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IL  Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization\(^1\) - 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 2020. 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]”

\(^1\) Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf
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BY Belarus

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

- Telephone: (375-17) 272 46 96
- Facsimile: (375-17) 272 98 34
- E-mail: icd@ncip.by
- E-mail: ncip@ncip.by
- Internet: www.ncip.by

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in US dollars (USD), payable to it as receiving Office since 18 December 2019, as follows:

- Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): USD 212 (online)
  USD 289 (on paper)
- Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): USD 29
- Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): USD 144

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

ID Indonesia

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in Indonesian rupiah (IDR), payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 3 May 2019, is IDR 300,000.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) 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 2020, as follows:

- Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ILS 3,582
- Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ILS 3,582
- Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)): ILS 460

[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 2020, as follows:

- Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)): ILS 1,535
- Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)): ILS 1,535
- Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2): ILS 460

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID  Indonesia

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) 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 two.

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

UG  Uganda

The Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) has specified the European Patent Office (EPO), in addition to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the URSB by nationals and residents of Uganda, with effect since 27 November 2019.

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

EG  Egypt

The Egyptian Patent Office notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in Egyptian pounds (EGP), of the examination fee component of its national fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 7 November 2017, is EGP 17,000. Students are exempt from paying this fee.

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

EP  European Patent Organisation

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in euros (EUR), of the filing fee component of its national fee for non-online filings. This amount, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 April 2019, is EUR 250.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has 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 will no longer accept the filing of documents by fax.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in Indonesian rupiah (IDR), payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 3 May 2019, are as follows:

National fee:
- Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: IDR 75,000
- Substantive examination fee: IDR 3,000,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) 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 2020, are CHF 1,009, EUR 932 and USD 1,036, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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IL  Israel – Corrigendum

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization\(^1\) - Amendment to Annex D

The indication of “Late furnishing fee” in Part I of Annex D of the above-mentioned Agreement, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 January 2020, page 2, was erroneous. The correct indication is: “Late furnishing fee for sequence listings”.

In addition, the translation into French of the indication “Cost of copies” was also erroneous. The corrected French version of Annex D is published in the *Notifications officielles (Gazette du PCT)*\(^2\) of 30 January 2020, page 10.

As from 1 March 2020, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

“Annex D

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\(^2\) Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf
FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KG Kyrgyzstan

The State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has notified the International Bureau of an amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in Kyrgyz som (KGS), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 3 October 2016, is KGS 4,000. This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual.

For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic applicable on the date of payment.

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

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A-BIS)

Corrigendum: The notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 December 2019 (pages 199 and 200) concerning incompatibility with the law applied by the European Patent Office (EPO) in its capacity as receiving Office, under new PCT Rule 20.8, contained incorrect references to Rule 20.8(b-bis). The said notification is hereby corrected and republished, as follows:

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5bis\(^3\) of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-bis), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii)\(^4\) and 20.5bis(d)\(^5\) with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new Rules, among others, will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

\(^3\) The complete text of Rule 20.5bis is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

\(^4\) New Rule 20.5bis(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant’s option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference in the applicant’s option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

\(^5\) New Rule 20.5bis(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."
New Rule 20.8(a-bis) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and 20.5bis(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b-bis)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5bis⁶ of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-bis), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii)⁷ and 20.5bis(d)⁸ with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new Rules, among others, will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-bis) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-bis), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and 20.5bis(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).

⁶ See footnote 3.
⁷ See footnote 4.
⁸ See footnote 5.
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 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.

NO  Norway

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the Norwegian Industrial Property Office has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as depositing Office and accessing Office, with effect since 1 January 2020.

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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SA  Saudi Arabia

The Saudi Patent Office (SPO) has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone numbers, facsimile number, and e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office: Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)

Location and mailing address: As Sahafah, Olaya St. 6531, 3059 Riyadh 13321 Saudi Arabia

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 76 (966-11) 280 60 09

Facsimile machine: (966-11) 280 60 02

E-mail: pct@saip.gov.sa

Internet: www.saip.gov.sa

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

TN  Tunisia

The National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia) has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in Tunisian dinars (TND), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 2 January 2020, is TND 100.

[Updating of Annex C(TN) 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 April 2020, are NZD 3,135 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,567 for a small entity and NZD 784 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

IT Italy

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Advanced Biotechnology Center (ABC), 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 new name of the authority is IRCCS Ospedale Policlinico San Martino.

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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CA Canada

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau of new components of its national fee, in Canadian dollars (CAD), payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 30 October 2019, are as follows:

National fee:

- Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase): CAD 200
- Additional fee for late payment under subsection 154(4) of the Canadian Patent Rules: CAD 150

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to the relevant provisions of its national law concerning an applicant’s entitlement to pay the reduced amount of the basic national fee as a “small entity”. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed “small entity” declaration\(^1\) compliant with subsection 44(3) of the Canadian Patent Rules must be made by the applicant or the applicant's agent, within the applicable time limit set out in subsections 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A), 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) or 80(1)(a) and 80(2) of Canadian Patent Rules.

In addition, the Office notified a change in the time limits for payment of the maintenance fee in respect of each one-year period, due at the time of entry into the national phase, where that entry is effected on or after the second (or possibly third) anniversary of the international filing date. With effect since 30 October 2019, where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies, this fee is due:

- within 24 months from the international filing date, or within 30 months from the priority date if that time limit expires later; or
- within 12 months after the 30-month deadline, provided the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase.

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

\(^1\) This declaration should preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the PCT Applicant’s Guide, National Phase, Annex CA.II.
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA  Canada

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau of changes to the requirements for late entry into the national phase. Late entry into the national phase is still possible (up to 12 months after the 30-month deadline (30 months from the priority date)); however, since 30 October 2019, applicants must pay the fee for reinstatement of rights and meet the other requirements outlined in subsection 154(3) of the Canadian Patent Rules for the reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase).

Furthermore, the Office notified several changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51bis. Since 30 October 2019, the complete list of these special requirements is as follows:

- The name and postal address of each inventor.
- A statement that either (i) the applicant/applicants is/are entitled to apply for a patent, or (ii) the applicant is the sole inventor or, if there are joint applicants, that the applicants are all inventors and the sole inventors.
- If the Commissioner reasonably doubts that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative, the Commissioner will require evidence to establish ownership rights in the international application.
  An applicant may provide documentation\(^2\) with the request to enter the national phase establishing that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative.
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor.
  If the appointed agent does not reside in Canada, the appointment by the agent of an agent who resides in Canada to be the associate agent.
  Evidence of the consent of the appointment of the agent when the document appointing that agent is not submitted by the latter.

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\(^2\) Such documentation may include: Form PCT/IB/306, a document effecting the transfer of rights, or a change of name document.
CR  Costa Rica

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for reduction of the filing fee component of the national fee. Since 18 December 2019, the filing fee is reduced by 70% where the international application has been filed by natural persons, micro or small enterprises (as defined in Law No. 8262 of Costa Rica), public institutions of higher education, or public institutes for scientific or technology research.

Together with the request for reduction of the fee, the applicant must provide, in addition to the proof of payment, the following documents:

– a sworn statement in which the applicant declares that he is entitled to the reduction;
– a copy of the identification card ("cédula de identidad") in the case of a natural person; or
– a copy of the corporation card ("cédula jurídica") in the case of a legal person.

To proceed with the registration of the transfer of rights to a third party that is not entitled to the reduction, the latter must pay the remaining 70% of the fee that was not initially paid by the assignor. In addition, as from the date of transfer to a third party, the assignee must pay the total amount of the annual fees due to maintain the validity of the patent.

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

UG  Uganda

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89bis.1.

The Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 April 2020, as follows:
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)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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 types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 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 acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office 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 Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will 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 certain 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 Office 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 not available.

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at: (256-41) 733 80 00
  (256-41) 733 81 00
– by e-mail at: ip@ursb.go.ug

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

– international applications
– subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The 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 the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NL  Netherlands

The Netherlands Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 July 2018, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AZ  Azerbaijan

The Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in Azerbaijani manat (AZN), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These fees, applicable since 27 May 2019, are as follows:

For patent or utility model:

- Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one: AZN 7¹
- Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten: AZN 7¹
- Annual fee for the 3rd year: AZN 50 (reduced to AZN 10 where all applicants are natural persons)

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RO  Romania

The State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in new lei (RON), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2020, are as follows:

- Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): RON 475
- Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): RON 95 plus copying costs

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¹ This fee is subject to value-added tax (VAT) of 18%.