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IE Ireland

The Intellectual Property Office of Ireland has notified the International Bureau of information of interest if Ireland is designated (or elected), with effect since 2 December 2019, as follows:

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 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).

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

LS Lesotho

The Registrar General’s Office (Lesotho) has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (266) 22 31 28 56
(266) 22 31 12 51

E-mail: registrar.general@gov.ls

[Updating of Annex B1(LS) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

QA Qatar

The Intellectual Property Department (Qatar) has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (974) 4042 3278

E-mail: malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa
salobaidli@moci.gov.qa
walmkhlef@moci.gov.qa

[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
**TM Turkmenistan**

The Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan has notified the international Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location, telephone and facsimile numbers, and Internet address, which are now as follows:

- **Name of Office:** State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan
- **Location:** Archabil Ave., 156
  Ashgabat City
  Turkmenistan
- **Telephone:** (993-12) 39 46 86
  (993-12) 39 46 84
- **Facsimile machine:** (993-12) 98 24 45
- **Internet:** [http://fineconomic.gov.tm/ru](http://fineconomic.gov.tm/ru)

[Updating of Annex B1(TM) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**UA Ukraine**

The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

- **Name of Office:** Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
US United States of America

Due to the official closing of federal government offices, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 24 December 2020, in addition to the previously planned closure on Friday, 25 December 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 28 December 2020.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in South African rand (ZAR) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 32,730.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in South African rand (ZAR) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 24,970.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in South African rand (ZAR) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 32,730.


Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in South African rand (ZAR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2021, are ZAR 33,650 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity, ZAR 16,830 for a small entity, and ZAR 8,410 for a micro-entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

New equivalent amounts in South African rand (ZAR) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2021, are as follows:

- International filing fee:
  - ZAR 22,660

- Fee per sheet in excess of 30:
  - ZAR 260

- Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):
  - Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):
    - ZAR 3,410
  - Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):
    - ZAR 5,110

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
WAIVERS OF SEPARATE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR COPY OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

IT  Italy

Pursuant PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the Italian Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, respectively, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2021.

However, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has also indicated particular instances in which a power of attorney is still required.

The Office continues to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general 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.

– if the agent is not 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 (separate power of attorney required).

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL  Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2021.

With effect from 1 March 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Part II. [No change]

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EP European Patent Organisation

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau that its filing offices in Munich, The Hague, and Berlin were not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 4 to 8 January 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on Monday, 11 January 2021. For further information, refer to the Notice from the President of the EPO dated 16 December 2020, available at:


As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 11 to 13 November 2020 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 16 November 2020.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/
FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in Belarusian roubles (BYN), payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2021, is BYN 71.05.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

IL Israel

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in new Israeli shekels (ILS), payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2021, as follows:

- Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ILS 3,553
- Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ILS 3,553
- Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)): ILS 457

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

Furthermore, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in new Israeli shekels (ILS), payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2021, as follows:

- Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ILS 1,523
- Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ILS 1,523
- Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2): ILS 457

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
Availability of Priority Documents from Digital Libraries: Notifications by Participating Offices and Authorities

FR France

Certain information concerning the participation of the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) in the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), as notified to the International Bureau and reproduced in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 October 2020 (page 220), was erroneous.

The said notification is hereby corrected and republished, as follows:

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 December 2020, for international applications filed on or after 1 October 2019, which the applicant has expressly requested to be made available through DAS.

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BR  Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in US dollars (USD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil). These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are USD 318 when filing online, and USD 476 when filing on paper.

[ Updating of Annex D(BR) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide ]

BY  Belarus

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in Belarusian roubles (BYN), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): BYN 71.05

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26b/s.3(d)): BYN 60.90

[ Updating of Annex C(BY) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide ]

ES  Spain

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in euros (EUR), payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 75.00

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 29.98

[ Updating of Annex C(ES) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide ]

IL  Israel

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in Swiss francs (CHF), euros (EUR) and US dollars (USD), have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are CHF 976, EUR 903 and USD 1,107, respectively.

[ Updating of Annex D(IL) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide ]
RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in US dollars (USD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation). These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are USD 115 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 543 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in New Zealand dollars (NZD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are NZD 3,076 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity; NZD 1,538 for a small entity; and NZD 769 for a micro-entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,¹ ² in Belarusian roubles (BYN), payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: BYN 71.05

Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one: BYN 30.45

Examination fee: BYN 345.10

Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one: BYN 203

Annual fee for the third year: BYN 71.05

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.
For utility model:

Filing fee: BYN 142.10
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one: BYN 71.05

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

GM Gambia

The Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia) has notified the International Bureau that the amount of the national filing fee, in Gambian dalasi (GMD) and US dollars (USD), payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is GMD 5,000\(^3\) or USD 400\(^3\) (for applicants who are not residents of the Gambia).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GM) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

VN Viet Nam

The Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam) has notified the International Bureau of a temporary change concerning exemption, reduction or refund of the filing fee component of the national fee. For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021, the amount of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 50%.

For additional information, refer to Circular No 112/2020/TT-BTC dated December 29, 2020 of the Ministry of Finance.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

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3 Includes examination, grant, and publication.
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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)
GB United Kingdom

On 23 December 2020, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland deposited a declaration in accordance with Article 62(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

With effect from 23 March 2021, the United Kingdom’s ratification of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) shall be extended to the territory of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible.

For additional information, refer to PCT Notification No. 218, available on the WIPO website at:

[Updating of Annexes A and C(GB) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Interagency Coordination Council established at the Government of Georgia, the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 3 January to 15 January 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 18 January 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:
https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/
FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU  Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollars (USD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2021, is USD 1,697.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MG  Madagascar

The Industrial Property Office of Madagascar has notified the International Bureau that the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, includes grant and publication.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MG) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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RECEIVING OFFICES

GB  United Kingdom

The Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom) has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office. The following persons may now act as such:

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). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD. 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.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GB  United Kingdom

The Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom) has notified the International Bureau of changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51bis (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), which are now as follows:

– Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application;2 3
– No representation by an agent is required, but an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar is necessary (refer to PCT Applicant’s Guide, National Chapter, Procedure in the National Phase, paragraph GB.04 (Address for Service) for additional information).4

1 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.
2 Must be furnished within 33 months from the priority date. Where the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase, the name and address of the inventor must be furnished within 16 months from the priority date, or two months from the date on which the conditions for early entry are satisfied, whichever is the later (unless already furnished in the “Request”).
3 This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.
4 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.
Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may now act as such:

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). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD. For international applications that enter the national phase 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.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GB) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

WAIVERS OF SEPARATE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR COPY OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

DE Germany

The German Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to particular instances in which the Office may require a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii), respectively, even if the receiving Office has waived the requirement in general.

The Office continues to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted in the following instances:

– If the agent is not:
  (i) a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Germany;
  (ii) 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 European Patent Attorneys 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 (separate power of attorney required).

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

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5 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.

6 Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rules 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; refer also to International Phase, paragraph 11.048).
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ID Indonesia

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51bis (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), concerning the translation of the international application: the Office continues to require that the translation of the international application be furnished in three copies; however, where the international application is filed electronically, only one copy of the translation in electronic form must be furnished.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

VN Viet Nam

The Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam) has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51bis (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), concerning the translation of the international application: the Office now requires that the translation of the international application be furnished in two copies, instead of three.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004 of 12 February 2004 (pages 3796 et seq.), as modified by the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 43/2005 of 27 October 2005 (page 28466) and the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014 (pages 64 et seq.).

In particular, as from 1 July 2021, the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2021, the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:
As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):
- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2, and for documents submitted subsequent to the filing of the international application)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):
- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):
- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):
- facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the International Bureau as receiving Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i).

The International Bureau as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) will a notification, or confirmation, of receipt not be generated.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the International Bureau will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).
As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):
Online payment is available through WIPO’s online Payment platform (https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/en/main.xhtml).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):
The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. (Central European time) and can be contacted as follows:
– by e-mail at: pct.eservices@wipo.int
– by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):
– international applications
– related documents to be submitted to the receiving Office after filing of the international application

However, priority documents may only be submitted in electronic form indirectly, using the WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents, save for priority documents created in signed PDF format by the authority that received the earlier application, where the International Bureau has recognized the authority’s format as one that can be accepted by ePCT.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):
The International Bureau as receiving Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):
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,¹ submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R), or use a different receiving Office. In addition, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

¹ Available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html
As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (https://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- the International Bureau as receiving Office will also accept certificates issued by certification authorities which are accepted by other PCT receiving Offices and which have been notified accordingly to the International Bureau under Section 710, provided that such certificates are permitted, under the relevant certificate policy, to be used for filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to the files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF NOTIFICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE OR OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d), and in accordance Sections 703(a), 710(a), and 713(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions, the International Bureau notifies that, with effect from 1 July 2021, it is prepared to receive notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications in electronic form, according to the following requirements:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (for Article 19 amendments and data generated through ePCT “Actions”; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- PDF (for other files)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online submission
As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):
– ePCT, using “Actions” or document upload

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):
– facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):
Online payment is available through WIPO’s online Payment platform (https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/en/main.xhtml).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):
The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. (Central European time) and can be contacted as follows:
– by e-mail at: pct.eservices@wipo.int
– by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23
Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):
– documents for the International Bureau related to international applications
However, priority documents may only be submitted in electronic form indirectly, using the WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents, save for priority documents created in signed PDF format by the authority that received the earlier application, where the International Bureau has recognized the authority’s format as one that can be accepted by ePCT.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):
The International Bureau will accept the filing of documents in Office Open XML (docx) format together with Article 19 amendments.
As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when a document is to be submitted, the applicant may use the ePCT Contingency Upload Service\(^2\) or submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R). In addition, the International Bureau will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to the files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

**EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82quater.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82quater.2(a)**

**EP European Patent Organisation**

In accordance with PCT Rule 82\(^{quater}.2\)(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- New online filing (CMS): 23 December 2020, from 08:20 CET (Central European Time) to 18:45 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82\(^{quater}.2\), in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:


and on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

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\(^2\) Available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SD Sudan

The Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan) has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: epct.info@ipsudan.gov.sd

[Updating of Annex B1(SD) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

The Cuban Industrial Property Office has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the currency for payment of fees to the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is the Cuban peso (CUP).

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, in Cuban pesos (CUP), payable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

- Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): CUP 2,400
- Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): CUP 2,400

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
NO  Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2021, are as follows:

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[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE  Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(PE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CU  Cuba

The Cuban Industrial Property Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the currency for payment of the national fee, and for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, is the Cuban peso (CUP).

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts, in Cuban pesos (CUP), of the national fee and of the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1st and the 2nd years):\(^1\) CUP 11,040

For utility model:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1st and the 2nd years):\(^1\) CUP 8,400

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

Fees are reduced by CUP 1,200 where applications are filed both on paper and in electronic form

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\(^1\) The Office may also require payment of the third annual fee at the time of filing, depending on the date of entry into the national phase.
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TZ  United Republic of Tanzania

The Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania) has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: New Ushirika Tower, 6th floor
Lumumba Street
Dar es Salaam
United Republic of Tanzania

Telephone: (255-22) 218 13 44
(255-22) 218 01 13
(255-22) 218 01 41
(255-22) 221 28 00

E-mail: ceo@brela.go.tz
maoni@brela.go.tz

[Updating of Annex B1(TZ) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BG  Bulgaria

The Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office — any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office may now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BG  Bulgaria

The Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office — any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office may now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BG) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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Agreement between the Swedish Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization\(^1\) – Amendment to Annex D

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the fee amounts for copies of cited documents and documents contained in the file of the international application, entered into force on 9 November 2020.

The amended Annex D now reads as follows:

### Annex D

**Fees and Charges**

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**Part II. [No change]**

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\(^2\) Swedish kronor equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

\(^3\) The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge on the website: [www.prv.se](http://www.prv.se).
INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FR France

The National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number for national calls. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone: 01 56 65 89 98
(national calls)
(+33) 1 71 08 71 63
(international calls)


LU Luxemburg

The Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number and an additional Internet address, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (352) 247 94113
Internet: www.eco.public.lu
https://patent.public.lu/

[Updating of Annex B1(LU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

SG Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified the International Bureau of an additional e-mail address, to which general enquiries should be addressed. Its e-mail addresses are now as follows:

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)

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — with effect since 16 June 2020, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

#### SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable since 9 November 2020, as follows:

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[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it in its capacity as Authority specified for international search, since 9 November 2020, as follows:

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4 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/

5 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/
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[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

Finally, the Office notified new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):

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[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

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6 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/
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

ES  Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the preliminary examination fee and the additional fee for international preliminary examination, will enter into force on 12 March 2021.

With effect from 12 March 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Part II. [No change]

² This 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”.
INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NG Nigeria

The Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs) (Nigeria) has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Location and mailing address:</td>
<td>Registrar Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment Block D, Old Secretariat Area 1 Garki Abuja Nigeria</td>
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<tr>
<td>Telephone:</td>
<td>(234-8) 033 34 88 06 (234-8) 036 77 71 83 (234-7) 031 65 16 52</td>
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Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B1(NG) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

WS Samoa

General information on Samoa as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(WS), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in New Zealand dollars (NZD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is NZD 2,942.

ES  Spain

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau of changes to the amounts of fees, in euros (EUR), payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 12 March 2021, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee\(^3\) (PCT Rule 58): EUR 589.48

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):\(^3, 4\) EUR 589.48

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

NZ  New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in New Zealand dollars (NZD) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee: NZD 2,025

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: NZD 23

Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format): NZD 305

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format): NZD 457

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

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\(^3\) 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”. Refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oepm_fee_reduction.html

\(^4\) This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.
WS Samoa

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) has notified the International Bureau of the amounts of several fees, in Samoan talas (SAT), payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee
(PCT Rule 14): SAT 200

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): SAT 100

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): SAT 200

DESERNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The Australian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of changes to the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22. The consolidated list of required contents is now as follows:

- Under PCT Article 22: description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings.
- Under PCT Article 39(1): description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
EP European Patent Organisation

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51bis(a)(i), concerning documents relating to the identity of the inventor.

With effect from 1 April 2021, the consolidated list of special requirements of the Office, under PCT Rule 51bis (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), will be as follows:

- Name, country and place of residence of the inventor, if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application or in a declaration in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17(i).
- Address, nationality and residence of the applicant if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application.
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of the Contracting States of the European Patent Convention.
- Furnishing of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form if it is not otherwise available to the EPO.


[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 16 May 2021, consist of changes to amounts of the additional fees for international search and international preliminary examination, as well as the introduction of an additional fee in the case of missing parts, or correct elements or parts, included or considered to have been contained in the international application.

With effect from 16 May 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

### Annex D

#### Fees and Charges

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MX Mexico

Due to the unavailability of its electronic systems, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 22 February 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 23 February 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

RU Russian Federation

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its facsimile numbers and a change to one of its telephone numbers for application processing. Its facsimile and telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone: (7-499) 240 60 15 (general)
(7-499) 240 58 88 (application)
(7-499) 240 25 91 (processing)

Facsimile machine: (7-495) 531 63 18

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the Office notified additional delivery services, other than the postal authorities, from which it would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay under PCT Rule 82.1: in addition to DHL and Federal Express, the Office now also accepts evidence of mailing a document from any other service that is recognized worldwide and is available in the Russian Federation.

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search – Article 1386(4) of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation is no longer valid; consequently, there are now no provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search.

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU  Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Swiss francs (CHF) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is CHF 1,573.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

KR  Republic of Korea

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in Korean won (KRW), of the additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40.2(a)), as well as the introduction of an additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40bis) in the case of missing parts, or correct elements or parts, included or considered to have been contained in the international application. These fees, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority with effect from 16 May 2021, are as follows:

Additional search fee
(PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40bis):²

for searches carried out in English  KRW  1,200,000
for searches carried out in Korean  KRW  450,000


Furthermore, the Office also notified a new amount, in Korean won (KRW), of the additional preliminary examination fee, payable to the Office its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority from 16 May 2021, as follows:

Additional preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 68.3(a)):³  KRW  450,000


²  This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.
³  This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.
UZ  Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in Uzbek sum (UZS), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office since 1 February 2021, as follows:

- Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): UZS 245,000
- Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): UZS 245,000

[Updating of Annex C(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:**

**NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP  European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of the availability of the new web-based filing service of the EPO, Online Filing 2.0, as from 1 April 2021.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2021, the EPO, in its aforementioned capacities, is prepared to accept international applications, as well as other documents and correspondence relating to international applications, in electronic form, according to the following requirements:

**FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING:**

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):
- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

Reductions may apply. For further details refer to the Office’s website at: http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):
- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
- DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):
- EPO Online Filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):
- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):
The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(iii)):
Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.
As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):
The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
– by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

– international application
– subsequently filed documents
– PCT Chapter II demand

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):
The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

– Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
– Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
– Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):
The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).
As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
– Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
– Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

– European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
– by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html
As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.
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  – by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
  – by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):
  – international application
  – subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):
The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):
  – Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
    (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):
  – European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):
  – XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
  – DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
  – WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
  – PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
  – TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):
- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):
- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):
- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):
- international application
- subsequently filed documents through ePCT Document upload (including the PCT Chapter II demand)
As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):
The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):
The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):
– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):
– European Patent Register

FILING VIA ONLINE FILING 2.0 WITH INTEGRATED ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):
– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1);
– DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
– WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
– TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):
– online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):
– WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):
– EPO Online Filing 2.0
As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):
- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):
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The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

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As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):
Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):
EPO Online Filing 2.0-related end user support questions, including straightforward ePCT user assistance questions, will be managed and resolved directly by the European Patent Office help desk. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:
- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

The WIPO PCT eServices team will provide second-level support.
As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):
- international application
- subsequently filed documents
- PCT Chapter II demand

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):
The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):
The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
  (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):
- European Patent Register
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AO Angola

The Angolan Institute of Industrial Property has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address, as follows:

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 (mobile)

E-mail: iapi1992@iapi.gov.ao

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(AO) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

UZ Uzbekistan

The Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 33, Khadra Street
Tashkent 100017
Republic of Uzbekistan

[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in Australian dollars (AUD) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:
International filing fee: AUD 1,860
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: AUD 21
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):
   Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format): AUD 280
   Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format): AUD 420
Handling fee: AUD 280

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

In accordance with PCT Rule 13bis.7(a)(ii), the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**  
**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

RU  Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization\(^1\) – Amendment to Annex D

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 18 May 2021, consist of changes to the amounts of the review fee and the fees for copies of cited documents and documents contained in the file of the international application.

As from 18 May 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D**  
**Fees and Charges**

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– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority
  – for an application in English  [No change]
  – for an application in Russian  [No change]

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))

– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority
  – for an application in English  [No change]
  – for an application in Russian  [No change]

– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority
  – for an application in English  [No change]
  – for an application in Russian  [No change]

Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))  [No change]

Late furnishing fee for sequence listings
(Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)  [No change]

Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report)
(Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))
  – patent document, per page  24
  – non-patent document, per page  60

Cost of copies (Rules 94.1ter and 94.2), per page  96

Part II.  [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US  United States of America

Due to inclement weather conditions, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 18 February 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Friday, 19 February 2021.
As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in euros (EUR) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is EUR 1,429.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in pounds sterling (GBP) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

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[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
IS  Iceland

New equivalent amounts in Icelandic kronor (ISK) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

- International filing fee: ISK 184,200
- Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ISK 2,100
- Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):
  - Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format): ISK 27,700
  - Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format): ISK 41,600

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

RU  Russian Federation

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in Russian roubles (RUB), payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable from 18 May 2021, as follows:

- Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):
  - for a patent document, per page RUB 24
  - for a non-patent document, per page RUB 60

- Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter): RUB 96

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
The Office also notified new amounts of the review fee and the fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it in its capacity as Authority specified for international search, from 18 May 2021, as follows:

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[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also from 18 May 2021, as follows:

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[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
RECEIVING OFFICES

WS Samoa

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities, with effect since 23 March 2021, for international applications filed with the MCIL by nationals and residents of Samoa.

Additional information on the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) as a receiving Office under the PCT is now available in Annex C(WS) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).
### MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA)

**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 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 or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

**Fees payable to the receiving Office:**
- Currency: Samoan tala (SAT) and US dollar (USD)
- Transmittal fee: SAT 200
- International filing fee:
  - USD 1,453
  - Fee per sheet in excess of 30: USD 16
- Search fee:
  - See Annex D(EP) or (PH)
- Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):
  - SAT 100
- Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):
  - SAT 200

**Is an agent required by the receiving Office?**
- No, if the applicant resides in Samoa
- Yes, if he is a non-resident

**Who can act as agent?**
- Any attorney or lawyer registered in Samoa

**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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1. The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.
2. This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(II)).
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PT Portugal

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 255 et seq.), concerning PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as of 20 November 2020, was incomplete.

As of 20 November 2020, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) was also participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

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RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45bis.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.\(^1\)

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

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\(^1\) Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.
Between 21 November 2020 and 31 March 2021 (inclusive), the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

### PCT Fee Transfers

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<td>Collecting RO: collecting search fees for ISA/EP</td>
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2  A complete list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020 is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 255 et seq.)
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KH Cambodia

The Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC) has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and to its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office: Department of Industrial Property (DIP)
Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI)

Internet: www.misti.gov.kh

[Updating of Annex B1(KH) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in Canadian dollars (CAD) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee: CAD 1,782
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: CAD 20
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):
   Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format): CAD 268
   Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format): CAD 402
Handling fee: CAD 268

[Updating of Annexes C(CA) and E(CA) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Swiss francs (CHF) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2021, is CHF 1,218.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
CN  China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Swiss francs (CHF) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is CHF 301.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

EP  European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in pounds sterling (GBP) and Icelandic kronor (ISK) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are GBP 1,526 and ISK 268,000.


KH  Cambodia

The Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) (Cambodia), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change in the currency for the payment of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), from US dollars (USD) to Cambodian riels (KHR), with effect since 26 July 2020.

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the transmittal fee in Cambodian riels (KHR), payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 26 July 2020, is KHR 420,000.

[Updating of Annex C(KH) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

RU  Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation). These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are CHF 106 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 498 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by Rospatent. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2021, are CHF 147 and CHF 235 (the latter amount 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)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

SE  Sweden

New equivalent amounts in Swedish kronor (SEK) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

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[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CY  Cyprus

The Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: deptcomp@drcor.meci.gov.cy
Internet: www.intellectualproperty.gov.cy

[Updating of Annex B1(CY) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

LR  Liberia

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Archives, Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright (Liberia) has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

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

[Updating of Annex B1(LR) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP  European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Norwegian kroner (NOK) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is NOK 17,880.

JP  Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Korean won (KRW) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office (JPO). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is KRW 714,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

LR  Liberia

The Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO) has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, in US dollars (USD), as well as changes in the amount and the currency, from Liberian dollars (LRD) to US dollars (USD), of the fee for priority document.

These fees, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, are as follows:

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SE  Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in Icelandic kronor (ISK) and Norwegian kroner (NOK), have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are ISK 268,000 and NOK 17,880.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

XN  Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in Icelandic kronor (ISK) and Norwegian kroner (NOK), have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are ISK 268,000 and NOK 17,880.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
ZA  South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

- **International filing fee:** ZAR 20,630
- **Fee per sheet in excess of 30:** ZAR 230
- **Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):**
  - Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format): ZAR 3,100
  - Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format): ZAR 4,650

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES**

LR  Liberia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)**, has notified the International Bureau that, in its capacity as receiving Office, it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, in its capacity as receiving Office. The following persons may now act as such:

- any attorney certified by the LIPO and registered by the Legal Bar Association;
- any IP agent certified by the LIPO.

[Updating of Annex C(LR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY
ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

IT  Italy

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the Italian Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents under PCT Rule 94.1(b).¹

MX  Mexico

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents under PCT Rule 94.1(b).¹

¹ Information concerning which elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination reports on their behalf is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html
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IN India

Agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization\(^1\) – Amendment to Annex A

The Indian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2021, consists of the addition of Japan to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2021, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [No change]

\(^1\) Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_in.pdf
Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization\(^2\) – Amendment to Annex A

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2021, consists of the addition of India to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2021, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report,
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023, and 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. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

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(ii) the following languages which it will accept:
   (a) [No change]
   (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of
Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia,
Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet
Nam:
   English;
   (c) [No change]
   (d) for international applications filed with the International Bureau as
receiving Office acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India,
Indonesia, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia,
Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet
Nam:
   Japanese, English.

**FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

**MX  Mexico**

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for priority document, payable in **Mexican pesos (MXN)** to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 5 February 2021, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):
- MXN 11.46 per page (black and white)
- MXN 14.60 per page (color)

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES**

**DM  Dominica**

**IB  International Bureau of WIPO**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Intellectual Property Office (Dominica)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 15 April 2021, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated these functions to the International Bureau of WIPO.
IN  India


[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

JP  Japan

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) has specified the Indian Patent Office—in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, and the Japan Patent Office (JPO)—as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) by nationals and residents of Japan, with effect from 1 July 2021.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AO  Angola

Information on the requirements of the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (AO) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CA  Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 January 2015, pages 19 et seq.

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3 The Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).
In particular, as from 1 July 2021, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as of 1 July 2021, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):
- ePCT-Filing

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

HU Hungary

The Government of the Republic of Hungary has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name and details of the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made.

The name of the University including the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM) has changed from Szent István University to Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Consequently, since 1 February 2021, the name and details of the authority are as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Institute of Food Science and Technology
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hungary

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
**ANGOLAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

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1 Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).
2 Must be paid within 21 days from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).
| Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): | Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Angola\(^3\)  
An instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) is required\(^1\)  
Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application\(^4, 5\)  
Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent\(^3, 5\)  
Two copies of translation of international application should be furnished  
Document evidencing a change of name or person of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)\(^5\)  
Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form |
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<td>Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests</td>
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\(^3\) 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.

\(^4\) This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

\(^5\) 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.
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES:
NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

PH Philippines

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 29 March to 30 April 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on 3 May 2021, or on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:
https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:
https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KW Kuwait

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (965) 66 62 36 63
E-mail: mansouralnzhan@gmail.com
patent.department@moci.gov.kw
eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of a document must now be furnished within 90 days from the date of the invitation, instead of 14 days.

[Updating of Annex B1(KW) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in US dollars (USD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil). These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are USD 302 when filing online and USD 453 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Japanese yen (JPY) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Indian Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are JPY 14,400, or JPY 3,600 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DM Dominica

The Intellectual Property Office (Dominica) has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Dominica, with effect since 26 April 2021.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of paper documents with the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – since 1 April 2021, documents for entry into the national phase filed on paper are received only by mail. For additional information, refer to the Official Ordinance of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), No. 22/21 of 29 March 2021.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BR) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to the Administrative Instructions, Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs for the e-PCT Standard), sections 3 and 5, were promulgated,¹ with effect from 1 July 2021.

These modifications are to Document Type Definitions (DTDs), to allow:

– the possibility of multiple top-up searches (section 5.14, Written opinion components);
– the inclusion of earlier search letters for “PCT Direct” (section 3.1, Package data DTD);
– the author to break the statement into sections (sections 5.7, IB publication, and 5.8, Filing of amendments and statements under Articles 19 and 34.2(b));
– the attachment of standard ST.26 sequence listing files (sections 3.1 Package data, and 5.7, IB publication); and
– the inclusion of additional information regarding the citation and passage (sections 3.3, Application body; 3.9, Table; 5.6, IB bibliographic data; 5.7, IB publication; 5.8, Filing of amendments and statements under Articles 19 and 34.2(b); 5.9, Search report; 5.10, International Preliminary Report on Patentability; and 5.14, Written opinion components).

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated revised text of Annex F, Appendix I of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/15 on the WIPO website at:


¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1621 of 26 April 2021.
INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: 
(55-21) 3037 37 42  
(55-21) 3037 42 44

Internet: 
https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br  
faleconosco.inpi.gov.br/faleconosco/

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in South African rand (ZAR), has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2021, is ZAR 30,610.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in South African rand (ZAR), has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2021, is ZAR 30,610.


US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in South African rand (ZAR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are ZAR 31,120 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,560 for a small entity, and ZAR 7,780 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KW  Kuwait

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in Kuwaiti dinars (KWD), payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 21 July 2019, are as follows:

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In addition, the Office notified the conditions for reduction of the filing fee component of the national fee – with effect since 21 July 2019, the filing fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a student.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KW) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1142 S. 2021, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 13 May 2021, in addition to the previously planned closure on Friday, 14 May 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 17 May 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

The Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO) has notified the International Bureau of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, in East Caribbean dollars (XCD). The amount of this fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), is XCD 800.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.
Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

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

LV Latvia

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the Latvian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both an accessing office and a depositing Office, with effect from 1 July 2021.¹

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11775
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TH Thailand

The Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

– Friday 12 February 2021;
– Monday 12 April 2021; and
– Monday 10 May 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The Indian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in Indian rupees (INR), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as a change in the categories of applicants to which the amounts of these fees are applicable.

With effect since 4 November 2020, the applicant category “Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up” is no longer available. Consequently, since this date, the consolidated list of applicant categories established by the Office, and corresponding fee amounts payable under each category, is as follows:

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  - up to 30 pages: INR 1,000
  - from 31st page, per page: INR 30
- paper transmission:
  - up to 30 pages: INR 1,100
  - from 31st page, per page: INR 30

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AO Angola

On 14 May 2021, the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property notified the International Bureau of a correction concerning the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 April 2021, page 91.

The correct time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a), is 30 months from the priority date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AO) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

IN India

The Indian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national filing fee, in Indian rupees (INR), payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as well as a change to the categories of applicants to which the amounts of these components are applicable.

With effect since 4 November 2020, the applicant category “Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up” is no longer available. Consequently, since this date, the consolidated list of applicant categories established by the Office, and corresponding amounts of the components of the filing fee payable under each category, is as follows:

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1 The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (refer to PCT Applicant’s Guide, Annex B1(IN)). 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.
### Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)

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² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or at the time of any earlier express request by the applicant to proceed earlier with the national phase.

³ Subject to a maximum of INR 24,000.

⁴ Subject to a maximum of INR 120,000.
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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 et seq.

In particular, as from 1 January 2022, the EPO will no longer accept international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications filed using EPO New Online Filing (CMS) (formerly EPO Case Management System).

From 1 January 2022, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: EPO Online Filing, EPO Web-Form Filing, ePCT-Filing, and EPO Online Filing 2.0.

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