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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CA  Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 November 2018 (pages 331 and 332) of the text of an Amendment to the Agreement concluded between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau extending the appointment of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT until 31 December 2019, or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter (in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada), the parties have concluded a new Agreement, which entered into force on 28 December 2018.

The new Agreement is effective until 31 December 2027, and is set out at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

RECEIVING OFFICES

BH  Bahrain

The National Patent Office (Bahrain) has notified the International Bureau of a change in the requirements concerning who can act as agent — since 9 November 2018, any attorney or lawyer registered to practice before the Office can act as such.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BH Bahrain

On 12 November 2018, the National Patent Office (Bahrain) notified the International Bureau that a copy of the international application is no longer required by the Office.

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51bis.1 — the Office no longer requires applicants to furnish two copies of the translation of the international application.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of a change in the requirements concerning who can act as agent — since 9 November 2018, any attorney or lawyer registered to practice before the Office can act as such.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee\(^2\), in Colombian pesos (COP), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2019, are as follows:

For a patent:

\[
\begin{array}{lll}
\text{Filing fee:} & \text{Online} & \text{On paper} \\
\text{COP} & 76,000 & 95,000 \\
\end{array}
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\begin{array}{lll}
\text{Annual fee:} & \text{COP} & \text{COP} \\
\text{for the 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ to the 4}^{\text{th}} \text{ year, per year:} & 266,500 & 320,000 \\
\text{(396,000)}^3 & \text{(475,000)}^3 \\
\end{array}
\]

For a utility model:

\[
\begin{array}{lll}
\text{Filing fee:} & \text{COP} & \text{COP} \\
\text{66,500} & \text{83,000} \\
\end{array}
\]

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

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\(^2\) Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

\(^3\) The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.
The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in new Israel shekels (ILS), of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable since 1 January 2019 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

- Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ILS 557
- Fee for priority document: ILS 88

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

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

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<td>The name of the depositary institution, the date of the deposit and the accession number at the time of filing (must be in the description)</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism</td>
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[Updating of Annex L of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
AGREEMENT

between the Government of Canada
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

Considering that the Patent Cooperation Treaty Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, done at Washington, on June 19, 1970, and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
   (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT);
   (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
   (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
   (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
   (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
   (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
   (g) “the Authority” means the Canadian Commissioner of Patents;
   (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.
Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3
Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.
(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45bis to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

(i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);

(ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.
Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date specified in the written notification from the Government of Canada to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization informing that it has completed its internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The Parties shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the Parties; they shall take effect in accordance with the process set out in Article 9 of this Agreement.
(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Government of Canada; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect in accordance with the process set out in Article 9 of this Agreement.

(3) The Government of Canada may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

(i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;

(ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;

(iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;

(iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;

(v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;

(vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

(i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

(ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.
Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

   (i) if the Government of Canada gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

   (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Canada written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other Party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both Parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this 28th day of September 2018, in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government of Canada by: For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

Johanne BÉLISLE Francis GURRY
Commissioner of Patents Director General
Government of Canada World Intellectual Property Organization
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:
   Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity
   with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United
   Nations;
   so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
   where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Canada,
   and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the

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) the following languages which it will accept:
   English, French.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the
Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination.

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant
procedure in accordance with the provisions of Canadian patent law.
Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

1. Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

2. Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

3. Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, up to 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

4. In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

5. Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

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4 With respect to Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, the Authority provides applicants with a first copy of all non-patent literature documents cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each non-patent literature document cited is made available to designated or elected Offices upon request, free of charge. In its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Authority makes a first copy of all additional non-patent literature documents cited in the international preliminary examination report but not cited in the international search report available to applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.
Annex E
Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages: English, French.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:
The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.
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The publication Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is part of the Gazette published by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in accordance with Article 55(4) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Rule 86 of the Regulations under the PCT.
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 2019. 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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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 102, 109, 705bis and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as well as new Section 406bis, were promulgated with effect from 1 January 2019.

The main purpose of these modifications is to:

(i) facilitate electronic processing of international applications and other related documents (Section 102);
(ii) extend the permitted length of file references (Section 109);
(iii) provide a specific basis for an applicant to voluntarily submit a suggested English translation of the title of the invention to the International Bureau, where the application is not filed in English and no translation of the application into English is required by the receiving Office (Section 406bis); and
(iv) shorten the retention time for paper originals by Offices (Sections 705bis and 713).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force since 1 January 2019 (PCT/AI/19) is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 January 2019)

Section 102
Use of the Forms

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (k) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

[List of forms omitted]

(b) Slight variations in layout necessary in view of the printing of the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) in various languages are permitted.

(c) Slight variations in layout in the Forms referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) to (v) are permitted to the extent necessary to meet the particular office requirements of the International Authorities, in particular in view of the production of the Forms by computer or of the use of window envelopes.
(d) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority and/or the International Preliminary Examining Authority are each part of the same Office, the obligation to use the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) does not extend to communications within that same Office.

(e) The annexes to Forms PCT/RO/106, PCT/RO/118, PCT/ISA/201, PCT/ISA/205, PCT/ISA/206, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/ISA/219, PCT/IB/313, PCT/IB/336, PCT/IPEA/404, PCT/IPEA/405 and PCT/IPEA/415 may be omitted in cases where they are not used.

(f) The notes attached to Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form), PCT/IB/375 (supplementary search request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) shall be distributed by the International Authorities concerned together with the printed versions of those Forms. The notes attached to Form PCT/ISA/220 shall accompany the Form when sent to the applicant.

(g) The use of Forms other than those referred to in paragraph (a) is optional.

(h) Where the request or the demand is presented as a computer print-out, such print-out shall be prepared as follows:
   (i) the layout and contents of the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs shall correspond to the format of Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) ("the printed Forms"), with the same information being presented on the corresponding pages;
   (ii) all boxes shall be drawn by solid lines; double lines may be presented as single lines;
   (iii) the box numbers and box titles shall be included even where no information is supplied therein;
   (iv) the boxes for use by the International Authorities shall be at least as large as those on the printed Forms;
   (v) all other boxes shall be within one cm in size of those on the printed Forms;
   (vi) all text shall be 9 points or larger in size;
   (vii) titles and other information shall be clearly distinguished;
   (viii) explanatory notes presented in italics on the printed Forms may be omitted.

(i) Other formats permitted for the presentation of the request and the demand as computer print-outs may be determined by the Director General. Any such format shall be published in the Gazette.
(j) The page-based layout of a Form generated from a character-coded format shall be permitted if it is generated using a stylesheet provided by the International Bureau.2

(k) A Form may be transmitted by one Office, International Authority or the International Bureau to another in character-coded format only, without its page-based layout, if the recipient Office, Authority or Bureau has agreed to receive the information in such format and has agreed to generate any page-based layout which may be required for the recipient Office’s file records.

Section 109
File Reference

(a) Where any document submitted by the applicant contains an indication of a file reference, that reference shall not exceed 25 characters in length and may be composed of either letters of the Latin alphabet, or Arabic numerals, or both. The hyphen character (“-”) may also be used as a separator between alphanumeric characters.

(b) Correspondence from International Authorities intended for the applicant shall indicate any such file reference.

Section 406bis
Suggested English Translation of the Title of the Invention

(a) Where the international application is to be published in a language other than English and a translation of the application into English is not required under Rule 12.3(a), the applicant may furnish a suggested translation of the title of the invention into English to the International Bureau before the expiration of 14 months from the priority date.

(b) The International Bureau shall, to the extent possible, take the suggested translation into account in the preparation of the translation referred to in Rule 48.3(c) if it is received within the time limit specified in paragraph (a).

Section 705bis
Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications Filed on Paper; Home Copy, Record Copy and Search Copy

(a) Where an international application is filed on paper, it may, subject to this Part, be processed and kept as a complete and accurate copy in electronic form prepared by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau.3

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2 Editor’s Note: Available from the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/resources.

3 Editor’s Note: Notifications under Section 705bis(a) should contain information as to the types of electronic document formats and electronic packages that are used by the Office as well as to the means of transmission and any other appropriate information aiming at facilitating the exchange of documents.
(b) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and for the purposes of Article 12, where an international application is filed on paper:

(i) the receiving Office may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the home copy;

(ii) the International Bureau may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the record copy;

(iii) the International Searching Authority may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the search copy.

(c) Where a copy in electronic form is kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii), the original of the international application as filed on paper shall be kept, for a period of at least 5 years from the international filing date, by the International Bureau or, where so agreed by the receiving Office and the International Bureau, by the receiving Office on behalf of the International Bureau. The original shall be marked with the words “INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – ORIGINAL AS FILED ON PAPER (SECTION 705bis)” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application on the bottom of the first page of the request and of the first page of the description.4

(d) Where, before the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (c), the International Bureau finds, upon request for correction made by the applicant or otherwise, that a copy in electronic form kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii) is not in fact a complete and accurate copy of the original kept under paragraph (c), it shall correct the record copy so as to bring it into conformity with the original. If the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or a designated or elected Office considers that the International Bureau should make a finding under the first sentence of this paragraph, it shall call the relevant facts to the attention of the International Bureau.

(e) Where the International Bureau has corrected the record copy in accordance with paragraph (d), it shall promptly notify the applicant, publish the corrected international application together with a revised front page, and publish a notice of this fact in the Gazette. Section 422(a)(i) to (v) shall apply mutatis mutandis with regard to the notification of the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated and elected Offices.

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4 Editor’s Note: In principle, receiving Offices should mark the original at the time of its receipt but they could also mark the original when it is relied upon for the purposes of the correction of the record copy under Section 705bis(d).
Section 713
Application of Provisions to International Authorities and the International Bureau, and to Notifications, Communications, Correspondence and Other Documents5

(a) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (g), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v), 710(a)(iv) and 714(b), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to the International Searching Authorities, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, apply mutatis mutandis to those Authorities and that Bureau.6

(b) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (f), 705, 705bis(b) to (e), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v) and 710(a)(iv), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications that are filed, processed or communicated in electronic form, apply mutatis mutandis to such notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

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 National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil). These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2019, are CHF 427 when filing online, and CHF 640 when filing on paper.

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

IL Israel

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of a change in the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office since 1 January 2019. This amount, payable in new Israeli shekels (ILS), is ILS 2,038.

[Updating of National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
The Office also 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 2019, as follows:

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Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2019, are CHF 948, EUR 842 and USD 963, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2019, as follows:

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US United States of America

Due to the official closing of Federal Government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

- Wednesday, 5 December 2018; and

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, 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 days, that period was extended so as to expire on Thursday, 6 December 2018 and Tuesday, 15 January 2019, respectively.

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, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater, respectively.
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SE  Sweden

On 28 January 2019, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (46-8) 782 28 00

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO  Romania

The State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in new lei (RON), of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable since 1 January 2019, and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): RON 466
Fee for priority document: RON 93 plus copying costs

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

AT Austria

The Austrian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2019, is EUR 75.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in euro (EUR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2019, are EUR 560 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,249 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

On 4 January 2019, the European Patent Office (EPO) notified the International Bureau of a clarification concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. Specifically, if the translation of the claims amended under PCT Article 19(1) is not furnished in due time, only those claims will be disregarded (PCT Rule 49.5(c-bis)) and the international application will not be considered withdrawn.

The Office also clarified that the designation, extension and validation fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date, or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

In addition, the Office clarified the conditions of the examination-fee component of its national fee—a request for examination must be made, and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1), or within six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

Furthermore, the Office clarified one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51bis—applicants must furnish any 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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ZA South Africa

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone: (27-12) 394 50 01
(27-12) 394 50 84

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) 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 Japanese yen (JPY) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). This amount, applicable from 1 April 2019, is JPY 221,700.

Filing and Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications: Notification by Receiving Offices

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

KE Kenya

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, which contain, 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.

On 28 November 2018, the Kenya Industrial Property Institute, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 April 2019, 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: (254-2) 600 22 10, 600 22 11
– by e-mail at: info@kipi.go.ke, pct@kipi.go.ke

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.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.kipi.go.ke).

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)
- 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)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT"
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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTIETH (29TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fiftieth (29th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 24 September to 2 October 2018 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- introduction of an application form for appointment of an Office or intergovernmental organization as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT; and
- amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents prepared for the Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:


The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

Amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2019:

- Amendments to PCT Rule 69 are intended to increase the time available for dialogue between the applicant and the examiner during international preliminary examination. The amendments allow the International Preliminary Examining Authority to begin the international preliminary examination as soon as it is in possession of all required documents and fees, without needing to wait until the time limit for filing a demand for international preliminary examination has expired.

- The amendments shall apply to any international application in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after 1 July 2019.
Introduction of an Application Form for Appointment as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The PCT Assembly adopted the proposed decision relating to the introduction of an application form for appointing an Office or intergovernmental organization as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

Amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The PCT Assembly approved the following proposed amendments to the aforementioned agreement:

– the party to the agreement with the International Bureau has been changed from the Canadian Commissioner of Patents to the Government of Canada;

– the Preamble explicitly defines “the Parties”, and includes the date of signature of the PCT; and

– amendments were approved to Article 9 and Articles 11(1) and (2) relating to the process for entry into force of the agreement and subsequent amendments to the agreement other than those listed in Article 11(3).

These amendments entered into force on 28 December 2018. The full text of the new agreement was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 January 2019, pages 5 to 13.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2019)

Rule 69
Start of and Time Limit for International Preliminary Examination

69.1 Start of International Preliminary Examination

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall start the international preliminary examination when it is in possession of all of the following:

(i) the demand;

(ii) the amount due (in full) for the handling fee and the preliminary examination fee, including, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 58bis.2; and

(iii) either the international search report or the declaration by the International Searching Authority under Article 17(2)(a) that no international search report will be established, and the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1;
unless the applicant expressly requests to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a).

(b) to (e) [No change]

69.2 [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Due to weather conditions in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Wednesday, 20 February 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, 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 was extended so as to expire on Thursday, 21 February 2019.
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BR  Brazil

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 National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil). These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2019, are CHF 452 when filing online, and CHF 677 when filing on paper.

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

The Icelandic Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Engjateigi 3
                    IS-105, Reykjavik
                    Iceland

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

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.

GE  Georgia

The National Intellectual Property Office of Georgia (SAKPATENTI) has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 April 2019.

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

IL  Israel

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 May 2019.

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CN  China

The National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA) has notified the International Bureau of a change in the English name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:  China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

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

KZ  Kazakhstan

The National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location, mailing address, and telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Korgalzhin Highway, Building 3 B
Astana, 010000
Kazakhstan

Telephone: (7-7172) 62 15 15
(7-7172) 62 15 16

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since November 2016, the Office has ceased to accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO  Colombia

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in Colombian pesos (COP), payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2019, are COP 400,000 when filing electronically and COP 480,000 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)

Has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part II of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 April 2019, consists of a change in the reference contained in the footnote of Part II of Annex D, paragraph 3, as follows: OJ EPO 2019, A5.

The effect of this amendment is to change the conditions relating to the refund of the search fee, where the EPO (acting as International Searching Authority) benefits from the results of an earlier search prepared by it on an application the priority of which is claimed in the international application. In particular, a full or partial refund of the international search fee paid for a pending international application is now applicable where the international search report is based on an earlier search made on behalf of the United Kingdom on a national application filed as of 1 July 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT:
MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF ANNEX F (STANDARD FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS)

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 section 2.5 of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 3.6 of Appendix I of Annex F are promulgated with effect from 1 April 2019.

These modifications involve changes to the Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for the PCT fee calculation sheet, the PCT fee calculation sheet (Chapter II), and the PCT Demand. The purpose of these modifications is:

– to enable automated reimbursement procedures at a Receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority using reimbursement information provided at the time of filing an international application;

– to allow an applicant/agent the option to indicate a (different) deposit account for reimbursements, independent from the payment method indicated; and

– to indicate the expiry of the postponement of the start of the international preliminary examination.

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated, revised text of Appendix I to Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/13 on the WIPO website at:


INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU  Russian Federation

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers and email addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:  
(7-499) 240 60 15 (general)  
(7-299) 240 58 88 , (7-499) 240 25 91 (application processing)

E-mail:  
rospatent@rupto.ru (general)  
ro-ru@rupto.ru (RO)  
pct-peo@rupto.ru (ISA, SISA, IPEA)

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2019, it will no longer send notifications by e-mail in respect of international applications.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee, where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application the priority of which is claimed in the international application (see OJ EPO 2019, A5 for details). With effect from 1 April 2019, earlier searches give rise to a refund as follows:

– for a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45bis) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE, CY, FR, GB, GR, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL, SM, TR):
  – full benefit: refund of 100%
  – partial benefit: refund of 25%

– for an international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)):
  – full benefit: refund of 70%
  – partial benefit: refund of 17.5%


ZA South Africa

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, in South African rand (ZAR), applicable from 1 April 2019 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ZAR 525
Fee for priority document: ZAR 210

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

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2 Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the Authority and that Office.
3 Applies to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 July 2018 for the United Kingdom.
Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the national fee, in South African rand (ZAR), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2019, are ZAR 590 in the case of filing by an individual or SMME, and ZAR 1,100 in the case of filing by a corporation.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece) has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2019, the Office accepts Greek (in addition to English, French and German) as a language in which international applications may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a)).

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has notified the International Bureau of changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of national fees. Since 6 October 2017, the examination fee is reduced by 10% where the international search report has been established by any International Searching Authority other than Rospatent.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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KR  Republic of Korea

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 87 70 (RO)  
            (82-42) 481 57 41 (ISA, IPEA)


MX  Mexico

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has notified the International Bureau of a change in its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: epct@impi.gob.mx

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

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has notified the International Bureau of a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: https://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/patent-cooperation-treaty

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EC Ecuador

On 27 March 2019, the Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property notified the International Bureau of an amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in US dollars (USD). This amount, payable to the Office as receiving Office, is USD 300.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) and euro (EUR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Indian Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2019, are CHF 144 and EUR 129, or CHF 36 and EUR 32 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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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 June 2019, is NZD 2,921.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AP  African Regional Intellectual Property Organization

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone numbers, as well as a new email address and a website for online services, as follows:

- **Telephone:** (263-242) 79 40 54, 79 40 65, 79 40 68
- **E-mail:** mail@aripo.org, registry@aripo.org (for filing of documents only)
- **Online service:** http://eservice.aripo.org

[Updating of Annex B2(AP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

KZ  Kazakhstan

The National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) has notified the International Bureau of a change in the provisions of the law of Kazakhstan concerning the international-type search. For further details, see Article 22(7) of the Patent Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KR  Republic of Korea

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

- Since 1 January 2016, the filing fee, fee for request for examination, annual fees from the first to the third year and fee for request for scope confirmation trial are reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and is also the inventor. However, if the number of applications per year by the applicant exceeds 20, the application fee will be reduced by only 30%;

- Since 1 October 2018, the fee for request for examination is reduced by 30% where the international search report or international preliminary examination report has been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office; or by 70% where both the international search report and international preliminary examination report have been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

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

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 Egyptian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2019, is EUR 204.

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

PH Philippines

At its forty-ninth (21st ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT.

On 10 April 2019, the Office notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 20 May 2019.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakhstan

The National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and its telephone numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Korgalzhyn Highway, Building 3 B
Nur-Sultan, 010000
Kazakhstan

Telephone: (7-7172) 62 15 15
(7-7172) 62 15 16
(7-7172) 62 15 91

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

The Cuban Industrial Property Office has notified the International Bureau that the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is payable in Cuban convertible pesos (CUC) or the equivalent in Cuban pesos (CUP).

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
DO Dominican Republic

The National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in US dollars (USD) and Dominican pesos (DOP), payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 2 May 2019, as follows:

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the national filing fees, in Dominican pesos (DOP). These amounts, also applicable since 2 May 2019, are DOP 11,500 for a patent and DOP 8,050 for a utility model.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

PH Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with IPOPHL by nationals and residents of the Philippines, with effect from 20 May 2019.

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

KR   Republic of Korea

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

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2019, consists of the addition of Brunei Darussalam to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. 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:
Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam.

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]”

PH Philippines


Following the notification by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) on 20 May 2019 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 May 2019, page 61), the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau concerning these functions will enter into force on 20 May 2019.

This Agreement, in addition to information on the requirements of the Office as ISA and IPEA published in Annexes D(PH) and E(PH), is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

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 Egyptian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2019, is CHF 238.

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

IL Israel

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 Israel Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2019, is CHF 1,007.

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

JO Jordan

The Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) has notified the International Bureau that the transmittal fee payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, in Jordanian dinars (JOD) only, is JOD 100.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of changes in the fees for requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)) payable to it as receiving Office in Jordanian dinars (JOD). These amounts, applicable since 17 February 2019, are JOD 25 in the case of filing by an individual or JOD 50 in the case of filing by a company or organization.

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), equivalent amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) and euros (EUR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines. These amounts, applicable from 20 May 2019, are CHF 1,004 and EUR 884, or CHF 402 and EUR 354 where the applicant is a small entity.3

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda
IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO) has notified the International Bureau that, since 2 May 2019, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated these functions to the International Bureau.

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

3 A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
BN Brunei Darussalam

The Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam (BruIPO) has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with BruIPO by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam, with effect from 1 July 2019.

[Updating of Annex C(BN) of the PCT Applicant's Guide]

TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

CH Switzerland

Further to its notification, under PCT Rule 23bis.2(e), of the incompatibility of the national law of Switzerland with PCT Rule 23bis.2(a) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, page 210) the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rule 23bis.2(a).
AGREEMENT

between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Intellectual Property Office
of the Philippines
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
   (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
   (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
   (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
   (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
   (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
   (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
   (g) “the Authority” means the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines;
   (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.
Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3
Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45bis to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.
Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:
   (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
   (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.
Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

(i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
(ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
(iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
(iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
(v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
(vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.
(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

(i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

(ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

(i) if the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

(ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city] this [date], in two originals in the English language.

For the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines by:

For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:
any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State.

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) the following language[s] which it will accept:
English.
Annex B
Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

1. Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

2. Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

3. Where Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded on request of the applicant, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

1 The fee is reduced by 60% where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E
Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system(s) in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language(s):
English.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.
## International Searching Authorities

### PH
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINES**

### Search fee (PCT Rule 16):^{2}

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### Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international search report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international search report is sent by mail.

#### How to obtain copies:

Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph, free of charge, for designated (elected) Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.

#### Fee(s):

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

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### Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority: refund of 50%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search

### Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):

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### Language accepted for international search:

English

### Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?

Yes

### Types of electronic carrier required:

CD-R, DVD-R

### Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines

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1 The Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 20 May 2019.
2 This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).
3 The amount in parentheses applies where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
4 This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.
Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?  
Yes\(^6\)

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?  
Yes\(^6\)

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

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\(^5\) See footnote 1.

\(^6\) Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).
## Preliminary Examination Fee

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### Copies of Documents Cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT Rule 71.2)

- **How to obtain copies:**
  - Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph, free of charge, for elected Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.

- **Fee(s):**
  - USD 20 per document (8)

### Fee for Copies of Documents Contained in the File of the International Application (PCT Rule 94.2)

- **Fee:** USD 20 per document (8)

### Conditions for Refund and Amount of Refund of the Preliminary Examination Fee

- **In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3:** refund of 100%
- **If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination:** refund of 100%

### Protest Fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e))

- **Fee:** USD 500 (200)

### Late Furnishing Fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2)

- **Fee:** USD 250 (100)

### Language Accepted for International Preliminary Examination

- **Language:** English

### Subject Matter that will not be Examined

- **Subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines**

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1. The Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 20 May 2019.
2. This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.
3. The amount in parentheses applies where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-run schools.
4. This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.
5. This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(1B)).
Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

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6 See footnote 1.

7 Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).
OFFICIAL NOTICES (PCT GAZETTE)

23 May 2019

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IL  Israel

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers, with effect from 1 June 2019, as follows:

Telephone: (972-73) 3927 313
           (972-73) 3927 320

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – as from 1 June 2019, the Office will no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine. In addition, from this date, all documents, except the international application, may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must be furnished only upon invitation.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY  Belarus

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in Belarusan rubles (BYN), payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

Transmittal fee:
(PCT Rule 14)        BYN  89.25

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:
(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) BYN  76.50

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,\textsuperscript{1,2} in \textbf{Belarusian rubles (BYN)}, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

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

\textsuperscript{1} For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rubles. Fees are reduced by 75\% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

\textsuperscript{2} For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian rubles in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see \url{https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp}) and applicable on the date of payment.

\textsuperscript{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 of two months from the date of entry into the national phase.