://new.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/rekvizity-fips-dlya-oplaty-uslug-fips-okazyvaemykh-na-platnoy-osnove.php>

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Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, Russian
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the patent law of the Russian Federation
Waiver of power of attorney: Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required: Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Yes ⁶ Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act. Yes ⁶ Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

SE SWEDISH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (PRV) SE

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Swedish krona (SEK)	5,000									
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	SEK	5,000									
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	SEK	1,850									
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	<p>All documents cited in the international preliminary examination report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/. The cited documents may also be ordered in paper form at the following cost:</p> <table> <tr> <td>SEK</td><td>0</td><td>for less than 10 pages</td></tr> <tr> <td>SEK</td><td>50</td><td>for 10 pages</td></tr> <tr> <td>plus SEK</td><td>2</td><td>for each page over 10</td></tr> </table>		SEK	0	for less than 10 pages	SEK	50	for 10 pages	plus SEK	2	for each page over 10
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Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	<table> <tr> <td>SEK</td><td>0</td><td>for less than 10 pages</td></tr> <tr> <td>SEK</td><td>50</td><td>for 10 pages</td></tr> <tr> <td>plus SEK</td><td>2</td><td>for each page over 10</td></tr> </table>	SEK	0	for less than 10 pages	SEK	50	for 10 pages	plus SEK	2	for each page over 10	
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plus SEK	2	for each page over 10									
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in case of PCT Rules 54.4 and 58bis.1(b): refund of 100%; — in case of PCT Rule 60.1(c), refund of the amount paid less the amount of the current transmittal fee. <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>										
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None										
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Danish, English, Finnish, French ⁴ , Norwegian, Swedish										
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Swedish patent law										

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ French is not accepted for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden.

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SE	SWEDISH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (PRV)	SE

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF SINGAPORE¹**

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Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Singapore dollar (SGD)	830
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	SGD	830
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	SGD	297
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	SGD	30 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	SGD	30 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	SGD	650
Language accepted for international preliminary examination:	Chinese, English	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Singapore patent law	

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¹ The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

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OF SINGAPORE

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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TR TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (TURKPATENT) TR

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Turkish lira (TRY)	1,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	TRY	1,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	CHF	200
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	TRY	1.50 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	TRY	1.50 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ²	TRY	1,000
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2): ²	TRY	200
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English and Turkish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Turkish patent law	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

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TR	TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (TURKPATENT)	TR

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITY, STATE ENTERPRISE “UKRAINIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE (UKRPATENT)”

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Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority:	EUR 50 ² 160 ³
	– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority:	EUR 70 ² 180 ³
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁴	EUR	60 ² 180 ³
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁵	EUR	185
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report are available to both applicants and elected Offices upon request only.	
How to obtain copies:	Requests for copies of documents should be sent to the Office's mailing address or by facsimile to the following number: (380-44) 494 05 06	
Fee(s):	EUR	0.40 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EUR	0.90 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 75%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ⁴	EUR	20
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	None	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the law of Ukraine on the Protection of Rights to Inventions and Utility models	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² Where examination is carried out in Russian or Ukrainian.

³ Where examination is carried out in English, French or German.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

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**NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
AUTHORITY, STATE ENTERPRISE “UKRAINIAN
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE
(UKRPATENT)”**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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US UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO)¹ US

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ^{2, 3}				<i>Small entity</i> ⁴	<i>Micro entity</i> ⁵
	US dollar (USD)	640	(800)	320	(400) 160 (200)
The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO.					
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁶				<i>Small entity</i> ⁴	<i>Micro entity</i> ⁵
	USD	640	(320)	(160)	
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁷	USD	218			
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	None; the applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report which is not a U.S. patent document or a published international application. ⁸				
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	USD	3	per copy of US patent document		
	USD	25	per copy of non-US patent document		
	See 37 CFR 1.19 for other document supply fees				
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None				
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):				<i>Small entity</i> ⁴	<i>Micro entity</i> ⁵
	USD	320	(160)	(80)	

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¹ The USPTO may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office, except that the USPTO may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by at least one resident or national of the United States of America with the USPTO or the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office where the selected ISA is competent for residents or nationals of the United States of America.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ The amounts of these fees change periodically. The International Preliminary Examining Authority or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/fees-and-payment/uspto-fee-schedule should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

⁴ This amount is applicable in case of filing by a "small entity". For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "small entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

⁵ This amount is applicable in case of filing by a "micro entity". For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "small entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁷ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁸ From 3 July 2007, the USPTO no longer mails paper copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications cited in search reports, written opinions or international preliminary examination reports in international applications. From 29 October 2013, the USPTO also no longer mails copies of published international applications cited in international applications. However, electronic copies may be viewed at the USPTO's Internet web site (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents). The copies can also be printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online (ebiz1.uspto.gov/oems25p/index.html) or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records ((1-800) 972 63 82 or (571) 272 31 50) at the fee indicated above.

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US	UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO)⁹	US

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Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3 where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (PCT Rules 54.4, 58 <i>bis</i> .1(b) or 60.1(c)): refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of the amount paid less a processing fee equivalent to the transmittal fee (see Annex C(US))
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of United States patent law
Waiver of power of attorney:	Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Yes ¹⁰ Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required: Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule 92 <i>bis</i> Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? Yes ¹⁰ Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required: Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule 92 <i>bis</i>

⁹ See footnote 1.

¹⁰ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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XN NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE XN

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Danish krone (DKK)	5,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	DKK	5,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	DKK	1,380
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	DKK	50 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	DKK	3.25 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in the case of PCT Rules 54.4, 54bis.1(b) and 58bis.1(b): refund of 100%; — in the case of PCT Rule 60.1(c): refund of the amount paid less the current amount of the transmittal fee. <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	DKK	8,000
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Danish, Icelandic and Norwegian patent laws	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form or on the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form or on the demand form at the time of their filing

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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XV VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI) XV

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Euro (EUR)	900
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	EUR	900
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ^{3, 4}	EUR	185
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	0.95 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EUR	0.95 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EUR	230
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ The late payment fee, as set out in PCT Rule 58^{bis}, is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form or on the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form or on the demand form at the time of their filing

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

K**Country Names and Two-Letter Codes****K**

Annex K includes a list of short names and two-letter codes accepted for use in indicating States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations (and their Offices) in documents relating to international applications under the PCT. The list is as set out in WIPO Standard ST.3 (see List of WIPO Standards, Recommendations and Guidelines on the web site at: www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-03-01.pdf).

STANDARD ST.3**RECOMMENDED STANDARD ON TWO-LETTER CODES FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

*Revision approved by the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)
at its seventh session on July 5th, 2019*

INTRODUCTION

1. This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to industrial property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of industrial property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of industrial property.
2. The designation of States or other entities in this Recommended Standard does not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever concerning the legal status of any State or territory, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.
3. The two-letter alphabetic codes in this Recommended Standard are aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Codes listed in International Standard ISO 3166-1, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes", which is available on the [Online Browsing Platform](#) of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The short form of state names in this Recommended Standard is aligned with the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM) with a few exceptions. These exceptions, as well as the territory names, are based on established WIPO practice, reflecting official requests by the states concerned.

RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by industrial property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
5. The recommended codes with respective names are contained in Annex I in two sections, organized as follows:
 - (i) Section 1 presents a list of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in alphabetic sequence of their short names and their corresponding codes;
 - (ii) Section 2 presents the codes referred to in (i) in alphabetic order and the corresponding (short) names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations.
6. In addition to the said recommended codes, the two-letter alphabetic code "XX" is recommended to refer to unknown states, other entities or organizations.

MAINTENANCE

7. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166. WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work.
8. The International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard at intervals following the decisions of the Maintenance Agency and of the respective WIPO body with regard to the inclusion of new two-letter alphabetic codes or the amending of existing two-letter alphabetic codes. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of states and territories, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following UNTERM with a few exceptions described in paragraph 3 above. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following communications received from the intergovernmental organization concerned and established WIPO practice in this regard. The revision procedure of this Recommended Standard is provided in Annex III.

IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

9. To assist users of documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefore, Annex II, Section 1, to this Recommended Standard lists those States for which the code in force prior to January 1, 1978, was subsequently replaced by a new code. A list of States or organizations, with their respective codes, that ceased to exist is given in Annex II, Section 2.
10. The codes contained in Annex I to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefore, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.
11. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XT, XW, XY, XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]

Country Names and Two-Letter Codes

ANNEX I, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE OF THEIR SHORT NAMES,
AND THEIR CORRESPONDING CODES

AFGHANISTAN	AF	CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic Republic of the Congo)	
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) ^{(1) (13)}	OA	CONGO	CG
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) ^{(1) (13)}	AP	COOK ISLANDS	CK
ALBANIA	AL	COSTA RICA	CR
ALGERIA	DZ	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	CI
ANDORRA	AD	CROATIA	HR
ANGOLA	AO	CUBA	CU
ANGUILLA	AI	CURAÇAO	CW
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	CYPRUS	CY
ARGENTINA	AR	CZECHIA	CZ
ARMENIA	AM		
ARUBA	AW	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KP
AUSTRALIA	AU	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	CD
AUSTRIA	AT	DENMARK	DK
AZERBAIJAN	AZ	DJIBOUTI	DJ
		DOMINICA	DM
BAHAMAS	BS	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
BAHRAIN	BH		
BANGLADESH	BD	ECUADOR	EC
BARBADOS	BB	EGYPT	EG
BELARUS	BY	EL SALVADOR	SV
BELGIUM	BE	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ
BELIZE	BZ	ERITREA	ER
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (BOIP) ^{(2) (13)}	BX	ESTONIA	EE
BENIN	BJ	ESWATINI	SZ
BERMUDA	BM	ETHIOPIA	ET
BHUTAN	BT	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO) ^{(1) (13)}	EA
BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)	BO	EUROPEAN UNION ⁽¹⁴⁾	EU
BONAIRE, SINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA	BQ	EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (EUIPO) ^{(13) (14)}	EM
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) ^{(1) (13) (14)}	EP
BOTSWANA	BW		
BOUVET ISLAND	BV	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	FK
BRAZIL	BR	FAROE ISLANDS	FO
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	VG	FIJI	FJ
		FINLAND	FI
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN	FRANCE	FR
BULGARIA	BG		
BURKINA FASO	BF	GABON	GA
BURUNDI	BI	GAMBIA	GM
		GEORGIA	GE
CAMBODIA	KH	GERMANY ⁽³⁾	DE
CAMEROON	CM	GHANA	GH
CANADA	CA	GIBRALTAR	GI
CABO VERDE	CV	GREECE	GR
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KY	GREENLAND	GL
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CF	GRENADA	GD
CHAD	TD	GUATEMALA	GT
CHILE	CL	GUERNSEY	GG
CHINA	CN	GUINEA	GN
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO) ^{(13) (14)}	QZ	GUINEA-BISSAU	GW
COLOMBIA	CO		
COMOROS	KM		

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GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf)		MONTSERRAT	MS
GUYANA	GY	MOROCCO	MA
		MOZAMBIQUE	MZ
		MYANMAR	MM
HAITI	HT	NAMIBIA	NA
HOLY SEE	VA	NAURU	NR
HONDURAS	HN	NEPAL	NP
HONG KONG, China	HK	NETHERLANDS	NL
HUNGARY	HU	NEW ZEALAND	NZ
		NICARAGUA	NI
ICELAND	IS	NIGER	NE
INDIA	IN	NIGERIA	NG
INDONESIA	ID	NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI) ^{(1) (13)}	XN
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) ^{(4) (13)}	IB, WO	NORTH MACEDONIA	MK
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾	XU	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	MP
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	IR	NORWAY	NO
IRAQ	IQ	OMAN	OM
IRELAND	IE	PAKISTAN	PK
ISLE OF MAN	IM	PALAU	PW
ISRAEL	IL	PANAMA	PA
ITALY	IT	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	PG
		PARAGUAY	PY
JAMAICA	JM	PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC Patent Office) ⁽¹³⁾	GC
JAPAN	JP	PERU	PE
JERSEY	JE	PHILIPPINES	PH
JORDAN	JO	POLAND	PL
		PORTUGAL	PT
KAZAKHSTAN	KZ	QATAR	QA
KENYA	KE	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KR
KIRIBATI	KI	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	MD
KOREA (see Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea)		ROMANIA	RO
KUWAIT	KW	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	RU
KYRGYZSTAN	KG	RWANDA	RW
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ...	LA	SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA	SH
LATVIA	LV	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	KN
LEBANON	LB	SAINT LUCIA	LC
LESOTHO	LS	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	VC
LIBERIA	LR	SAMOA	WS
LIBYA	LY	SAN MARINO	SM
LIECHTENSTEIN	LI	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	ST
LITHUANIA	LT	SAUDI ARABIA	SA
LUXEMBOURG	LU	SENEGAL	SN
MACAO, CHINA	MO	SERBIA	RS
MADAGASCAR	MG	SEYCHELLES	SC
MALAWI	MW	SIERRA LEONE	SL
MALAYSIA	MY	SINGAPORE	SG
MALDIVES	MV	SINT MAARTEN (Dutch part)	SX
MALI	ML	SLOVAKIA	SK
MALTA	MT	SLOVENIA	SI
MAURITANIA	MR	SOLOMON ISLANDS	SB
MAURITIUS	MU	SOMALIA	SO
MEXICO	MX	SOUTH AFRICA	ZA
MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova)		SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	GS
MONACO	MC		
MONGOLIA	MN		
MONTENEGRO	ME		

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SOUTH SUDAN	SS	UGANDA	UG
SPAIN	ES	UKRAINE	UA
SRI LANKA	LK	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	AE
SUDAN	SD	UNITED KINGDOM	GB
SURINAME	SR	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	TZ
SWEDEN	SE	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	US
SWITZERLAND	CH	URUGUAY	UY
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	SY	UZBEKISTAN	UZ
TAIWAN PROVINCE OF CHINA	TW	VANUATU	VU
TAJIKISTAN	TJ	VATICAN CITY STATE (See Holy See)	
TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)		VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) ..	VE
THAILAND	TH	VIET NAM	VN
TIMOR-LESTE.....	TL	VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI) ^{(1) (13)} ..	XV
TOGO	TG		
TONGA	TO	WESTERN SAHARA ⁽⁵⁾	EH
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TT	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	
TUNISIA	TN	ORGANIZATION (WIPO)	
TURKEY	TR	(INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) ^{(4) (13)}	WO, IB
TURKMENISTAN	TM		
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	TC	YEMEN	YE
TUVALU	TV		
		ZAMBIA	ZM
		ZIMBABWE	ZW

[Section 2 follows]

Country Names and Two-Letter Codes

ANNEX I, SECTION 2

LIST OF CODES, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE, AND THE CORRESPONDING (SHORT) NAMES OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AD	Andorra	DK	Denmark
AE	United Arab Emirates	DM	Dominica
AF	Afghanistan	DO	Dominican Republic
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	DZ	Algeria
AI	Anguilla		
AL	Albania	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) ^{(1) (13)}
AM	Armenia	EC	Ecuador
AO	Angola	EE	Estonia
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ^{(1) (13)}	EG	Egypt
AR	Argentina	EH	Western Sahara ⁽⁵⁾
AT	Austria	EM	European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) ^{(13) (14)}
AU	Australia	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) ^{(1) (13) (14)}
AW	Aruba	ER	Eritrea
AZ	Azerbaijan	ES	Spain
		ET	Ethiopia
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	EU	European Union ⁽¹⁴⁾
BB	Barbados		
BD	Bangladesh	FI	Finland
BE	Belgium	FJ	Fiji
BF	Burkina Faso	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
BG	Bulgaria	FO	Faroe Islands
BH	Bahrain	FR	France
BI	Burundi		
BJ	Benin	GA	Gabon
BM	Bermuda	GB	United Kingdom
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office) ⁽¹³⁾
BO	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)		
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	GD	Grenada
BR	Brazil	GE	Georgia
BS	Bahamas	GG	Guernsey
BT	Bhutan	GH	Ghana
BV	Bouvet Island	GI	Gibraltar
BW	Botswana	GL	Greenland
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) ^{(2) (13)}	GM	Gambia
		GN	Guinea
BY	Belarus	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
BZ	Belize	GR	Greece
		GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
CA	Canada	GT	Guatemala
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	GW	Guinea-Bissau
CF	Central African Republic	GY	Guyana
CG	Congo		
CH	Switzerland	HK	Hong Kong, China
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	HN	Honduras
CK	Cook Islands	HR	Croatia
CL	Chile	HT	Haiti
CM	Cameroon	HU	Hungary
CN	China		
CO	Colombia	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ^{(4) (13)}
CR	Costa Rica	ID	Indonesia
CU	Cuba	IE	Ireland
CV	Cabo Verde	IL	Israel
CW	Curaçao	IM	Isle of Man
CY	Cyprus	IN	India
CZ	Czechia	IQ	Iraq
		IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
DE	Germany ⁽³⁾	IS	Iceland
DJ	Djibouti		

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IT	Italy	OM	Oman
JE	Jersey	PA	Panama
JM	Jamaica	PE	Peru
JO	Jordan	PG	Papua New Guinea
JP	Japan	PH	Philippines
		PK	Pakistan
KE	Kenya	PL	Poland
KG	Kyrgyzstan	PT	Portugal
KH	Cambodia	PW	Palau
KI	Kiribati	PY	Paraguay
KM	Comoros		
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	QA	Qatar
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	QZ	Community Plant Variety Office (European Union) (CPVO) ^{(13) (14)}
KR	Republic of Korea		
KW	Kuwait	RO	Romania
KY	Cayman Islands	RS	Serbia
KZ	Kazakhstan	RU	Russian Federation
		RW	Rwanda
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic		
LB	Lebanon	SA	Saudi Arabia
LC	Saint Lucia	SB	Solomon Islands
LI	Liechtenstein	SC	Seychelles
LK	Sri Lanka	SD	Sudan
LR	Liberia	SE	Sweden
LS	Lesotho	SG	Singapore
LT	Lithuania	SH	Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
LU	Luxembourg	SI	Slovenia
LV	Latvia	SK	Slovakia
LY	Libya	SL	Sierra Leone
		SM	San Marino
MA	Morocco	SN	Senegal
MC	Monaco	SO	Somalia
MD	Republic of Moldova	SR	Suriname
ME	Montenegro	SS	South Sudan
MG	Madagascar	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MK	North Macedonia	SV	El Salvador
ML	Mali	SX	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
MM	Myanmar	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
MN	Mongolia	SZ	Eswatini
MO	Macao, China		
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MR	Mauritania	TD	Chad
MS	Montserrat	TG	Togo
MT	Malta	TH	Thailand
MU	Mauritius	TJ	Tajikistan
MV	Maldives	TL	Timor-Leste
MW	Malawi	TM	Turkmenistan
MX	Mexico	TN	Tunisia
MY	Malaysia	TO	Tonga
MZ	Mozambique	TR	Turkey
		TT	Trinidad and Tobago
NA	Namibia	TV	Tuvalu
NE	Niger	TW	Taiwan Province of China
NG	Nigeria	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NI	Nicaragua		
NL	Netherlands	UA	Ukraine
NO	Norway	UG	Uganda
NP	Nepal	US	United States of America
NR	Nauru	UY	Uruguay
NZ	New Zealand	UZ	Uzbekistan
OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) ^{(1) (13)}		

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VA	Holy See	XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) ^{(1) (13)}
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	XU	International Union for the Protection of New
VE	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		Varieties of Plants (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾
VG	British Virgin Islands	XV	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) ^{(1) (13)}
VN	Viet Nam	YE	Yemen
VU	Vanuatu	ZA	South Africa
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization	ZM	Zambia
	(WIPO) (International Bureau of) ^{(4) (13)}	ZW	Zimbabwe
WS	Samoa		

[Annex II follows]

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ANNEX II, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES IN RESPECT OF WHICH CODES HAVE CHANGED

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978	Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania	AN	AL	Japan	JA	JP
Algeria	AG	DZ	Kuwait	KU	KW
Austria	OE	AT	Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Bahrain	BB	BH	Madagascar	MD	MG
Bangladesh	BA	BD	Mali	MJ	ML
Barbados	BD	BB	Malta	ML	MT
Benin	DA	BJ	Mauritania	MT	MR
Bhutan	BH	BT	Mauritius	MS	MU
Botswana	BT	BW	Mongolia	MO	MN
Burkina Faso	UV	HV/BF ⁽⁶⁾	Myanmar	BU	MM ⁽⁸⁾
Burma (see Myanmar)			Nicaragua	NA	NI
Cambodia	CD	KH	Niger	NI	NE
Cameroon	KA	CM	Nigeria	WN	NG
Central African Republic	ZR	CF	Oman	MU	OM
Chad	TS	TD	Panama	PM	PA
Chile	CE	CL	Papua New Guinea	PP	PG
China	RC	CN	Paraguay	PG	PY
Congo	CF	CG	Poland	PO	PL
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia)			Republic of Korea	KS	KR
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KN	KP	Romania	RU	RO
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CB	ZR/CD ⁽⁷⁾	Sierra Leone	WL	SL
Dominican Republic	DR	DO	Sri Lanka	CL	LK
East Timor (see Timor–Leste)	–	–	Sweden	SW	SE
Egypt	ET	EG	Syrian Arab Republic	SR	SY
El Salvador	SL	SV	Timor–Leste	TP	TL ⁽⁹⁾
Ethiopia	EA	ET	Togo	TO	TG
Finland	SF	FI	Tonga	TI	TO
Gambia	GE	GM	Trinidad and Tobago	TD	TT
Germany	DT	DE	United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Guatemala	GU	GT	Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo)		
Guinea	GI	GN	Zambia	ZB	ZM
Haiti	HI	HT			
Holy See	CV	VA			
Honduras	HO	HN			
Ireland	EI	IE			

[Section 2 follows]

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ANNEX II, SECTION 2

LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978,
BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia	CS
Democratic Yemen	SY/YD ⁽¹⁰⁾
German Democratic Republic	DL/DD ⁽¹¹⁾
International Patent Institute	IB
Soviet Union	SU
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro	YU ⁽¹²⁾

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III

PROCEDURE FOR THE REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.3

1. The International Bureau would revise the short form of names of states, territories and names of intergovernmental organizations in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify the members of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS members) the revision as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding the short form of state names as adopted by the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM). With regard to territory names or where a deviation from state names in UNTERM is required, the International Bureau would also revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the necessary changes based on established WIPO practice reflecting official requests by the states concerned. With regard to names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau would similarly revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the changes identified or received by the International Bureau from the intergovernmental organizations concerned; and

(b) The International Bureau would then publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 on WIPO's website, followed by a notification informing the CWS members of the publication of the revision.

2. With regard to a revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 other than the names mentioned in paragraph 1 above, such as changes to two-letter codes, the International Bureau should prepare a proposal for the revision for consideration and approval by the CWS members as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. In particular, in regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of states and territories, the International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes already adopted by ISO 3166/MA. With regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau will prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating a suitable two-letter code representing the organization concerned;

(b) The International Bureau would issue a circular inviting the CWS members to consider the proposal and respond within two months;

(c) If consensus is reached within the two-month period, then the International Bureau would publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3; and

(d) If consensus is not reached, the International Bureau proposal, together with the remarks submitted, would be forwarded to the following CWS session for consideration and final decision.

[End of Annex III and of Standard]

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- (1) Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In the case of the European Patent Office, it is the operational organ of the European Patent Organization.
 - (2) The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.
 - (3) In the electronic database of the International Register of Marks, the International Bureau of WIPO uses the following additional codes, not part of the active codes of Standard ST.3: "DD" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the Federal Republic of Germany; "DT" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the German Democratic Republic.
 - (4) The code "WO" is used in relation to the international publication under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of international applications filed with any PCT receiving Office, as well as in the publication of international deposits of industrial designs under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (33) given in WIPO Standards [ST.9](#) and [ST.80](#). The code "WO" is also the appropriate code to be used with respect to international registrations of marks under the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The code "IB" is used in relation to the receipt of international applications under the PCT filed with the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office.

- (5) Provisional name.
- (6) Code BF adopted in 1984.
- (7) Code CD adopted in 1997.
- (8) Code MM adopted in 1989.
- (9) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
- (10) Code SY used before 1.1.1978.
- (11) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.
- (12) Subsequent to the country name change of "Yugoslavia" to "Serbia and Montenegro", that took effect on February 4, 2003, and to the decision by the ISO 3166/MA to use the new country name and new two-letter code "CS" (to replace "YU"), which was announced on July 23, 2003, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group agreed, at its fifth session, in November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code "YU" continue to be used for "Serbia and Montenegro" in the industrial property field because code "CS" raised certain problems due to its former use to represent "Czechoslovakia" until 1993.
- (13) The acronym or abbreviation of an entity is not part of its name.
- (14) The two-letter codes "EP", "EM", and "QZ" must be used to indicate the corresponding Office defined in this Standard while the Code "EU" must be used to indicate other institutions in the European Union. Additionally, the codes must be used in the following situations:
 - "EP" for documentation and information related to patents administered by the European Patent Office (EPO);
 - "EM" for documentation and information related to European Union Trademarks and European Union Industrial Designs administered by the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and for the designation of the European Union in the Madrid and Hague Systems;
 - "QZ" for documentation and information related to Community Plant Variety Rights administered by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO); and
 - "EU" for documentation and information related to other rights applicable in the European Union and not covered by the codes "EP", "EM" and "QZ", such as marketing authorizations approved by the European Medicines Agency or geographical indications protected under EU legislation.

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Deposits of Microorganisms and Other Biological Material

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Requirements of designated and elected Offices

Only Offices whose applicable national law contains provisions concerning the deposits of microorganisms and other biological material are listed in this table. Unless otherwise indicated in the table, deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before these Offices with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/). Further information concerning the requirements of international depositary authorities under the Budapest Treaty is available at www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/guide/

Designated (or elected) Office	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)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
AL – Albania General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)	None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania) with any depositary institution specialized for that purpose.
AP – African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ARIPO	None	At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before ARIPO with any depositary institution.
AT – Austria Austrian Patent Office	Before completion of technical preparations for international publication	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, all significant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
AU – Australia Australian Patent Office	None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism An applicant may give notice that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be effected prior to the grant of a patent, or to the lapsing, refusal or withdrawal of an application, to a person who is a skilled addressee without an interest in the invention (Regulation 3.25A(2) of the Australian Patents Regulations). The applicant must give notice directly to the Australian Patent Office before the application is made available to the public (normally the international publication date).

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BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina				
Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism	
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).				
BG – Bulgaria				
Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism	
BN – Brunei Darussalam				
Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO)	None	None	None	
The applicant may request that a sample only be made available to an expert before the patent is granted or if the application has been withdrawn, or has been treated as having been abandoned, has been refused or is treated as having been refused. The applicant should make such requests to the International Bureau in writing before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application.				
BR – Brazil				
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material	
Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) with any depositary institution authorized by the Institute.				
BY – Belarus				
National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	The name of the depositary institution and the accession number at the time of filing (must be in the description)	None	None	
For the purposes of patent procedure before the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus), a deposit may be made not later than the priority date of the international application with any international or Belarusian depositary institution specialized for that purpose.				

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CA – Canada				
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	None	None	
If an applicant wishes that, until either a Canadian patent has been issued on the basis of an application or the application has been refused, or is abandoned and no longer subject to reinstatement, or is withdrawn, the Commissioner of Patents only authorizes the furnishing of a sample of deposited biological material referred to in the application to an independent expert nominated by the Commissioner, the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application. Such statement must be separate from the description and claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.				
CH – Switzerland				
Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	None	None	None	
Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property with FIB, IFO and IAM (www.ige.ch). The furnishing of samples to a third party may be subject to the condition that that party indicates to the depositary institution its name and address for the purpose of information of the depositor and undertakes: (a) not to make available the deposited culture or a culture derived from it to a third party; (b) not to use the culture outside the purview of the law; (c) to produce, in case of a dispute, evidence that the obligations under items (a) and (b) have not been violated.				
CL – Chile				
National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism	

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CN – China			
China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	None	None	The scientific name (with its Latin name) of the microorganism, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism, a receipt of deposit and the viability proof from the depositary institution of a sample of the microorganism
Deposits may be made for the purposes of the patent procedure before the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) with CGMCC, CCTCC or GDMCC (see further in this Annex), or with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. Deposits shall be made for the purposes of the patent procedure before, or at the latest on, the date of filing (or the priority date where priority is claimed).			
CO – Colombia			
Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
CU – Cuba			
Cuban Industrial Property Office	The name of the depositary institution, the date of the deposit and the accession number at the time of filing (as part of the application)	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material
The certificate of deposit must be submitted within 16 months from the date of filing of the application or, if applicable, the date of the priority claim.			
CZ – Czechia			
Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	The name of the depositary institution and the accession number at the time of filing (as part of the application)	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

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DE – Germany German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Sections 1(1), No. 3 and 3(2) of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Mate- rial [<i>BioMatHintV</i>]: The name and address of the depository insti- tution at the time of filing (as part of the application) Where the appli- cant requests pu- blication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, the acces- sion number not later than that request Where the appli- cant has been notified that a right to inspec- tion of files exists, the acces- sion number, one month from that notification	Section 1(1), No. 2, of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material: At the time of filing (as part of the application)	Section 1(1), No. 2, of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material: To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the German Patent and Trade Mark Office with any depository institution having acquired the status of international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (published further in this Annex) and with any scientifically recognized institution that is legally, economically and organizationally independent of the applicant and of the depositor and ensures the proper storage and furnishing of samples in accordance with the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material.

The applicant may request that, until the grant of a patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, a sample shall only be issued to an independent expert nominated by the applicant. The request shall be filed with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office before technical preparations for publication of the international application are considered to be completed.

At the time of filing, the applicant shall give his unreserved and irrevocable authorization to the depository institution to issue samples in accordance with the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material of 24 January 2005, and shall furnish documentary evidence that the depositor has given an undertaking to that effect, where the biological material has been deposited by a third party.

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Designated (or elected) Office	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)		any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
DJ – Djibouti Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism For the purposes of patent procedure before the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC), a deposit is required not later than at the date of filing the international application. A receipt attesting the deposit and its acceptance issued by the depositary institution with which the microorganism was deposited must be submitted to ODPIC within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). Where the biological material has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public.
DK – Denmark Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request		At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, all significant information on the characteristics of the microorganism The applicant may request that, until the application has been laid open to public inspection (by the Danish Patent and Trademark Office), or has been finally decided upon by the Danish Patent and Trademark Office without having been laid open to public inspection, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office not later than at the time when the application is made available to the public under Sections 22(7) and 33(3) of the Danish Patents Act and Section 24(1) of the Danish Order on Patents and Supplementary Protection Certificates. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be any person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Danish Patent and Trademark Office or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case, Section 24(2) of the Danish Order on Patents and Supplementary Protection Certificates.
DO – Dominican Republic National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)		At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism For further details, refer to Article 13 (3) and (4) of Law No. 20-00 of 8 May 2000, on Industrial Property

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EA – Eurasian Patent Organization Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
EC – Ecuador National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)	At the time of filing for notification of the fact that a deposit was made on or before the filing date	None	None
EP – European Patent Organisation European Patent Office (EPO)	None	At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Eurasian Patent Office with any depositary institution.

Deposits with CNCM can be made under the Budapest Treaty or, as far as the deposits of cell cultures, mycoplasma and rickettsiae are concerned, under a bilateral agreement with the EPO.

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Rule 33(1) EPC only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester (Rule 32(1) EPC), the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application where such publication takes place in one of the EPO official languages (English, French or German). Such statement must be separate from the description and the claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and available on the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro134.pdf.

If the international application was not published in an official language of the EPO (English, French, German), the statement under Rule 32(1) EPC can still be submitted in the European phase until completion of the technical preparations for publication of the translation of the international application under Article 153(4) EPC. The fact that the expert option has been chosen will then be published on the front page of the published translation of the application. Information received under Rule 32(1) EPC after completion of the technical preparations for publication of the international application – or,

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	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	

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where applicable, of the translation of the application pursuant to Article 153(4) EPC – cannot be taken into account with the consequence that the biological material will be available to any person as provided for in PCT Rule 13bis.6 and Rule 33(1) EPC without an expert acting as intermediary (see Notice from the European Patent Office dated 7 July 2010 concerning inventions which involve the use of or concern biological material, OJ EPO 10/2010, page 498 *et seq.*).

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 reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with Rule 31(1)(d) of the European Patent Convention (EPC). If any of these indications (the name and address of the depositor, and the statement) is not included in a reference to deposited biological material in the international application as filed, it may still be furnished to the International Bureau within a period of 16 months after the date of filing of the international patent application or, if priority is claimed, after the priority date; this time limit is deemed to have been met if the indication reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (PCT Rule 13bis.4(a)). Where the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), the indications must be furnished to the International Bureau at the latest before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (PCT Rule 13bis.4(c)). The failure to meet this time limit cannot be remedied upon entry into the European phase neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under Article 97(2) EPC in the course of examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure (Article 83 EPC).

ES – Spain

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, two months from notification of the Office	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material
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For the purposes of patent procedure before the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office a deposit is required not later than at the date of filing the international application with any legally recognized institution and, in any case, with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms (Article 25.2.a) SPL).

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a Spanish patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Article 45 SPL only by the issue of a sample to an independent expert, the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application. Such statement must be separate from the description and claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

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Designated (or elected) Office	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)		any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
FI – Finland Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request		At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, all significant information on the characteristics of the biological material The applicant may request that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a patent by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application has been finally decided upon without resulting in the grant of a patent by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date (preferably on Form PCT/RO/134). If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be any person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.
GB – United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office ¹ (United Kingdom)	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request		None	None Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Intellectual Property Office ¹ (United Kingdom) with “any depositary institution anywhere in the world.” It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the depositary institution with which he wishes to make his deposit and to ensure that samples of the culture 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. 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, earlier than 16 months from the priority date (or, if earlier, not later than a request for early publication), the name and address of the depositor and must file a statement by the depositor authorising the applicant to refer to the deposited material in the application and giving his unreserved and irrevocable authorisation to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with Schedule 1 to the UK Patents Rules 2007.

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GE – Georgia			
National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	None	None	None
Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI) with “any scientifically recognized institution at home and abroad” and that includes all institutions published further in this Annex.			
GT – Guatemala			
Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics of the microorganism and/or other biological material
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).			
HN – Honduras			
Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).			

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HR – Croatia				
State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 18 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism	
Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty. Samples shall be, upon request, made available between the publication of the application and the granting of the patent to anyone requesting them, or, if the applicant so requests, only to an independent expert, or to, after the patent has been granted, and notwithstanding cancellation or revocation of the patent, anyone requesting them. Samples shall be made available only if the person requesting them undertakes, for the term during which the patent is in force: 1. not to make them or any material derived from them available to third parties; 2. not to use them or any material derived from them except for experimental or research purposes unless the applicant for or owner of the patent, as applicable, expressly waives such undertaking.				
HU – Hungary				
Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	At the time of filing for notification of the fact that a deposit was made on or before the filing date	None	To the extent available to the applicant, the characteristics of the microorganism and a taxonomic description	
Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) with “any internationally well-known depositary institution in case of reciprocity.”				
ID – Indonesia				
Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics of the micro- organism	

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	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
IL – Israel			
Israel Patent Office	The name of the depository institution, the date of the deposit and the accession number at the time of filing (must be in the description)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
IN – India			
Indian Patent Office	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Indian Patent Office with any depository institution having acquired the status of international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/). See also Indian Patents Act, Section 10(4)(d)(ii).			
IS – Iceland			
Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, all significant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
The applicant may request that, until a patent has been granted or a final decision taken by the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) concerning an application which has not resulted in a patent, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) not later than at the time when the application is made available to the public under Sections 22 and 33(3) of the Icelandic Patent Act. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be any person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.			

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IT – Italy				
Italian Patent and Trademark Office	None	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available, a description of the characteristics of the microorganism and/or other biological material	
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Italian Patent and Trademark Office with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).				
JO – Jordan				
Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics and an indication of the usefulness of the microorganism and/or other biological material	
Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) with any depositary institution.				
JP – Japan				
Japan Patent Office (JPO)	At the time of filing (must be in the description) (furnishing of the date of deposit of the biological material is not necessary)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material	
KE – Kenya				
Kenya Industrial Property Institute	None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism	
KR – Republic of Korea				
Korean Intellectual Property Office	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	None	None	
For the purposes of patent procedure before the Korean Intellectual Property Office, a deposit is required not later than at the date of filing the international application. A receipt attesting the deposit and its acceptance issued by the depositary institution with which the microorganism was deposited must be submitted to the Korean Intellectual Property Office within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).				

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Designated (or elected) Office	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)		any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
KZ – Kazakhstan National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) with any depositary institution.
LT – Lithuania State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania	None		At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania with any depositary institution.
LU – Luxembourg Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)	None		None	None
LV – Latvia Latvian Patent Office	None		At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
MA – Morocco Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)		At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits of microorganisms for the purposes of patent procedure before the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) must be made before the filing date of the international application with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (Art. 34 of Law No. 17-97 on the Protection of Industrial Property as amended by Law Nos. 23-13 and 31-05).
MD – Republic of Moldova State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism The deposit may be made with a depositary institution designated by the Government or with institutions which have the status of international depositary authority not later than the filing date of the international application.

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MK – North Macedonia State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)	None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia) with any international depositary institution recognized by the Office (a list is published in the official journal of the Office). The furnishing of samples to a third party may be subject to the condition that that party: (a) has a right to demand that a sample of the viable biological or microbiological material be made available; (b) has undertaken to ensure that the applicant does not authorize access to the sample of the deposited viable biological or microbiological material to any third party before the expiry of the prescribed period of validity of the patent.
MX – Mexico Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	None	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
NI – Nicaragua Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, all relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material
NO – Norway Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, all significant information on the characteristics of the microorganism The applicant may request that, as from the time when the application has been laid open to public inspection by the Norwegian Industrial Property Office until a patent has been granted, the application has been finally decided upon without a patent having been granted, or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Norwegian Industrial Property Office not later than at the time when the application is made available to the public under Section 33(3) of the Norwegian Patents Act. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be a person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Norwegian Industrial Property Office or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.

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NZ – New Zealand Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand	None		At the time of filing (as part of the specification)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
OM – Oman Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	None		None	None
PA – Panama Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	None		At the time of filing (as part of the application)	Copy of the certificate of deposit and authorization to view the deposited biological material
PE – Peru National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately		At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).
PH – Philippines Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	At the time of filing (as part of the application)		At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.
PL – Poland Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	None		None	Name and address of the depositor Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland with the national depositary authorities—Institute of Agricultural and Food Biotechnology and Serum and Vaccine Research Laboratory.

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PT – Portugal National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	None		At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism For the purposes of the patent procedure before the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal), a deposit is required not later than at the date of filing the international application with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.
QA – Qatar Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	None		None	None
RO – Romania State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, all significant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
RS – Serbia Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics of the micro- organism
RU – Russian Federation Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) with any depositary institution.

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SE – Sweden Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request		At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism The applicant may request that, until the patent has been granted by the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or if the application has been finally decided upon without resulting in the grant of the patent, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The same is applied to rejected or withdrawn applications within a period of 20 years from the filing date. The request to restrict the furnishing of a sample to an expert in the art shall be filed by the applicant with the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), at the latest, by the day upon which technical preparations for publication of the application are considered to be completed.
SG – Singapore Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request		None	None The applicant may request that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be made available to an expert. The request to this effect must be filed by the applicant with the International Bureau before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication of the application.
SK – Slovakia Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	The name and address of the depositary institution and accession number at the time of filing (as part of the application)		At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

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SV – El Salvador National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics and an indication of the usefulness of the microorganism and/or other biological material Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.
TJ – Tajikistan National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan with any depositary institution.
TM – Turkmenistan State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan, with any depositary institution.
TR – Turkey Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	None		At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) with any depositary institution specialized for that purpose.
UA – Ukraine National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”	None		None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”, with any depositary institution.

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UG – Uganda				
Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	At the time of filing (furnishing of the date of deposit of the biological material is not necessary)	None		To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material
Where a deposited micro-organism ceases to be available from the institution with which it was deposited because the micro-organism is no longer viable, or for any other reason the depository institution is unable to supply samples, and if the micro-organism has not been transferred to another depository institution from which it continues to be available, an interruption in availability shall not be taken to have occurred if a new deposit of the micro-organism originally deposited is made within three months from the date on which the person who deposited it is notified of the interruption by the depository institution and a copy of the receipt of the deposit issued by the institution is forwarded to the registry within four months from the date of the new deposit stating the number of the application or of the patent. A new deposit shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the person making the deposit indicating that the newly deposited micro-organism is the same as that originally deposited.				
US – United States of America				
United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	None	At the time of filing		To the extent feasible, a description of the deposited biological material sufficient to specifically identify it and to permit examination
When the original deposit is made after the effective filing date of an application for a patent, the applicant must promptly submit a statement from a person in a position to corroborate the fact, stating that the biological material which is deposited is a biological material specifically identified in the application as filed (see 37 CFR 1.804(b)).				
Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the USPTO with any other depository institution recognized to be suitable by the Office (see 37 CFR 1.803).				
ZA – South Africa				
Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	None	None		To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) with any depository institution.				

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Note: This table does not indicate in relation to depositary institutions the kinds of microorganisms or other biological material which may be deposited with and the fees charged by them. This information may be obtained directly from the institutions. For information concerning depositary institutions which have acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, see the *Guide to the Deposit of Microorganisms under the Budapest Treaty* or consult www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/.

AU – Australia

Lady Mary Fairfax CellBank Australia (CBA)²
214 Hawkesbury Rd
Westmead, N.S.W., 2145

*The National Measurement Institute (NMI)*²
1/153, Bertie Street
Port Melbourne, VIC 3207

BE – Belgium

Belgian Coordinated Collections of
Microorganisms (BCCM)TM²

Headquarters:

BCCMTM Coordination Cell
Federal Public Planning Service Science
Policy
231, avenue Louise
1050 Brussels

Collections:

BCCMTM/GeneCorner² Plasmid collection
Universiteit Gent
Vakgroep Biomedische Moleculaire Biologie
Technologiepark, 927
9052 Zwijnaarde

*BCCMTM/IHEM² Biomedical fungi and yeasts
collection*
Scientific Institute of Public Health
Service Mycology and Aerobiology
Rue J. Wytsmanstraat, 14
1050 Brussels

BCCMTM/LMG² Bacteria collection

Universiteit Gent
Laboratorium voor Microbiologie
K.L. Ledeganckstraat, 35
9000 Gent

*BCCMTM//MUCL² Agro-industrial fungi,
yeasts and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi
collection*

Université catholique de Louvain
Mycothèque de l'Université catholique de
Louvain
Croix du Sud, 3 – box L7.05.06
1348 Louvain-La-Neuve

BG – Bulgaria

*National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and
Cell Cultures (NBIMCC)*²
49 St Kliment Ohridski Blvd., Bldg. 3
1756 Sofia

CA – Canada

*International Depositary Authority of Canada
(IDAC)*²
National Microbiology Laboratory
Public Health Agency of Canada
1015 Arlington Street
Winnipeg, MB
R3E 3R2

CH – Switzerland

Culture Collection of Switzerland AG (CCOS)²
Einsiedlerstrasse 34
8820 Waedenswil

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CL – Chile

Colección Chilena de Recursos Genéticos
Microbianos (CChRGM)²
Avenida Vicente Méndez 515
Chillán, Region VIII

CN – China

China Center for Type Culture Collection
(CCTCC)²
Wuhan University
Wuhan 430072

China General Microbiological Culture Collection
Center (CGMCC)²
Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of
Sciences
No. 1, West Beichen Road
Chaoyang District
Beijing 100101

Guangdong Microbial Culture Collection Center
(GDMCC)²
Guangdong Institute of Microbiology
No.59 Building, No.100 Xianliezhong Road
Guangzhou 510075

CZ – Czechia

*Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)*²
Kamenice 5/building A25
625 00 Brno

DE – Germany

Leibniz Institute DSMZ-German Collection of
*Microorganisms and Cell Cultures*²
Inhoffenstr. 7B
38124 Braunschweig

ES – Spain

*Banco Español de Algas (BEA)*²
Marine Biotechnology Center
University of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria
Muelle de Taliarte s/n
35214 Telde
Las Palmas

*Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT)*²
Edificio 3 CUE. Parc Científic Universitat de
Valencia
Catedrático Agustín Escardino, 9
46980 Paterna (Valencia)

FI – Finland

*VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC)*²
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
Tietotie 2
Espoo

FR – France

Collection nationale de cultures de micro-
*organismes (CNCM)*²
Institut Pasteur
28, rue du Dr Roux
75724 Paris Cedex 15

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GB – United Kingdom

*CABI BIOSCIENCE, UK Centre (IMI)*²
Bakeham Lane
Englefield Green
Egham, Surrey TW20 9TY

*Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)*²
SAMS Ltd.
Scottish Marine Institute
Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA
Scotland

*European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC)*²
Health Protection Agency – Porton Down
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 0JG

*National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)*²
Culture Collections
Public Health England
Porton Down
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 0JG

*National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)*²
Quadram Institute Bioscience
Norwich Research Park
Norwich, NR4 7UQ

*National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC)*²
Blanche Lane
South Mimms
Potters Bar
Herts., EN6 3QG

*NCIMB Ltd.*²
Ferguson Building
Craibstone Estate
Bucksburn
Aberdeen AB21 9YA

HU – Hungary

*National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)*²
Institute of Food Science and Technology
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest

IN – India

Microbial Culture Collection (MCC)
National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS)
University of Pune Campus, Ganeshkhind
Pune—411007, Maharashtra
*Microbial Type Culture Collection & Gene Bank (MTCC)*²
Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH)
Sector 39 A
Chandigarh 160 036 (Union Territory)

*National Agriculturally Important Microbial Culture Collection (NAIMCC)*²
ICAR-National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms
Kushmaur
Maunath Bhanjan PIN 275 103
Uttar Pradesh

IT – Italy

*Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG)*²
Department of Applied Biology
Borgo XX Giugno, 74
06121 Perugia
*IRCCS Ospedale Policlinico San Martino*²
Interlab Cell Line Collection (Biotechnology Dept)
Largo Rossana Benzi, 10
16132 Genova

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna "Bruno Ubertini" (IZSLER)²
IZSLER Biobank of Veterinary Resource (IZSLER BVR)
Via Bianchi, 9
25124 Brescia

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JP – Japan

*International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD)*²
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
#120, 2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-shi
Chiba 292-0818

*Patent Microorganisms Depositary (NPMD)*²
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
#122, 2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-shi
Chiba 292-0818

KR – Republic of Korea

*Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC)*²
Agricultural Microbiology Division
National Institute of Agricultural Science
Rural Development Administration
166, Nongsaengmyeong-ro, Iseo-myeon
Wanju-gun, Jeollabuk-do 55365
*Korean Cell Line Research Foundation (KCLRF)*²
Cancer Research Institute
Seoul National University College of Medicine
103 Daehak-ro, Jongno-gu
Seoul 03080

*Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC)*²
181, Ipsin-gil,
Jeongeup-si
Jeollabuk-do, 56212
*Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM)*²
Yurim B/D
45 Hongjenae-2ga-gil, Seodaemun-gu
Seoul 03641

LV – Latvia

Microbial Strain Collection of Latvia (MSCL)
Jelgavas str. 1
Riga, 1004

MA – Morocco

*Collections Coordonnées Marocaines de Microorganismes (CCMM)*²
Laboratoire de Microbiologie et Biologie Moléculaire (LMBM)
Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique et Technique (CNRST)
Angle avenue Allal El Fassi, avenue des FAR,
Quartier Hay Ryad
B.P. 8027 Nations Unies
10102 Rabat

MX – Mexico

*Colección de Microorganismos del CNRG (CM-CNRG)*²
Boulevard de la Biodiversidad No. 400
Col. Rancho las Cruces
Tepatitlán de Morelos, Jalisco, C.P. 47600

NL – Netherlands

Laboratorium voor Microbiologie (NLM)
Julianalaan 67a
Delft
Phabagen Collection (PC)
Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht
Vakgroep Moleculaire Celbiologie
Padualaan 8
3584 CH Utrecht

*Westerdijk Fungal Biodiversity Institute (CBS)*²
Uppsalalaan 8
3584 CT Utrecht
or
P.O. Box 85167
3508 AD Utrecht

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PL – Poland

*Collection of Industrial Microorganisms*²
Institute of Agricultural and Food Biotechnology
(IAFB)
Ul. Rakowiecka 36
02-532 Warsaw

*Polish Collection of Microorganisms (PCM)*²
Institute of Immunology and Experimental
Therapy
Polish Academy of Sciences
Ul. Weigla 12
53-114 Wrocław

RU – Russian Federation

*All-Russian Collection of Industrial
Microorganisms (VKPM)*²
Research Centre “Kurchatov Institute”
State Research Institute “Genetika”
1-st Dorozhniy pr., 1
Moscow 117545

*Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)*²
G.K. Skryabin Institute of Biochemistry and
Physiology of Microorganisms
Russian Academy of Sciences
Prospekt Nauki No. 5
Pushchino 142290 (Moscow Region)

SK – Slovakia

*Culture Collection of Yeasts (CCY)*²
Institute of Chemistry
Slovak Academy of Sciences
Dúbravská cesta 9
842 38 Bratislava

US – United States of America

*Agricultural Research Service Culture Collection
(NRRL)*²
1815 North University Street
Peoria, Illinois 61604

*American Type Culture Collection (ATCC)*²
10801 University Blvd.
Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209

Provasoli-Guillard National Center for Marine
Algae and Microbiota (NCMA)²
60 Bigelow Drive
East Boothbay, Maine 04544

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

² Depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.