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NL  Netherlands

The Netherlands Patent Office has notified changes in the name of the Office in Dutch, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, which now read as follows:

Name of Office (in Dutch): NL Octrooicentrum
Telephone: (31-88) 602 60 00
Facsimile machine: (31-88) 602 90 24
E-mail: nloctrooicentrum@agentschapnl.nl

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT  Italy

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified new amounts of the components of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Request to prepare the priority document (payable in fee stamps): EUR 14.62
– plus, for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity) (payable in fee stamps): EUR 14.62
– plus, for a patent application: EUR 7
– or, for a utility model application: EUR 5

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

MA  Morocco

The Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco has notified the introduction of a transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in Moroccan dirham (MAD), payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 October 2011. The amount of this fee is MAD 600. It is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex C(MA) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
REQUESTS IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS

NL  Netherlands

The Netherlands Patent Office has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 December 2011, PCT-EASY applications (filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium) are no longer accepted by the Office. Furthermore, since 1 December 2011, no international application filed with the Office as receiving Office benefits from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications.

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IE  Ireland

The Patents Office (Ireland) as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: CD-ROM.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3

IE  Ireland

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the Patents Office (Ireland), in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

NL  Netherlands

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the Netherlands Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is EUR 161.

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

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office has notified provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Norwegian of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (Norwegian Patents Act, Section 66g).

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

RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office has notified that an agent is no longer required by it as receiving Office.

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any natural or legal person can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) and of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NO Norway

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in Norwegian krone (NOK), as follows:

Annual fees for the first three years, per year: NOK 600

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

**EP European Patent Organisation**

The [European Patent Office (EPO)](https://www.epo.org) has notified additional requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

If the international application was not published in an official language of the EPO (English, French, German), the statement under EPC Rule 32(1) can still be submitted in the European phase until completion of the technical preparations for publication of the translation of the international application under EPC Article 153(4). The fact that the expert option has been chosen will then be published on the front page of the published translation of the application. Information received under EPC Rule 32(1) after completion of the technical preparations for publication of the international application – or, where applicable, of the translation of the application pursuant to EPC Article 153(4) – cannot be taken into account with the consequence that the biological material will be available to any person as provided for in PCT Rule 13bis.6 and EPC Rule 33(1) without an expert acting as intermediary (see Notice from the European Patent Office dated 7 July 2010 concerning inventions which involve the use of or concern biological material, OJ EPO 10/2010, pages 498 et seq.).

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

**NO Norway**

The [Norwegian Industrial Property Office](https://www.pke.no) has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

The applicant may request that, as from the time when the application has been laid open to public inspection by the Office until a patent has been granted, the application has been finally decided upon without a patent having been granted, or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Office not later than at the time when the application is made available to the public under Section 33(3) of the Norwegian Patents Act. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be a person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Office or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.

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

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT)
Edificio 3 CUE, Parc Científic Universitat de Valencia
Catedrático Agustín Escardino, 9
46980 Paterna (Valencia)
Spain

[Updating of Annex L 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 amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments, which entered into force on 1 January 2012, consist of the addition of Peru to the States listed in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

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“Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:
(i) the following States for which it will act:
Republic of Korea;
Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru,
Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America,
Viet Nam; and
any country that the Authority will specify;
(ii) [no change]"
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KE  Kenya

The Kenya Industrial Property Institute has notified changes in its location, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Location: Weights and Measures Building, Popo Road, off Mombasa Road, Nairobi, Kenya

Telephone: (254-2) 6002210, 6002211, 2386220

Facsimile machine: (254-2) 6006312

E-mail: info@kipi.go.ke

Internet: www.kipi.go.ke

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

KZ  Kazakhstan

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

Location and mailing address: [No change] (general matters)
Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty,
Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8,
Kireberis 18 B,
Astana 010000,
Kazakhstan (application processing)

Telephone: (7-7172) 50 25 75, 50 26 20,
50 26 09

Facsimile machine: (7-7172) 50 25 66

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available under the PCT – such protection now applies to patents, innovative patents and utility models.

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

ZA  South Africa

The Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Name of Office: Companies and Intellectual Property Commission
E-mail: ezdravkova@cipc.co.za
Internet: www.cipc.co.za

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KZ  Kazakhstan

The National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan) has notified new amounts of fees, in Kazakh tenge (KZT), payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 29 May 2009, as follows:

Transmittal fee: KZT 8,243
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): KZT 1,030 for a legal entity
KZT 515 for a natural person

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in Kazakh tenge (KZT), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 29 May 2009, as follows:

For a patent:
- Filing fee: KZT 15,971
- Examination fee: [no change]
- Annual fee for the first three years, per year: KZT 15,971

For a utility model:
- Filing fee: KZT 14,426
- Annual fee for the first three years, per year: KZT 11,334

These amounts are reduced by 30% in the case of a legal entity, and by 15% in the case of a natural person, for applicants who reside in a State in which the per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (USD).

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

NZ New Zealand

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in New Zealand dollar (NZD), payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2012, is NZD 30 (plus the Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents).

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

SE Sweden

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in Swedish krona (SEK), payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2010, are SEK 1,000 for each of the fees.
In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, also applicable since 1 January 2010, as follows:

Annual fees for the first three years: SEK 1,200

[Updating of Annex C(SE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES**

**PE  Peru**


**US  United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 10 January 2012, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO.

**FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES**

**NZ  New Zealand**

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

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

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

NZ  New Zealand

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) and of the National Chapter, Summary (NZ), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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AE United Arab Emirates

The Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Industry (United Arab Emirates) has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

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

AU Australia

The Australian Patent Office has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

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

LK Sri Lanka

The National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows:  www.nipo.gov.lk. The Office has also notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

In addition, the Office has notified changes in the provisions of the law of Sri Lanka concerning international-type search. These provisions now are Section 73 of the Intellectual Property Act No. 36 of 2003 and Regulation 48 of the Intellectual Property Regulations.

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

SG Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which now reads as follows:

51 Bras Basah Road, 
04-01, Manulife Centre, 
Singapore 189554

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – only documents that do not require payment of any official fees may now be transmitted by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
SI  Slovenia

The Slovenian Intellectual Property Office has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which now read as follows:

Telephone:  (386-1) 620 31 00
Facsimile machine:  (386-1) 620 31 11


FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EE  Estonia

The Estonian Patent Office has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from Swiss franc (CHF) to euro (EUR), with effect since 1 January 2011. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee:  EUR 1,094
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:  EUR 12
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
    PCT-EASY:  EUR 82

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

LK  Sri Lanka

The National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka has notified new amounts of the application fee component of the national fee, in Sri Lanka rupee (LKR), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 17 May 2006, are LKR 1,000 for students, LKR 2,500 for individuals and LKR 6,000 for other persons.

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

PT  Portugal

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) has notified new amounts of fees, in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee:  EUR 20.28
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):  EUR 40.56
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 152.10
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 304.20

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in euro (EUR), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 July 2011, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination): EUR 101.40 (online)
EUR 202.80 (on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee (including publication): EUR 101.40 (online)
EUR 202.80 (on paper)

Examination fee (whenever examination is requested): EUR 76.05 (online)
EUR 152.10 (on paper)

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

SG  Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified a new amount of the national (filing) fee, in Singapore dollar (SGD), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 December 2011, is SGD 200.

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

SI  Slovenia

The Slovenian Intellectual Property Office has notified a new 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 2012, is EUR 15.40.

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

LK  Sri Lanka

The National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office – any person who is registered as an agent with the Office can now act as such.

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

PT  Portugal

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, DVD-R.

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

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10025, 10095).

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

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers as well as its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Telephone: (237-2) 220 39 11, 220 57 00
Facsimile machine: (237-2) 220 18 44, 220 57 27
E-mail: oapi@oapi.int
Internet: www.oapi.int

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Swiss franc (CHF) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 1,838.

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

MX Mexico

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in Mexican peso (MXP), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: MXP 5,711.14\(^1\)
            MXP 3,737.75\(^2\)

\(^1\) Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.

\(^2\) Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.
For a utility model:

Filing fee:  MXP  2,074.99¹
MXP  1,213.76²

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

**OA African Intellectual Property Organization**

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **CFA franc BEAC (XAF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

- **Filing fee:** XAF 225,000
- Fee for priority claims, per priority: XAF 63,000
- **Publication fee:** XAF 365,000
- Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: XAF 45,000
- Fee for acceptance of description and drawings:
  - for 11 to 20 sheets: XAF 120,000
  - for 21 to 30 sheets: XAF 300,000
  - for 31 to 40 sheets: XAF 600,000
  - after 40 for each set of 10 sheets: XAF 80,000
- **Annual fee for the second year:** XAF 220,000
- **Annual fee for the third year:** XAF 220,000

For utility model:

- **Filing fee:** XAF 20,000
- Fee for priority claims, per priority: XAF 25,000
- **Publication fee:** XAF 30,000
- Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: XAF 40,000
Fee for acceptance of description and drawings:
– for 11 to 20 sheets: none
– for 21 to 30 sheets: none
– for 31 to 40 sheets: none
– after 40 for each set of 10 sheets: none

Annual fee for the second year: XAF 20,000
Annual fee for the third year: XAF 35,000

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

PL Poland

The Patent Office of the Republic of Poland has notified new amounts of the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), in Polish zloty (PLZ), payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These amounts, applicable since 26 March 2008, are PLZ 80 for each of the fees.

In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of the national fee for patents or utility models where no international preliminary examination has been carried out, in Polish zloty (PLZ), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 26 March 2008, is PLZ 550.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PL), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

RS Serbia

The Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in Serbian dinar (RSD), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 October 2011, as follows:

For patent:

Reduced examination fee
where an international search report
or an international preliminary
examination report has been
established: RSD 6,100

This amount is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: CD-ROM.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 23bis.3

MX Mexico

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(a)(ii), the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, and that no fee is required for such requests.

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

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

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Banco Nacional de Algas (BNA), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The name of the authority is now “Banco Español de Algas (BEA)”.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49.6(f)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2012. PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) therefore applies with effect from that date.
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP  Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The Japan Patent Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C

Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

LT  Lithuania

EP  European Patent Organisation

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania has notified the International Bureau that Lithuania, which became bound by the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 1 December 2004, will close the national route via the PCT on 4 September 2014. Therefore, as from 4 September 2014, applicants desiring protection in Lithuania will no longer be able to enter the national phase in that country; they will only be able to enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO).

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) and of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU  Australia

New equivalent amounts in Australian dollar (AUD) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

- International filing fee: AUD 1,375
- Fee per sheet in excess of 30: AUD 16
- Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
  - PCT-EASY: AUD 103
  - Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): AUD 207
  - Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): AUD 310

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in Australian dollar (AUD) has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2012, is AUD 207.

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

JP  Japan

The Japan Patent Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in Japanese yen (JPY), payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are JPY 70,000 and JPY 60,000, respectively.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR), Korean won (KRW) and US dollar (USD) and South African rand (ZAR). These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

- CHF  836
- EUR  688
- KRW  1,078,000
- USD  913

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in Japanese yen (JPY), payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2012, are JPY 26,000 and JPY 15,000, respectively.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

MD Republic of Moldova

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (37322) 40 06 07, 40 06 08
Facsimile machine: (37322) 44 01 19

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed only by facsimile machine.

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

MD Republic of Moldova
EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The Republic of Moldova deposited, on 26 October 2011, a notification of denunciation of the Eurasian Patent Convention, which will take effect on 26 April 2012.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 26 April 2012 will not include the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent, and will contain the designation of that State for a national patent only. This denunciation will not affect granted Eurasian patents and international applications filed before 26 April 2012 containing the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent.

Furthermore, as from 26 April 2012, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) will no longer be a competent receiving Office for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Republic of Moldova.


RECEIVING OFFICES

MD Republic of Moldova

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the languages in which international applications and requests may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c) – it now accepts English, French, German and Russian in both cases.

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

MD  Republic of Moldova

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The required contents now read as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51bis. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Republic of Moldova

Any document relating to any transfer of rights

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR  Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss franc (CHF) and euro (EUR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 995 and EUR 826, respectively.

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

HU  Hungary

The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)), in Hungarian forint (HUF), payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2012, is HUF 11,800.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
KR  Republic of Korea

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 Korean Intellectual Property Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are EUR 878 for international applications filed in English and EUR 304 for international applications filed in Korean.


RU  Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss franc (CHF) and euro (EUR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 407 and EUR 338, respectively.

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MD  Republic of Moldova

The State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD and DVD-R.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

MD  Republic of Moldova

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova), both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.
Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is EUR 100.

[Updating of Annex C(MD) and of the National Chapter, Summary (MD), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP  European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization\(^1\) – Amendment to Annex C

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

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\(^2\) This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)).
ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization\(^3\) – Amendment to Annex C

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

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\(^4\) This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.
FI Finland

Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment to Annex C

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

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Part II. [No change]”

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AT  Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Korean won (KRW), Singapore dollar (SGD) and South African rand (ZAR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2012, are KRW 2,642,000, SGD 2,950 and ZAR 18,400, respectively.

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

AU  Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Singapore dollar (SGD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is SGD 2,550.

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

BR  Brazil

A new equivalent amount in Brazilian real (BRL) has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is BRL 382.

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

EP  European Patent Organisation

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified new amounts of fees in euro (EUR), payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

- Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)): EUR 1,875
- Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)): EUR 1,875
- Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): EUR 830
- Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)): EUR 220

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in Swiss franc (CHF), Danish krone (DKK), pound sterling (GBP), Icelandic krona (ISK), Japanese yen (JPY), Malawian kwacha (MWK), Norwegian krone (NOK), New Zealand dollar (NZD), Swedish krona (SEK), Singapore dollar (SGD), US dollar (USD) and South African rand (ZAR). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:
Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in Swiss franc (CHF) has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 2,264.

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in euro (EUR), also payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rules 13ter.1(c) and 45bis.5(c)):

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in euro (EUR), payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):
Additional preliminary examination fee:
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):

ES Spain

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in euro (EUR), payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are EUR 1,875 for each of the fees.
Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 2,264 and USD 2,426, respectively.

[Updutting of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**FI Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are EUR 1,875 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 2,264 and USD 2,426, respectively.

[Updutting of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 2,264.

[Updutting of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**NZ New Zealand**

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2012, are as follows:

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**SE  Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and of new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, applicable from 1 April 2012 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for an supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 2,264.

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

**XN  Nordic Patent Institute**

New amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable to the **Nordic Patent Institute** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are DKK 13,940 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

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[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 2,264.

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

**RECEIVING OFFICES**

**TH Thailand**

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP)** has specified the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 1 February 2012, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP).

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
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**Deposits of Microorganisms and Other Biological Material:**

- **Institutions with Which Deposits May Be Made**
  - DE Germany
  - JP Japan

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU  Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is USD 2,041.

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

EP  European Patent Organisation

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified new amounts of fees in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

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Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in euro (EUR), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2012. The consolidated list of the said components should read as follows:

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– for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 555

Search fee:
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 840
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,165

Fee for further processing:
– in the event of late payment of a fee: [No change]
– other cases: EUR 240

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: EUR 220

Examination fee:
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,730
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,730
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,555

Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 445

The Office has also notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in euro (EUR), for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is EUR 990, and applies to international applications filed up to and including 30 June 2013, where the fee for the supplementary European search is paid on or after 1 April 2012.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in New Zealand dollar (NZD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is NZD 2,490.

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

DE Germany

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the DSMZ – Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, applicable since 31 October 2011. The name of the authority is now: Leibniz Institute DSMZ – German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the Japan Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD), National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, applicable from 1 April 2012. The name of the authority will be: International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD), National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE).

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
OFFICIAL NOTICES (PCT GAZETTE)

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A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its forty-second (18th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2011 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=23139.

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2012 and consist in:

(i) effectively extending the time limit within which the applicant can request the International Bureau to obtain a priority document from a digital library and removing the (unused) option of requesting that a receiving Office obtain a priority document that way (amendments to PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis));

(ii) clarifying that PCT Rule 20.7(b) should only apply where neither a correction under PCT Article 11(2) nor a notice confirming the incorporation by reference under PCT Rule 20.6(a) is received by the receiving Office within the applicable time limit (amendments to PCT Rule 20.7(b));

(iii) incorporating patent documents of the People’s Republic of China into the PCT minimum documentation used in carrying out international searches (amendments to PCT Rule 34);

(iv) adding a general provision for the excuse of delay in meeting certain PCT time limits due to “force majeure” circumstances beyond the control of the applicant (deletion of PCT Rule 82.2 and addition of new PCT Rule 82quater).

The text of the amendments is reproduced below.

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1 The amendments to Rule 17.1(b-bis) shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit under amended Rule 17.1(b-bis) expires on or after 1 July 2012.

2 The amendments to Rule 20.7(b) shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 1 July 2012.

3 The amendments to Rule 34 shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which an international search is carried out on or after 1 July 2012.

4 Rule 82.2 as in force before 1 July 2012, shall continue to apply to any international application whose international filing date is before 1 July 2012, and in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in Rule 82.1(c) as applicable by virtue of Rule 82.2(b) expires on or after 1 July 2012.

New Rule 82quater shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in new Rule 82quater.1(a) expires on or after 1 July 2012.
AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT  
(to enter into force on 1 July 2012)

Rule 17  
The Priority Document

17.1  Obligation to Submit Copy of Earlier National or International Application

(a) and (b)  [No change]

(b-bis) Where the priority document is, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, made available to the International Bureau from a digital library prior to the date of international publication of the international application, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the International Bureau, prior to the date of international publication, to obtain the priority document from such digital library.

(c) and (d)  [No change]

17.2  [No change]

Rule 20  
International Filing Date

20.1 to 20.6  [No change]

20.7  Time Limit

(a)  [No change]

(b) Where neither a correction under Article 11(2) nor a notice under Rule 20.6(a) confirming the incorporation by reference of an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is received by the receiving Office prior to the expiration of the applicable time limit under paragraph (a), any such correction or notice received by that Office after the expiration of that time limit but before it sends a notification to the applicant under Rule 20.4(i) shall be considered to have been received within that time limit.

20.8  [No change]

Rule 34  
Minimum Documentation

34.1  Definition

(a) and (b)  [No change]

(c) Subject to paragraphs (d) and (e), the “national patent documents” shall be the following:

(i)  [no change]
(ii) the patents issued by the Federal Republic of Germany, the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation,

(iii) to (vi) [no change]

(d) [No change]

(e) Any International Searching Authority whose official language, or one of whose official languages, is not Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian or Spanish is entitled not to include in its documentation those patent documents of the People’s Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the former Soviet Union as well as those patent documents in the Spanish language, respectively, for which no abstracts in the English language are generally available. English abstracts becoming generally available after the date of entry into force of these Regulations shall require the inclusion of the patent documents to which the abstracts refer no later than six months after such abstracts become generally available. In case of the interruption of abstracting services in English in technical fields in which English abstracts were formerly generally available, the Assembly shall take appropriate measures to provide for the prompt restoration of such services in the said fields.

(f) [No change]

Rule 82
Irregularities in the Mail Service

82.1 [No change]

82.2 [Deleted]

Rule 82quater
Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits

82quater.1  *Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits*

(a) Any interested party may offer evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity or other like reason in the locality where the interested party resides, has his place of business or is staying, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) Any such evidence shall be addressed to the Office, Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, not later than six months after the expiration of the time limit applicable in the given case. If such circumstances are proven to the satisfaction of the addressee, delay in meeting the time limit shall be excused.

(c) The excuse of a delay need not be taken into account by any designated or elected Office before which the applicant, at the time the decision to excuse the delay is taken, has already performed the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39.
INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ES  Spain

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Paseo de la Castellana 75, 28071 Madrid, Spain
Facsimile machine: (34-91) 349 55 97

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

QA  Qatar

The Intellectual Property Center has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (974) 4484 2292
Facsimile machine: (974) 4483 5423

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

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RU  Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is USD 453.

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

US  United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in South African rand (ZAR) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is ZAR 15,930.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
XN  Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), a new equivalent amount of the search fee has been established in euro (EUR). This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is EUR 1,875.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

RW  Rwanda

The Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda) has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Rwanda with the Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda), with effect since 31 January 2012.
# OFFICIAL NOTICES (PCT GAZETTE)

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 111, 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2012.

These modifications are consequential to amendments of the Regulations under the PCT (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis) and new PCT Rule 82quater) which will enter into force on 1 July 2012 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 March 2012, pages 47 et seq.) and concern the excuse of delay in meeting certain PCT time limits due to “force majeure” circumstances (Section 111), the availability of priority documents from digital libraries (Section 715) and the request by the applicant for the retrieval of a priority document from a digital library (Section 716).

The modifications relating to amended PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis) are applicable to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit under that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012. The modifications relating to new PCT Rule 82quater are applicable to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2012 (PCT/AI/14) is available on the WIPO website at:


TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 July 2012)

Section 111
Procedure in the Case of Excuse of the Delay in Meeting Certain Time Limits under Rule 82quater

Where an Office in its capacity as a receiving Office, an International Searching Authority, an Authority specified for supplementary search or an International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a request under Rule 82quater for the excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit, it shall promptly:

(i) communicate its decision whether or not to excuse such a delay to the interested party; and

(ii) transmit a copy of such a request, a copy of any evidence furnished and of its decision to the International Bureau.
Section 715
Availability of Priority Documents from Digital Libraries

(a) For the purposes of Rules 17.1(b-bis), 17.1(d) (where applicable, as applicable by virtue of Rules 17.1(c) and 82ter.1(b)), 66.7(a) (where applicable, as applicable by virtue of Rule 43bis.1(b)) and 91.1(e), a priority document shall be considered to be available from a digital library to the International Bureau, a designated Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be:

(i) if the Office or Authority concerned has notified the International Bureau, or the International Bureau has declared, as the case may be, that it is prepared to obtain priority documents from that digital library; and

(ii) the priority document concerned is held in that digital library and the applicant has, to the extent required by the procedures for accessing the relevant digital library, authorized the Office or Authority concerned or the International Bureau, as the case may be, to access that priority document.

(b) A notification to the International Bureau under paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents by

(i) the International Bureau; or

(ii) an Office in its capacity as designated Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority,

that it is prepared to obtain priority documents via the Digital Access Service shall be taken as a declaration or notification under paragraph (a)(i) that the International Bureau or Office acting in the relevant capacity will obtain priority documents through the Digital Access Service from any digital library which has been the subject of a notification in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Framework Provisions, including libraries for which such a notification is subsequently made with effect prior to the date on which the Office or Bureau is requested to retrieve the priority document.

(c) to (e) [No change]

Section 716
Request that Priority Document Be Obtained from a Digital Library under Rule 17.1(b-bis)

(a) Any request under Rule 17.1(b-bis):

(i) shall identify the priority document concerned in accordance with Rule 4.10(a); and

(ii) shall, where required, include the access code provided to the applicant by the International Bureau or by the Office with which the earlier application was filed.

(b) Where the applicant, in accordance with Rule 17.1(b-bis) and paragraph (a) of this Section, requests the International Bureau to obtain a priority document which, in accordance with Section 715(a), is considered to be available from a digital library to it, but the International Bureau finds that the priority document is in fact not available to it, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant, giving the
opportunity to furnish the priority document to it, or to ensure that the document is made available to it from a digital library, within a time limit of not less than two months from the date of the notification or within the time limit specified in Rule 17.1(a), whichever time limit expires later. Where the priority document is furnished or becomes available to the International Bureau within that time limit, the requirements of Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) shall be considered to have been met. If the priority document is not so furnished or does not become available within that time limit, the request that the document be obtained from a digital library shall be considered not to have been made.

(c) Where the applicant requests the International Bureau under Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) to obtain a priority document from a digital library but that request does not comply with the requirements of that Rule and paragraph (a) of this Section, or the priority document concerned is not considered to be available to it in accordance with Section 715(a), the International Bureau shall promptly inform the applicant accordingly.

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**FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

**DK** Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Danish krone (DKK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 February 2012, is DKK 300 (the additional amount of DKK 4 per page being no longer applicable).

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

**JP** Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is JPY 10,000.

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

**FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES**

**JP** Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that, with effect from 1 April 2012, it will accept, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PT Portugal

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) has notified a change in its facsimile number, which is now: (351-21) 886 98 59.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Australian dollar (AUD) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are AUD 1,070 for international applications filed in English and AUD 370 for international applications filed in Korean.


ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in South African rand (ZAR) have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

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

AU Australia

The Australian Patent Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the applicant enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 90(a) of the Patents Act 1990 (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted).

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

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation


The Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 15 May 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e)) [No change]

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):
- if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority [No change]
- if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority [No change]

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):
- if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority [No change]
- if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority [No change]

Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e)) [No change]

Late furnishing fee (Rule 13ter.1(c)) [No change]

Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):
- patent document, per page 23.60
- non-patent document, per page 59

Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page 94.40

**Part II. [No change]**

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**FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

**JP  Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

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

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) has notified new amounts of fees, in Russian rouble (RUB), payable to the Office as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable from 15 May 2012, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

The applicant receives together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

RUB 23.60 per page for a patent document
RUB 59 per page for a non-patent document

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

Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3):^2

RUB 11,800 (18,880^3)

Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):

RUB 4,130

Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

The applicant receives together with the supplementary international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

RUB 23.60 per page for a patent document
RUB 59 per page for a non-patent document

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

^2 The equivalent amount of this fee in Swiss franc (CHF) is payable to the International Bureau at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation applicable on the date of payment.

^3 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):

The applicant receives together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

- RUB 23.60 per page for a patent document
- RUB 59 per page for a non-patent document

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):

- RUB 94.40 per page

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

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

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the National Industrial Property Institute has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 26 March 2012, as follows:

Colección Chilena de Recursos Genéticos Microbianos (CChRGM)
Avenida Vicente Méndez 515
Chillán, Región VIII
Chile

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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LT Lithuania

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania has notified changes, applicable since 3 February 2012, concerning:

– its requirements as to whether it would accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1) – it continues to accept such evidence, but has removed the requirement that the delivery service should be DHL or Federal Express;

– the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent should now refer to Article 66 of the Patent Law of the Republic of Lithuania, and the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent should now refer to Article 78 of that Law.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania has notified changes, applicable since 3 February 2012, concerning:

– the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) – it now accepts Lithuanian in addition to English and Russian;

– whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the applicant resides in the European Economic Area (EEA), one is required if the applicant does not reside in the EEA.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51bis, applicable since 3 February 2012. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

1 If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the European Economic Area (EEA)
Correspondence address in Lithuania if the applicant is not resident in Lithuania

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

**FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

**LT Lithuania**

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, i.e., the claim fee for each claim in excess of 15, in Lithuanian litas (LTL), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office\(^2\). This amount, applicable since 3 February 2012, is LTL 50.

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

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3**

**LT Lithuania**

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in Lithuanian litas (LTL), payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 3 February 2012. The amount of this fee is LTL 400.

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

\(^2\) If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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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 June 2012, is JPY 206,900.


IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in Icelandic krona (ISK) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

- International filing fee: ISK 184,800
- Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ISK 2,100
- Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
  - PCT-EASY: ISK 13,900
  - Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): ISK 27,800
  - Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): ISK 41,700

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

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in Japanese yen (JPY) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

- International filing fee: JPY 121,700
- Fee per sheet in excess of 30: JPY 1,400
- Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
  - PCT-EASY: JPY 9,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): JPY 27,400

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in Japanese yen (JPY) has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2012, is JPY 18,300.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL  Israel

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

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.

The Agreement will enter into force on that date. The text of the Agreement as signed on 21 September 2010 corresponds to that of the draft Agreement which was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 39 \textit{et seq.}

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17\textsuperscript{th} ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, to appoint the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority\(^2\), that appointment will also have effect from 1 June 2012.

The Office has notified that it will initially operate as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority only for applications filed with it as receiving Office or for applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office by applicants who are eligible to file with the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the necessary information to complete the Agreement. Annex C will thus read as follows:

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\textbf{Annex C}  \\
\textbf{Fees and Charges}  \\
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\textbf{Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges}

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Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) & 3,500 \\
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) & 3,500 \\
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) & 1,500 \\
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) & 1,500 \\
\hline
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\(^2\) See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, page 30.
Late payment fee for preliminary examination  [amount as set out in Rule 58bis]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)) 0
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2) 450
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page 3.20

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

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) and (5) [No change]”

JP  Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization3 – Amendment to Annex C

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Japan Patent Office, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to amendments of Part II of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 May 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I.  [No change]

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

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of 28,000 Japanese yen shall be refunded upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [no change]

(3) and (4) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL  Israel

The Israel Patent Office has notified several fees, in new Israel shekel (ILS), payable to the Office as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 June 2012, the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau in relation to the functioning of the Office as an International Searching and International Preliminary Authority under the PCT (see this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), pages 70 et seq.). The fees are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ILS 3,500

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ILS 3,500

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), per page: ILS 3.20

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)): ILS 450

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ILS 1,500

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ILS 1,500

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2), per page: ILS 3.20

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), per page: ILS 3.20

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2): ILS 450

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD) for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are CHF 849, EUR 705 and USD 940, respectively.

In addition, the Office has notified the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by it, applicable from 1 June 2012, as follows:
Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

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

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit

Also, the Office has notified the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the preliminary examination fee payable for an international preliminary examination carried out by it, applicable from 1 June 2012, as follows:

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

In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%

Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%

Finally, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), an equivalent amount of the handling fee has been established in new Israel shekel (ILS). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is ILS 824.

**JP  Japan**

The Japan Patent Office has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 May 2012. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

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

Refund of JPY 28,000 upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;

(ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

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

IL   Israel

The Israel Patent Office has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2012 with the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by applicants who are eligible to file with the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

LT   Lithuania

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12960), the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 3 February 2012. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies to the Office since that date.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2

LT   Lithuania

Under PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with effect since 3 February 2012.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in Lithuanian litas (LTL), payable to it as designated Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 3 February 2012, is LTL 400.

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

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

contactcenteruibm@sviluppoeconomico.gov.it

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

US  United States of America

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

www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pct/index.jsp

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ  New Zealand

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media in addition to the 3.5 inch diskette: CD-R, CD-ROM, CD-RW.

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

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

BN Brunei Darussalam

On 24 April 2012, Brunei Darussalam deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 24 July 2012, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 24 July 2012 will automatically include the designation of Brunei Darussalam (country code: BN).

Brunei Darussalam will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 24 July 2012. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam will be entitled, as from 24 July 2012, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

Information on the requirements of the Israel Patent Office as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(IL) and E(IL), which are published on the following pages.
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):² ILS 3,500

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)): ILS 450

Languages accepted for international search: English

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

Types of electronic carrier required: CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R

Subject matter that will not be searched: The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Israeli national applications

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required: Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required: Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing

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¹ The Israel Patent Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.
² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).
³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.
⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(c) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).
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**Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:**
- Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.
- In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%.
- Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%.

**Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):** None

**Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):** ILS 450

**Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:** English

**Subject matter that will not be examined:**
The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Israeli national applications.

**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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1 The Israel Patent Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.
2 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.
3 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.
4 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(II)).
5 Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GB  United Kingdom

The United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) has notified a change in its addresses, which now read as follows:

Location and mailing address: Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales NP10 8QQ, United Kingdom [unchanged]
Filings by hand may additionally be made at:
1st Floor, 4 Abbey Orchard Street, London SW1P 2HT, United Kingdom

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI  Finland

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified new amounts of the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These amounts, applicable since 1 November 2011, are EUR 450 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) and of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IL  Israel

Further to the information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 April 2012, page 74, the Israel Patent Office has clarified that it is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2012 only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

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

ES Spain

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in euro (EUR), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2011, as follows:

Filing fee: EUR 72
Electronic filing fee: EUR 61.20

[Upd ating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

SE Sweden

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified new amounts of the fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), in Swedish krona (SEK), payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable since 1 April 2012, as follows:

For the first nine pages: None
For 10 pages: SEK 50
For each page in excess of 10: SEK 2

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

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

BG Bulgaria

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, applicable from 1 June 2012, as follows:

49 St Kliment Ohridski Blvd., Bldg. 3
1756 Sofia
Bulgaria

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The Australian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

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Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The Australian Patent Office has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in Australian dollar (AUD), payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2012, is AUD 200.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in Australian dollar (AUD), payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2012, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): AUD 2,200
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): AUD 2,200

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR), Korean won (KRW), New Zealand dollar (NZD), Singapore dollar (SGD), US dollar (USD) and South African rand (ZAR). These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2012, are as follows:

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in Australian dollar (AUD), payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2012, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): AUD 590 (820)

The amount in parentheses is payable where the international search report was not issued by the Office.

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): AUD 590

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

KR Republic of Korea

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in Korean won (KRW), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 27 July 2010, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: KRW 58,000 plus KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20²

² This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.
For utility model:

Filing fee: KRW 27,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20

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

3 This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR  Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2012, are CHF 893, EUR 743 and USD 955, respectively.

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

CA  Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2012, is CHF 1,473.

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

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

IL  Israel

The **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 July 2012, it will be ready to receive fully electronic international applications online through its website. Consequently, the following notification will replace the previous notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 October 2011, pages 143 et seq., with effect from 1 July 2012.

“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)

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

– online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d)); the WASP is prepared using the PCT-SAFE software, however, it is then uploaded and submitted to the receiving Office through its website (www.justice.gov.il/MOJHeb/RashamHaptentim/PCT/)
filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

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

– WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
– WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

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

– PCT-SAFE software

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

– facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
– enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

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

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

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users relating, in particular, to the uploading and submission of the international application through the Office’s website. The help desk will be available between 8:00 am and 16:00 pm, Sunday to Thursday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at (972-2) 5651 707
– by fax at (972-2) 5651 616
– by e-mail at PCT.Customer-serv@justice.gov.il

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format using the PCT-SAFE software, applicants may also contact the PCT e-Services Help Desk at WIPO directly:

– by telephone at (+41 22) 338 95 23
The Help Desk is available from 9:00 to 18:00 pm (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays.

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

- international applications
- other documents, if any

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

The Office will accept 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.justice.gov.il/MOJHeb/RashamHaptentim/PCT/).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

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

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

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”
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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

PA Panama

On 7 June 2012, Panama deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 7 September 2012, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 7 September 2012 will automatically include the designation of Panama (country code: PA).

Panama will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 7 September 2012. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Panama will be entitled, as from 7 September 2012, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

Because of an official event, the National Institute of Industrial Property is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 20 to 22 June 2012, inclusive.

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 falls on any of the aforementioned days, that period is extended so as to expire on 25 June 2012.

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 August 2012, is JPY 186,800.

JP  Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss franc (CHF) and 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 August 2012, are CHF 844 and EUR 702, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, consisting in the addition of a new Part 8, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2012.

These modifications relate to the introduction of a PCT third party observation system, which is expected to be made available with effect from 2 July 2012, for use in making observations on any international application for which the time limit of 28 months from the priority date has not expired before that date.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/14 Rev.), as in force from 1 July 2012, is available on the WIPO website at:


This text replaces document PCT/AI/14, containing a first set of modifications to the Administrative Instructions with effect from 1 July 2012 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 March 2012, pages 53 et seq.), and includes these modifications, without further change, in addition to the above modifications.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 July 2012)

PART 8
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO OBSERVATIONS BY THIRD PARTIES

Section 801
Third Party Observation System

(a) The International Bureau shall provide an electronic system for third parties to make observations referring to prior art which they believe to be relevant to the question of whether the invention claimed in the international application is new and/or involves an inventive step (“third party observation system”).

(b) The third party observation system:
   (i) shall provide a third party with the option to remain anonymous;
   (ii) shall allow observations to include a brief explanation of the relevance of each prior art document referred to in the observation and to include a copy of the prior art document;
   (iii) may limit the number of prior art documents which may be referred to in one observation; and
   (iv) may limit the number of observations permitted to be made in relation to one international application, per third party and in total.
(c) The International Bureau shall take technical steps to prevent abuse of the third party observation system.

(d) The International Bureau may temporarily or indefinitely suspend the use of the third party observation system if it considers it necessary to do so.

Section 802
Filing of a Third Party Observation

(a) An observation by a third party made in relation to an international application shall:

(i) be submitted to the International Bureau through the third party observation system as provided in Section 801;

(ii) be submitted between the date of international publication and 28 months from the priority date of the international application indicated;

(iii) be in a language of publication, with the exception that copies of submitted prior art documents may be in any language;

(iv) relate to the international application indicated;

(v) refer to prior art;

(vi) be free of viruses or other forms of malicious logic;

(vii) be free of comments or other matter not relevant to the question of novelty or inventive step of the invention claimed in the international application; and

(viii) be free of comments or other matter which are an abuse of the third party observation system.

(b) Any purported observation by a third party which, in the view of the International Bureau, appears not to be in compliance with paragraph (a) shall not be treated as a third party observation. The International Bureau shall inform the third party accordingly, unless the purported observation appears to be a clear attempt at abuse of the system. The purported observation shall not be open to public inspection and shall not be communicated to the applicant, any International Authority or any designated Office.

Section 803
Availability of an Observation and Related Information

(a) Any third party observation shall be promptly made available for public inspection, with the exception that copies of prior art documents uploaded through the system shall be made available only to the applicant, competent International Authorities and designated Offices.

(b) Where the third party requests the International Bureau to remain anonymous as provided in Section 801(b), the International Bureau shall not reveal any details of the third party to the public, the applicant, any International Authority or any designated Office.
Section 804
Notification of Receipt of an Observation to the Applicant
and Comments by the Applicant in Response to an Observation

(a) The International Bureau shall notify the applicant when the first third party observation is received in relation to an international application. If further observations are received, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant of the receipt of all further observations promptly after the expiration of 28 months from the priority date.

(b) The applicant may, within 30 months from the priority date, submit comments in response to any third party observation which has been received. The comments shall be submitted in English, French or the language of publication of the international application, at the choice of the applicant, and shall be promptly made available for public inspection.

Section 805
Communication of Observations and Comments
to International Authorities and Designated Offices

(a) The International Bureau shall communicate any third party observation and any comment by the applicant promptly to the International Searching Authority specified to carry out the international search, the International Searching Authority specified to carry out the supplementary international search and the International Preliminary Examining Authority specified to carry out the international preliminary examination, unless the international search report, the supplementary international search report or the international preliminary examination report, respectively, has already been received by the International Bureau.

(b) Promptly after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date, the International Bureau shall communicate any third party observation and any comment by the applicant to all designated Offices, subject to Rule 93bis. The designated Offices shall not be obliged to take either the observations or any comments into account during national processing.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

A new equivalent amount in Brazilian real (BRL) has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2012, is BRL 426.

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

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in Canadian dollar (CAD) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2012, are as follows:
**International filing fee:** \(\text{CAD} \ 1,445\)

**Fee per sheet in excess of 30:** \(\text{CAD} \ 16\)

**Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):**

- **PCT-EASY:** \(\text{CAD} \ 109\)
- **Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):** \(\text{CAD} \ 217\)
- **Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):** \(\text{CAD} \ 326\)

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2012, is CAD 217.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
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JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in Japanese yen (JPY) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2012, are as follows:

- International filing fee: JPY 110,300
- Fee per sheet in excess of 30: JPY 1,200
- Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
  - PCT-EASY: JPY 8,300
  - Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): JPY 24,900

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in Japanese yen (JPY) has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2012, is JPY 16,600.


RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent). This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is USD 413.

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

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in Singapore dollar (SGD) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2012, are as follows:
International filing fee: SGD 1,773
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: SGD 20
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
PCT-EASY: SGD 133

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the \textit{PCT Applicant’s Guide}]
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US  United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in New Zealand dollar (NZD) and South African rand (ZAR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2012, are NZD 2,750 and ZAR 17,670, respectively.

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

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

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau,
in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments
to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2012. The
amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has
been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the
Austrian Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is USD 2,244.

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

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CN  China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in euro (EUR) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is EUR 263.

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

ES  Spain

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in euro (EUR), payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2012, are EUR 72.78 and EUR 29.11, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in euro (EUR), payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable since 1 July 2012, are EUR 572.15 for each of the fees.

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

JP  Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Korean won (KRW) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is KRW 1,031,000.

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

LV  Latvia

The Latvian Patent Office has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in Latvian lat (LVL), payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2012, are LVL 48.40 and LVL 12.10, respectively.

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

**CL  Chile**

The National Institute of Industrial Property has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Av. Libertador Bernardo O’Higgins 194, Piso 1  
Santiago  
Chile

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

**IT  Italy**

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified a change concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent – after publication by the EPO of the international application in a translation into one of its official languages furnished to it, the applicant may, as from the date on which a translation into Italian of the claims is made available to the public or communicated to the user, obtain damages and possibly the description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent and anything used in the making thereof.

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

**FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

**ES  Spain**

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has specified, concerning its conditions for refund of the search fee and of the preliminary examination fee payable for an international search or an international preliminary examination carried out by the Office, that any refund of money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, must be requested by the applicant.

[Updating of Annexes D(ES) and E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**KR  Republic of Korea**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss franc (CHF) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Korean Intellectual Property Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2012, are CHF 1,075 for international applications filed in English and CHF 372 for international applications filed in Korean.

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

CA Canada

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has clarified that it is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

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

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the applicants are also the inventors, one is required if any applicant is not also the inventor.

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

IT Italy

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified that an address for service is no longer required if the applicant does not reside in Italy.

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

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

AU Australia

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the National Measurement Institute (NMI), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The address is now as follows:

1/153, Bertie Street
Port Melbourne, VIC 3207
Australia

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DE Germany

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has specified the following concerning the filing fee components of the national fee for a patent and for a utility model:

The filing fee for entry into the national phase is calculated on the basis of the number of claims in the international application as originally filed, and not as subsequently reduced, if applicable. A subsequent addition of claims may increase the amount of the filing fee. For further general information, refer to http://www.dpma.de/english/patent/fees/index.html

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

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic) has notified the amounts of several components of the national fee, in Syrian pound (SYP), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 30 May 2012, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: SYP 5,000 (250)
Annual fee:²
– for the 2nd year: SYP 5,500 (300)
– for the 3rd year: SYP 6,000 (350)
Examination fee: SYP 20,000 (2,000)
Reexamination fee: SYP 10,000 (1,000)
Additional fee for each page in excess of 30: SYP 50 (10)
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10: SYP 500 (250)

¹ The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a natural person.
² The amount of this fee is reduced by 90% for students and microenterprises, and by 50% for small enterprises.
For a utility model:

- **Filing fee:** SYP 4,000 (200)
- **Annual fee:**
  - for the 2nd year: SYP 4,500 (250)
  - for the 3rd year: SYP 5,000 (300)
- **Examination fee:** SYP 10,000 (1,000)
- **Reexamination fee:** SYP 5,000 (500)
- **Additional fee for each page in excess of 30:** SYP 50 (10)

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

### RECEIVING OFFICES

**DE Germany**

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office. These requirements are now as follows:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law\(^4\) resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany\(^5\)

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

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\(^3\) The amount of this fee is reduced by 90% for students and microenterprises, and by 50% for small enterprises.

\(^4\) The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 Munich, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

\(^5\) In accordance with the provisions of the Legal Services Act (Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG).
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must be furnished within 14 days from the date of the transmission if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application, and only upon invitation in the case of other documents;

– provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – the language requirements have been modified for international publications filed on or after 1 November 2011; as from that date, the applicant is given provisional protection if he furnishes a translation into English, Finnish or Swedish or, if the application was filed in one of these languages, a copy of the application as filed.

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

RO Romania

The State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) has notified changes in its location and mailing address, its telephone numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 5, Ion Ghica Street, 030044, Bucharest 3, Romania

Telephone: (40-21) 306 08 00, 306 08 01 to 306 08 29

E-mail: office@osim.ro

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Romania is designated (or elected) – if not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement until the decision to grant the patent is taken (Article 14(3) of Law No. 64/1991 on Patents, as republished).

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

RO  Romania

The State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) has notified a change in the name of the currency of payment of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) payable to the Office as receiving Office, from Romanian leu (ROL) to new leu (RON), the amounts of these fees remaining unchanged.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

FI  Finland

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland has notified changes concerning:

– the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation can be furnished in English, Finnish or Swedish for applications filed on or after 1 November 2011;

– its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2011, a copy is not required where the application was filed in a language other than English, Finnish or Swedish, whereas it is required where the application was filed in one of these languages;

– one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51bis – the translation of the international application should now be furnished in one copy for a patent and one copy for a utility model.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The Australian Patent Office as receiving Office has notified that it will accept, from 16 October 2012, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R.

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

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AU Australia

Under Section 513(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Australian Patent Office as International Searching Authority has notified a change in the type of electronic medium that it is prepared to accept, from 16 October 2012, for the furnishing in electronic form of sequence listings, as follows: the entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Section 214 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 16 September 2012.

These modifications have their origin in certain changes to the patent law of the United States of America (under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act).

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 16 September 2012 (PCT/AI/15) is available on the WIPO website at:


TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 16 September 2012)

Section 214
Declaration of Inventorship

(a) A declaration of inventorship, referred to in Rule 4.17(iv), that is made for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America shall be worded as follows:

“Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv)) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/… (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that the above-identified international application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

Name:  …

Residence:  … (city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:  …

Inventor’s Signature:  … (The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)
(b) Where there is more than one inventor and all inventors do not sign the same declaration referred to in paragraph (a), each declaration shall indicate the names of all the inventors.

(c) Any correction or addition under Rule 26ter.1 of a declaration referred to in paragraph (a) shall take the form of a declaration referred to in that paragraph and be signed by the inventor. In addition, any such correction should be entitled “Supplemental declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))”.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation


The Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 22 August 2012. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C

Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):
- if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority 2,700
- if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority 4,050

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):
- if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority 2,700
- if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority 4,050

Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e)) 2,700

Late furnishing fee (Rule 13ter.1(c)) 2,050

Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):
- patent document, per page [No change]
- non-patent document, per page [No change]

Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page [No change]

**Part II. [No change]**

**FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

**GB United Kingdom**

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

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[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]
KR  Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in Korean won (KRW) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee: KRW 1,609,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: KRW 18,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
  PCT-EASY: KRW 121,000
  Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): KRW 363,000

[Updusting of Annex C(KR) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in Korean won (KRW) has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is KRW 242,000.


RU  Russian Federation

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) has notified new amounts of fees, in Russian rouble (RUB), payable to the Office as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable since 22 August 2012, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)): RUB 6,750
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)): RUB 6,750
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): RUB 2,700
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)): RUB 2,050

[Updusting of Annex D(RU) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)): RUB 2,700 (4,050)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent).

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)): RUB 2,700 (4,050)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent).

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): RUB 2,700

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 204.

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which the International Bureau will not be open for business are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, the following:

- all Saturdays and Sundays and
- 1 January 2013,
- 29 March 2013,
- 1 April 2013,
- 9 and 20 May 2013,
- 5 September 2013,
- 14 October 2013,
- 25, 26 and 31 December 2013.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern only the International Bureau and not the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP   Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The Japan Patent Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments, which entered into force on 1 July 2012, consist of the addition of Viet Nam to the States indicated in items (i) to (iii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned: Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam;
(ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned: where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam;
(iii) the following languages which it will accept:
   (a) [no change]
   (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand or Viet Nam: English;
   (c) [no change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU   Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss franc (CHF) and euro (EUR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are CHF 2,263 and EUR 1,884, respectively.

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

CN  China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Swiss franc (CHF) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is CHF 323.

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

IL  Israel

IB  International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 864.

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

IS  Iceland

New equivalent amounts in Icelandic krona (ISK) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee: ISK  174,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ISK  2,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
   PCT-EASY: ISK  13,100
   Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): ISK  26,300
   Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): ISK  39,400

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

JP  Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 891.

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

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in Swiss franc (CHF) and euro (EUR) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are CHF 2,040 and EUR 1,698, respectively.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

VN  Viet Nam

The National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam) has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Viet Nam with the National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam), with effect since 1 July 2012.

[Updating of Annex C(VN) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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EP  European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in pound sterling (GBP) and Icelandic krona (ISK) have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are GBP 1,471 and ISK 276,000, respectively.


SE  Sweden

New equivalent amounts in Swedish krona (SEK) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee: SEK 9,150
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: SEK 100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
  PCT-EASY: SEK 690
  Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): SEK 1,380
  Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): SEK 2,060

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

Furthermore, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in Icelandic krona (ISK), payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is ISK 276,000.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in Swedish krona (SEK) has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is SEK 1,380.

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Icelandic krona (ISK) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is ISK 276,000.

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

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are KRW 2,487,000 and SGD 2,730, respectively.

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

AU  Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

- International filing fee: AUD 1,293
- Fee per sheet in excess of 30: AUD 15
- Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):
  - PCT-EASY: AUD 97
  - Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): AUD 194
  - Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): AUD 292

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is ZAR 18,950.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is AUD 194.

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

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 October 2012, as follows:
(i) Where filing is by electronic means approved by the Commissioner: AUD 370

(ii) Where filing is by means other than (i): AUD 470

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**EP  European Patent Organisation**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in *Singapore dollar (SGD)* has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is SGD 2,860.

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

**RO  Romania**

The *State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)* has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from *Swiss franc (CHF)* to *euro (EUR)*. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

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

**US  United States of America**

New equivalent amounts in *US dollar (USD)* have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:


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International filing fee: USD 1,356
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: USD 15
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Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is NZD 2,580.

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 204.
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Withdrawal of Notifications by Designated Offices of Incompatibility with National Laws under PCT Rule 20.8(b)

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB  International Bureau

For the purposes of the International Bureau as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in US dollar (USD) have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): USD 102
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2): USD 51
Supplement for airmail: USD 10

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

RU  Russian Federation

Further to the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 August 2012, page 124, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD). These amounts, applicable since 22 August 2012, are CHF 205, EUR 170 and USD 211, respectively.

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

US  United States of America

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in US dollar (USD), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable from 5 October 2012. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows (the amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”):

Basic national fee: USD 390 (195)
Search fee:
- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA: [No change]
Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: USD 500 (250)

All other situations: USD 630 (315)

Examination fee:
- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- All other situations: [No change]

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: [No change]

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:

Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: [No change]

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

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

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 October 2012, and that PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 will apply in respect of international applications filed on or after that date.
WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 October 2012, and that PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 will apply in respect of international applications filed on or after that date.
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IN  India

The Patent Office (India) has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:  
Kolkata:  (91-33) 23 67 19 87,  
(91-33) 23 67 50 91 (PCT Section)  
New Delhi: (91-11) 28 03 43 10, 28 03 43 17  
Chennai:  (91-44) 22 50 20 80, 22 50 20 60  
Mumbai:  (91-22) 24 15 36 51, 24 14 81 61

Facsimile machine:  
Kolkata:  (91-33) 23 67 19 88  
New Delhi: (91-11) 28 03 43 15  
Chennai:  (91-44) 22 50 20 66  
Mumbai:  (91-22) 24 13 03 87

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA  Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in US dollar (USD) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 1,621.

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

EP  European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in Swedish krona (SEK) has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is SEK 15,460.

IN  India

The Patent Office (India) has notified a late payment fee under PCT Rule 16bis.2, in Indian rupee (INR), payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is INR 8,000 (2,000)\(^1\).

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

NO  Norway

New equivalent amounts in Norwegian krone (NOK) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2012, are as follows:

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

SE  Sweden

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in Swedish krona (SEK), payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are SEK 15,460 for each of the fees.

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

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

IN  India

The Patent Office (India) has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

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\(^1\) The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.
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Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Patent Office (India) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/). See also Indian Patents Act, Section 10(4)(d)(ii).

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TH Thailand

The Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand) has notified changes in its telephone numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (66-2) 547 4304, 547 4676
E-mail: on sireen@moc.go.th
Internet: www.ipthailand.go.th

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

PA Panama

The Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Panama with the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama), with effect since 17 September 2012.
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the International Bureau as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD) have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2013, are as follows:

- Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 83 USD 107
- Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2): EUR [No change] USD 53

Supplement for airmail:
- EUR [No change] USD 11

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days – Corrigendum

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which the International Bureau will not be open for business are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, the following:

- all Saturdays and Sundays and
- 1 and 2 January 2013,
- 29 March 2013,
- 1 April 2013,
- 9 and 20 May 2013,
- 5 September 2013,
- 14 October 2013,
- 25 and 26 December 2013.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern only the International Bureau and not the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

This information supersedes the information published in the Official Notices of 23 August 2012, page 125.
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU  Russian Federation

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent).

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP  Japan

The Japan Patent Office has notified changes to the filing fee component of the national fee, in Japanese yen (JPY), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This fee is now as follows:

For a patent: JPY 15,000
For a utility model: JPY 14,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

XN   Nordic Patent Institute

Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The Nordic Patent Institute has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which enters into force on 1 January 2013, consists of the addition of Sweden to the States indicated in item (i)(a) 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:
   (a) Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden;
   (b) [no change]
(ii) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IL   Israel

The Israel Patent Office has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:


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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SE   Sweden

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sweden with the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, with effect from 1 January 2013.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 29 and 30 October 2012.

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 either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 31 October 2012.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the Office, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82quater.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in Swedish krona (SEK), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 December 2012, as follows:

Annual fee for the first year: SEK 300
Annual fee for the second year: SEK 450
Annual fee for the third year: SEK 550

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-third (25th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 1 to 9 October 2012, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2013, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 158 to 160.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices’ currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2013, as indicated in the table published on pages 161 and 162.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2013, as indicated in the table published on page 163.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the PCT Applicant’s Guide:
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all Annexes D,
SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE) and (XN),
E(AU), (BR), (CA), (IL), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]
KR Republic of Korea

The Korean Intellectual Property Office has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the reductions under item 4(a) and (d) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from Korean won (KRW) to Swiss franc (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2013. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, will be as stated in the PCT Schedule of Fees, that is:

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1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
6. Amount applicable as from November 1, 2012.
7. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2013.
8. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2013.
9. New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2013.
10. New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2013.
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.
FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) has notified new amounts of fees, in Russian rouble (RUB), payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 22 August 2012, as follows:

Transmittal fee: RUB 850

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): RUB 850

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): RUB 400

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) which the applicant receives free of charge together with the international search report – the applicant now receives a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report. The fees charged in other cases remain unchanged.

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

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning the copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2) which the applicant receives free of charge together with the international preliminary examination report – the applicant now receives a copy of each document containing non-patent literature not cited in the international search report. The fees charged in other cases remain unchanged.

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

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in Russian rouble (RUB), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 22 August 2012, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: RUB 1,650

Examination fee
– for one invention: RUB 2,450
– for each invention in excess of one: RUB 1,950

Annual fee for the third year: RUB 850

For a utility model:

Filing fee: RUB 850
Annual fee for the first and the second year, per year: RUB 400

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

SE Sweden

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in Swedish krona (SEK), and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in Swiss franc (CHF), Danish krone (DKK), Icelandic krona (ISK), Norwegian krone (NOK) and US dollar (USD), applicable from 1 January 2013 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:
- SEK 15,900
- CHF 2,268
- DKK 13,980
- ISK 299,000
- NOK 13,860
- USD 2,419

Additional search fee: SEK 15,900

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in Swiss franc (CHF), payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2013, is CHF 2,268.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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FR  France

The National Institute of Industrial Property (France) has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its facsimile number, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 15, rue des Minimes, 92400 Courbevoie

Facsimile machine: (33) 1 56 65 86 00


US  United States of America

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has notified a change in its Internet address for PCT related material, which is now as follows:

www.uspto.gov/go/pct

Further to certain changes to the patent law of the United States of America (under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act), the provision according to which all applicants must be inventors to be entitled to file an international application designating the United States of America has been deleted.

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

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

The Japan Patent Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 December 2012, consists of the addition of Singapore to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
   Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam and Singapore;

(ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
   where the authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam and Singapore;

(iii) the following languages which it will accept:
   (a) [no change]
   (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam or Singapore: English;
   (c) [no change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP  Japan

Further to the above notification by the Japan Patent Office that it is acting, since 1 December 2012, as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Singapore, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), an equivalent amount of the search fee have been established in Singapore dollar (SGD). This amount, applicable since the same date, is SGD 1,057.

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

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RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, with effect since 1 December 2012.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

PH Philippines

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 27/2006, of 6 July 2006, page 19000), the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 April 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

PH Philippines

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 27/2006, of 6 July 2006, page 19000), the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 April 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

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

The Israel Patent Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2013. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

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"Annex C
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### FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The Israel Patent Office has notified new amounts of fees, in new Israeli sheqel (ILS), payable to the Office as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated (or elected) Office, and applicable from 1 January 2013, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ILS 546

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ILS 86

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

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Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): ILS 43 per document

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

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): ILS 43 per document

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2): ILS 43 per document

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

National fee:

Filing fee: ILS 2,000

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

**DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

**DE Germany**

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office. These requirements are now as follows:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany

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

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2 A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than 10 million ILS in the last calendar year.

3 The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 Munich, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

4 In accordance with the provisions of the Legal Services Act (Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG).
EE Estonia

The Estonian Patent Office as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-THIRD (25TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations, as well as the appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 1 to 9 October 2012 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

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

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=26257

The said amendments and appointment are outlined below.

Appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 18, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 January 2013 and will apply to any international application the international filing date of which is on or after that date. They are intended to simplify the procedures for applicants from all PCT Contracting States made possible by the enactment of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act by the Government of the United States of America and concern:

(i) PCT Rules 4.15, 53.8 and 90bis.5 in relation to the matter of signatures; and

(ii) PCT Rules 51bis.1 and 51bis.2, with the aim of simplifying the provisions which permit documents containing oaths or declarations of inventorship to be required by the designated Office in certain circumstances, and of limiting the extent to which the designated Office may require further documents or evidence relating to such oaths and declarations furnished during the international phase.

The text of the amendments is reproduced thereafter.
AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 January 2013)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 to 4.14bis [No change]

4.15 Signature

The request shall be signed by the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, by all of them.

4.16 to 4.19 [No change]

Rule 51bis
Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27

51bis.1 Certain National Requirements Allowed

(a) Subject to Rule 51bis.2, the national law applicable by the designated Office may, in accordance with Article 27, require the applicant to furnish, in particular:

(i) to (iii) [no change]

(iv) where the international application designates a State whose national law requires, on October 9, 2012, the furnishing of an oath or declaration of inventorship, any document containing an oath or declaration of inventorship,

(v) to (vii) [no change]

(b) to (f) [No change]

51bis.2 Certain Circumstances in Which Documents or Evidence May Not Be Required

The designated Office shall not, unless it may reasonably doubt the veracity of the indications or declaration concerned, require any document or evidence:

(i) relating to the identity of the inventor (Rule 51bis.1(a)(i)) (other than a document containing an oath or declaration of inventorship (Rule 51bis.1(a)(iv)), if indications concerning the inventor, in accordance with Rule 4.6, are contained in the request or if a declaration as to the identity of the inventor, in accordance with Rule 4.17(i), is contained in the request or is submitted directly to the designated Office;

(ii) [no change]

(iii) relating to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of an earlier application (Rule 51bis.1(a)(iii)), if a declaration as to that matter, in accordance with Rule 4.17(iii), is contained in the request or is submitted directly to the designated Office;
(iv) containing an oath or declaration of inventorship (Rule 51bis.1(a)(iv)), if a declaration of inventorship, in accordance with Rule 4.17(iv), is contained in the request or is submitted directly to the designated Office.

51bis.3  [No change]

**Rule 53**

The Demand

53.1 to 53.7  [No change]

53.8  **Signature**

The demand shall be signed by the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, by all applicants making the demand.

53.9  [No change]

**Rule 90bis**

Withdrawals

90bis.1 to 90bis.4  [No change]

90bis.5  **Signature**

Any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4 shall be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, by all of them. An applicant who is considered to be the common representative under Rule 90.2(b) shall not be entitled to sign such a notice on behalf of the other applicants.

90bis.6 and 90bis.7  [No change]

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**

**US  United States of America**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United States of America is designated (or elected) – these data may now be in the request or may be furnished later; if they are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]
FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

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

On 26 November 2012, the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia), in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2013, 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)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

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

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

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

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software
As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
– enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

The 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 and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at +385 1 6106 103
– by fax at + 385 1 6112 017
– by e-mail at olf@dziv.hr

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

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

The Office will accept 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.dziv.hr).

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)):

– European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”