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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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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 January 2013. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	577.87
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	577.87
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

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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 January 2013, are EUR 73.51 and EUR 29.40, 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 January 2013, are EUR 577.87 for each of the fees.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

TH Thailand

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (TH), which is published on the following pages.

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**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY (DIP) (THAILAND)**

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Thai
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ²), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, 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 ²)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Baht (THB) For patent: Filing fee: THB 500 For petty patent: Filing fee: THB 250
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{3, 4} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ⁴ Statement justifying the applicant's right to the invention ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Thailand Power of attorney if an agent is appointed ⁴

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the translation of the international application furnished by the applicant consists only in the translation of the international application either as originally filed or as amended, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation of the international application; if the missing translation of the international application is still not furnished within the time limit applicable under Thai Patent Law, the international application will be considered to be withdrawn.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement and to pay the required fee within a time limit of 90 days from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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(or elected) Office**

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**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
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Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office⁵

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

⁵ A list of patent agents may be obtained from the Office.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel – Corrigendum

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

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the amendments to Part I of Annex C of the above-mentioned Agreement, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2012, page 173, is erroneous. These amendments enter into force on 1 February 2013.

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IL Israel – Corrigendum

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the new amounts, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), the fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2) and the fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), payable to the **Israel Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2012, pages 173 and 174, is erroneous. These amounts are applicable from 1 February 2013.

[Updating of Annexes D(IL) and E(IL) 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 March 2013, is KRW 917,000.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

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

LT Lithuania

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 89*bis*.1.

On 30 November 2012, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.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 since 15 December 2012, 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 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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

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 Monday to Friday (except public holidays) from 9:00 to 15:00 (GMT+2). The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +370 5 278 0254
- by e-mail at martinas.gladysevas@vpb.gov.lt

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.vpb.lt).

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)):

- EPO customer CA (see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security/smart-cards.html)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

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

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

PT Portugal

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 89*bis*.1.

On 18 January 2013, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.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 25 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 or 3.5 inch diskette (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)):

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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 4:30 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +21 881 81 00

- by fax at +21 886 98 59
- by e-mail at atm@inpi.pt

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 the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inpi.pt).

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)):

- EPO customer CA (see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security/smart-cards.html)
- Portuguese Electronic ID (see www.scee.gov.pt/ecee/en/)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

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

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

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** 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 1 January 2013, as follows:

Claim fee for each claim in excess of five:	RUB	3,200
Examination fee:		
– for one invention:	RUB	25,500
– additional fee for second invention:	RUB	19,000
– additional fee for third, fourth and fifth invention, per invention:	RUB	9,500

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

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 March 2013, is JPY 206,700.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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 March 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	121,400
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*]

Furthermore, 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 **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2013, are CHF 767, EUR 635 and USD 834, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(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 March 2013, is JPY 18,300.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (358) (0) 29 509 5000

Facsimile machine: (358) (0) 29 509 5328

However, the old numbers remain valid until further notice.

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

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: Prinses Beatrixlaan 2,
2595 AL Den Haag,
Netherlands

Mailing address: P.O. Box 10366,
2501 HJ Den Haag,
Netherlands

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia), with effect since 28 January 2013.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified a change concerning the sending of notifications via e-mail by the Office in respect of international applications – the Office now sends notifications through this medium.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office. Two copies must now be filed instead of three.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2013, is ISK 321,000.

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

SE Sweden

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, applicable from 1 April 2013, is ISK 321,000.

[Updating of Annex D(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 April 2013, is ISK 321,000.

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

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** 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 May 2013, are CHF 687, EUR 559, KRW 842,000, SGD 955 and USD 756, respectively.

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is ZAR 21,560.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is ZAR 20,470.

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

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is EUR 1,186.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are JPY 234,800 and ZAR 22,650, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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 May 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	135,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,500
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	10,200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	30,600

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

Furthermore, 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 May 2013, is JPY 20,400.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 July 2012, is RSD 6,300.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	13,070
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	150
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	980

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is GBP 1,619.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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 May 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 186,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 14,000
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 28,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 42,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) 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 May 2013, is ZAR 18,510.

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

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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified that the 30-month time limits under PCT Article 22(1) and PCT Article 39(1)(a) may be extended by two months, provided that the applicant pays the prescribed fee (see PCT Article 48 and Rule 103 of the Implementing Regulations of the Chinese Patent Law).

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

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

JP Japan

The International Bureau has been notified of the following changes, applicable from 1 April 2013, in the addresses of the **International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD)**, **National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)**, and of the **Patent Microorganisms Depository (NPMD)**, **National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)**, international depository authorities 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:

International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD)
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
#120, 2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-shi
Chiba 292-0818
Japan

Patent Microorganisms Depository (NPMD)
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
#122, 2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-shi
Chiba 292-0818
Japan

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EG Egypt

Agreement between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 33 to 38, of the text of the above-mentioned Agreement as signed on 30 September 2009, the **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the said Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 April 2013.

The updated Agreement, which is set out on pages 34 to 40, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, to appoint the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 1 April 2013.

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 Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office.

Further information on the requirements of the Office as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(EG) and E(EG), which are published on pages 41 to 43.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_eg.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, page 30.

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – 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 will enter into force on 1 April 2013, consists of the addition of Malaysia 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, Singapore and Malaysia;
- (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, Singapore and Malaysia;
- (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, Singapore or Malaysia:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change concerning the non-electronic filing fee component of the transmittal fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office – the lower fee of USD 200 applicable to small entities is also applicable to micro entities⁴ since 19 March 2013.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts of this fee, also applicable since 19 March 2013, are now as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 1,420
For a small entity:	USD 710
For a micro entity:	USD 355

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

In addition, the Office 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 also applicable since 19 March 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows (the first amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a small entity, and the second amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a micro entity):

Basic national fee:	USD 280 (140) (70)
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):	USD 0 (0) (0)
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	USD 120 (60) (30)
– 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 480 (240) (120)
– All other situations:	USD 600 (300) (150)
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):	USD 0 (0) (0)
– All other situations:	USD 720 (360) (180)

⁴ For details on the “micro entity” status, see 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/77fr75019.pdf, page 75033.

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):	USD 400	(200)	(100)
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:	USD 420	(210)	(105)
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:	USD 80	(40)	(20)
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:	USD 780	(390)	(195)
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:	USD 140	(70)	(35)
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	USD 140	(70)	(35)

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has specified itself, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, 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 April 2013 with the Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by applicants who are eligible to file with the Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office.

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

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian 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 Malaysia with the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, with effect from 1 April 2013.

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

Agreement

Between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

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

Preamble

The Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

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

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) "Treaty" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) "Regulations" mean the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) "Administrative Instructions" means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) "Article" (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;

- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “The Authority” means the Egyptian Patent Office;
- (h) “The International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

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

Article 2 Basic Obligations

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

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

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

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

Article 3 Competence of Authority

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

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

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

Article 4 **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

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

Article 5 **Fees and Charges**

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

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

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

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

**Article 6
Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

**Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

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

**Article 8
International-Type Search**

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

**Article 9
Entry into Force**

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

**Article 10
Duration and Renewability**

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

**Article 11
Amendment**

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

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

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

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology written notice to terminate this Agreement.

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

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this thirtieth day of September two thousand and nine, in two originals in the Arabic and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Egyptian Academy of Scientific
Research and Technology by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
any African, Asian and/or Arab Contracting State;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) Arabic or English for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States;
 - (b) English for international applications filed with any other receiving Office.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

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

subject matter which is searched or examined in Egyptian national applications.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Egyptian pounds)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	4,000 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	4,000 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	3,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	3,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i>]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,600
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	200

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in Egypt or a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)) ²	50
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2):	
— for the first 30 pages	200
— for each additional page	3

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

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

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

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search taken into account in accordance with Rule 4.12, 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded upon request by the applicant.

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

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

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

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

Arabic or English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

² The applicant receives, together with the international search report, the opinion of the international Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

D International Searching Authorities D
EG EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE¹ EG

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ^{2, 3}	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Egyptian pound (EGP)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Euro (EUR)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">456</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swiss franc (CHF)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">559</td> </tr> <tr> <td>US dollar (USD)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">593</td> </tr> </table>	Egyptian pound (EGP)	4,000	Euro (EUR)	456	Swiss franc (CHF)	559	US dollar (USD)	593
Egyptian pound (EGP)	4,000								
Euro (EUR)	456								
Swiss franc (CHF)	559								
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ^{3, 4}	EGP 4,000								
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	<p>The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge.</p> <p>Additional copies may be ordered at EGP 50 per document.</p>								
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50% upon request by the applicant</p>								
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EGP 1,600								
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EGP 200								
Languages accepted for international search:	Arabic ⁵ , English ^{5, 6}								
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes								
Types of electronic carrier required:	Diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R								
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Egyptian national applications								

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¹ The Egyptian Patent Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 1 April 2013.

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 reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁵ For international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

⁶ For international applications filed with any receiving Office other than the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

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International Searching Authorities

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EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE⁷

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted? No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted? No

⁷ See footnote 1.

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
EG **EG**
EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Egyptian pound (EGP)	3,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	EGP	3,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ²	EGP	1,432
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 additional document not cited in the international search report, free of charge. Additional copies may be ordered at EGP 50 per document.	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EGP 200 for the first 30 pages plus EGP 3 for each additional page	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EGP	1,600
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EGP	200
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Arabic ⁴ , English ^{4, 5}	
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 subject matter which is examined in Egyptian national applications	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

¹ The Egyptian Patent Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 April 2013.

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 For international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

⁵ For international applications filed with any receiving Office other than the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

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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 Annexes C and E

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) and (iv) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C and to Annex E thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 May 2013, relate to the introduction, in addition to the full supplementary international search, of a supplementary international search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority. The amended Annexes C and E will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Danish kroner)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	... ²
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	4,000
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf.

² Same amount in Danish kroner as the search fee under Rule 16.1(a).

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

- (1) [No change]
- (2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:
 - (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority;
 - (ii) only the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority.
- (3) [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 June 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	939
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	11
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	141
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	212

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

IL Israel

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 **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2013, is CHF 902.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), the **Nordic Patent Institute**, in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search, has notified, in addition to the supplementary search fee for a full search, the introduction, with effect from 1 May 2013, of a supplementary search fee for a search of only the documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), an equivalent amount of this fee has been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2013, is CHF 650.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office³ (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c) – it now accepts Welsh⁴ in addition to English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau that the 30-month time limits under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a) may be extended up to three months, provided the applicant pays the prescribed fee. They may also be extended for periods longer than three months, but only at the discretion of the Registrar.

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

³ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

⁴ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

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IL Israel

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 July 2013, is USD 959.

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2013, is ILS 776.

[Updating of Annex E(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 July 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	173,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	2,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ISK	13,000
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK	26,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK	39,000

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change, applicable from 1 May 2013, in the currency of payment of the transmittal fee, the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the search fee, as well as in the currency of the reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees from **Mexican peso (MXN)** to **US dollar (USD)**. These fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are now as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD	323.70
International filing fee:	USD	1,419

Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	16
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	107
Search fee:	Equivalent in USD of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant	

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) – it now accepts Romanian¹ in addition to English, French, German and Russian¹.

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

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

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IL Israel

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 **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is EUR 737.

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

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified the amounts of the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(d), in **CFA franc BEAC (XAF)**, payable to it as designated Office, as follows:

For a patent:

In case of failure by the applicant:	XAF	375,000
In case of failure by the agent:	XAF	650,000

For a utility model:

In case of failure by the applicant:	XAF	100,000
In case of failure by the agent:	XAF	260,000

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NL Netherlands

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

www.agentschapnl.nl

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

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified 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 April 2013, as follows:

Provasoli-Guillard National Center for Marine Algae and Microbiota (NCMA)
60 Bigelow Drive
East Boothbay
Maine 04544
United States of America

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

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AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Blloku Vasil Shanto
Rr. "Viktor Eftimiu"
Ish Instituti Energjetikes
Kati 4
Tirana
Albania

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of a document must now be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission.

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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 July 2013, is USD 710.

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

SE Sweden

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, applicable from 1 July 2013, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(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 July 2013, is ISK 290,000.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, applicable since 15 April 2013. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application

Address for service in Australia (but no representation by an agent is required)

Verification of translation

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

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

pct@patentamt.at

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Rua São Bento N° 1, 17° andar
Centro, CEP 20.090-010
Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Brazil

Telephone: (55-21) 3037 36 86, 3037 37 42,
3037 33 18, 3037 42 44

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of two components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2012, are as follows:

For a patent:

Search and examination fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	280
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For a utility model:

Search fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	150
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

SA Saudi Arabia

On 3 May 2013, **Saudi Arabia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 3 August 2013, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 August 2013 will automatically include the designation of Saudi Arabia (country code: SA).

Saudi Arabia 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 3 August 2013. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia will be entitled, as from 3 August 2013, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

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 **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2013, is SGD 878.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) 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 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 an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 June 2013, consists of the addition of Indonesia 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, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia;
- (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, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia;
- (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, Singapore, Malaysia or Indonesia:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

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CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows: (56-2) 28 87 05 50, 28 87 05 51.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 August 2013, is KRW 776,000.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Indonesia with the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia), with effect from 1 June 2013.

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

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BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	7 th floor BAOBAB Tower, Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
Telephone:	(1-246) 625-2400, 625-2450
Facsimile machine:	(1-246) 424-2366
E-mail:	general@caipo.gov.bb
Internet:	www.caipo.gov.bb

[Updating of Annex B1(BB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

KM Comoros

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)

On 25 March 2013, the **Comoros** deposited its instrument of accession to the **Bangui Agreement establishing the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** and on 25 May 2013, became bound by that Agreement.

As a result, any international application filed on or after 25 May 2013 includes the designation of the Comoros for an OAPI patent, and no longer includes the designation of that State for a national patent.

Moreover, since 25 May 2013, nationals and residents of the Comoros may file international applications with OAPI as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Annex B1(KM) and updating of Annexes B2(OA) and C(OA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes A and C

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to item (ii) of Annex A and to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 August 2013. The amended Annexes A and C will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [no change]
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office: English, Portuguese and Spanish;
 - (b) for international applications filed with receiving Offices established at Latin American and Caribbean regions: English, Portuguese and Spanish;²
 - (c) for international applications filed with any other receiving Office: English and Portuguese.²

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge³	Amount (Brazilian reals)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,250
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,815
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	840

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf.

² This information also updates Annexes D and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

³ These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (see Official Resolution of INPI-BR of December 30, 2011 No. 280/11).

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	485
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]"

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to the Office as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2012, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ⁴	BRL	175 (online)
	BRL	235 (on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BRL	135 (online)
	BRL	180 (on paper)

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 August 2013, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ⁴	BRL	2,250
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	BRL	1,815

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, also applicable from 1 August 2013, are CHF 1,054, EUR 849 and USD 1,098, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 August 2013, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ⁴	BRL	840
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⁴ This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 280/11 of 30 December 2011.

Additional preliminary
examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):⁵ BRL 485

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

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2012, as follows:

For patent:⁵

Filing fee:	BRL	175	(online)
	BRL	235	(on paper)

First annual fee:	BRL	295
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For utility model:⁵

Filing fee:	BRL	175	(online)
	BRL	235	(on paper)

First annual fee:	BRL	200
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 1 June 2013 – in addition to the filing fee, the grant fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person in whose name the invention will be patented.

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

⁵ This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 280/11 of 30 December 2011.

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BN Brunei Darussalam

General information on **Brunei Darussalam** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(BN) and C(BN), which are published on pages 73 to 76.

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Cra. 13 No. 27-00 Piso 1, 3, 5, 10 Bogotá, D.C. Colombia
Telephone:	(57-1) 587 00 00
Facsimile machine:	(57-1) 587 02 84
E-mail:	contactenos@sic.gov.co

[Updating of Annex B1(CO) 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 **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is EUR 1,572.

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

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Information on Contracting States

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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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General information

Name of Office:	Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)
Location and mailing address:	Knowledge Hub (KHub), Block B26, Simpang 32-37, Anggerek Desa, Bandar Seri Begawan BB3713, Negara Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(673) 238 09 65, 238 09 66
Facsimile machine:	(673) 238 05 45
E-mail:	enquiries@brunei-patents.com.bn
Internet:	www.brunei-patents.com.bn
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	Only documents that do not require payment of any official fees
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam:	Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or elected):	Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)
May Brunei Darussalam be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Brunei Darussalam concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or
elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the
invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
BN **PATENT REGISTRY OFFICE** **BN**
(BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Brunei Darussalam
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Brunei dollar (BND)
Transmittal fee:	BND 150
International filing fee:	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 100
Search fee:	Equivalent in BND of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP) or (KR)
Fee for priority document:	BND 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BND 500
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, but an address for service in Brunei Darussalam is required

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¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with the electronic file on a physical medium and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² See footnote 1.

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**PATENT REGISTRY OFFICE
(BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)**

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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Brunei Darussalam
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Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Yes³

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

Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant

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

Yes³

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

Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in the location and mailing address and in the telephone and facsimile numbers of its branch office in New Delhi, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	The Patent Office Delhi Intellectual Property Office Building Sector-14, Block No. 32 Dwarka New Delhi 110 075 India
Telephone:	(91-11) 25 30 02 00, 28 03 43 10
Facsimile machine:	(91-11) 28 03 43 01

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

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

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Iceland concerning international-type search. These provisions are now Section 9 of the Icelandic Patent Act and Section 25 of the Regulation Concerning Patent Applications.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 11 January 2013, is COP 865,000¹.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of two components of the national fee, in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 11 January 2013, are as follows:

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research registered with the Chamber of Commerce.

For a patent:

Filing fee: COP 500,000

For a utility model:

Filing fee: COP 270,000

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

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

BN Brunei Darussalam

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

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	None	None
<p>The applicant may request that a sample only be made available to an expert before the patent is granted or if the application has been withdrawn, or has been treated as having been abandoned, has been refused or is treated as having been refused. The applicant should make such requests to the International Bureau in writing before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application.</p>		

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MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10025, 10078, 10095).

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

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Norway concerning international-type search. These provisions are now Section 9 of the Patents Act of Norway and Section 29 of the Regulations.

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

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Švermova 43
P.O. Box 7
974 04 Banská Bystrica 4
Slovakia

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2013, are KRW 2,352,000 and USD 2,084, respectively.

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

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2012, are as follows:

For a patent:

- where the Office is a designated Office:

HUF	37,400	plus
HUF	1,900	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF	3,800	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF	5,600	for each claim in excess of 30

- where the Office is an elected Office:

HUF	18,700	plus
HUF	950	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF	1,900	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF	2,800	for each claim in excess of 30

For a utility model:

HUF	18,700	plus
HUF	1,200	for each claim in excess of 10

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

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 September 2013, are AUD 1,216 for searches carried out in English and AUD 421 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2012, is EUR 166.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) 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 September 2013, is ZAR 21,120.

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

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)

On 4 July 2013, the **Islamic Republic of Iran** deposited its instrument of ratification to the PCT and on 4 October 2013, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 4 October 2013 will automatically include the designation of the Islamic Republic of Iran (country code: IR).

The Islamic Republic of Iran 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 4 October 2013. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be entitled, as from 4 October 2013, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Industry (United Arab Emirates)**, has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)
Location and mailing address:	P.O. Box 3625 Sheikh Khalifa Bin Saeed Street Dubai United Arab Emirates P.O. Box 901 Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates
Telephone:	Dubai: (971-4) 14 15 81, 14 15 60 Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 613 14 02
Facsimile machine:	Dubai: (971-4) 385 10 77, 358 13 13 Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 626 36 34
E-mail:	kalsuwaidi@economy.ae raalmoalla@economy.ae
Internet:	www.economy.gov.ae

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

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now: pct@moc.go.th

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

UA Ukraine

The **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Derzhavna Sluzhba Intelektualnoi Vlasnosti Ukrainy
State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)**, has notified the filing fee for a utility model, in **United Arab Emirates dirham (AED)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, which is now as follows:

For a patent and a utility model:

Filing fee: AED 800 (400)¹

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Thailand, one is now required if the applicant is a non-resident.

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

¹ The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that the 31-month time limits under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) may be extended, provided the applicant pays the prescribed fee.²

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

² See the National Chapter (AU), Annex AU.I, of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

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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 October 2013, is CHF 1,905.

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

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 October 2013, is USD 1,536.

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

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is EUR 157.

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

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LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: valde@lrpv.gov.lv
Internet: www.lrpv.gov.lv

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is ZAR 23,530.

[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 October 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,536
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	115
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	231
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	346

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2013, are NZD 2,573 and SGD 2,570, respectively.

[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 October 2013, is AUD 231.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are NOK 14,860, NZD 3,136 and ZAR 24,720, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(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 October 2013, is NZD 2,660.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	14,320
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	160
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	1,080

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) 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 of the following change to its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 June 2012, pages 90 *et seq.*), applicable since 28 July 2013:

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

Online payment is available through the Office’s website (<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/pct/Pages/default.aspx>).”

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RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) 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)**, **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 (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are CHF 955, EUR 770 and USD 1,010, respectively.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2013, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RSD 7,020	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,680	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 420	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 30	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 2,820	

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

In addition, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 July 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,020
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 700
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,020
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 9,840

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,020
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days – Corrigendum

Further to the information published in the Official Notices of 18 October 2012, page 148, the date of 14 October 2013 appearing on the list of non-working days for the International Bureau in 2013 should be replaced by the following date: 15 October 2013.

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

G/F, 2/F, 14/F, 16/F Intellectual Property Center
#28 Upper McKinley Road
McKinley Hill Town Center
Fort Bonifacio
Taguig City
1634 Philippines

[Updating of Annex B1(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **ariary (MGA)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable since 1 July 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

Filing fee:	MGA 180,000 (144,000) ¹
Annual fees:	
For the 3 rd year:	MGA 125,000 (100,000) ¹

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

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable if the applicant is a natural person who resides in, or a legal entity whose head office is in, one of the States specified in the schedule of fees attached to Order No. 12285/2013 (see www.omapi.mg/taxes_2013.php). If there are two or more applicants, each applicant must satisfy these criteria.

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 2013, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 20.85

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 41.70

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

- where the request is filed online: EUR 156.36
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 312.72

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

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IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following: Indian Patent Office.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified changes concerning 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 Articles 18 and 161 of the Patent Law, 2011, and the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent should now refer to Article 20 of that Law.

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Further to a request by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is HUF 542,900.

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

HU Hungary

Further to a request by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(b), equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for 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, with effect from 1 September 2013. These amounts, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	314,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	3,500
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	HUF	23,700

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

RU Russian Federation

Further to a request by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is HUF 48,300.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is NOK 14,860.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is NOK 14,860.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change as to whether a copy of the international application is required – it now requires such a copy.

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

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SA Saudi Arabia

General information on **Saudi Arabia** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(SA) and C(SA), which are published on pages 108 to 111.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 November 2013, is CHF 1,428.

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

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified new amounts of one of the components of the national fee, in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 11 January 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Annual fees:	
– for the first to the fourth years, per year:	COP 206,000 (306,000) ¹

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 11 January 2013 – certain fees are now reduced where the applicant is a national of Colombia².

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

² See Resolution No. 173, of 11 January 2013.

B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**
SA **SAUDI ARABIA** **SA**

General information

Name of Office:	Saudi Patent Office (SPO)
Location and mailing address:	King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, P.O Box 6086, Riyadh 11442, Saudi Arabia
Telephone:	(966-11) 481 33 44
Facsimile machine:	(966-11) 481 38 30
E-mail:	patents@kacst.edu.sa
Internet:	www.patents.kacst.edu.sa
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is Aramex, DHL, Federal Express, TNT or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia:	Saudi Patent Office (SPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected):	Saudi Patent Office (SPO)
May Saudi Arabia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Saudi Arabia concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after international publication:

None

Information of interest if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the indications concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 90 days from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

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SA	SAUDI PATENT OFFICE (SPO)	SA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Saudi Arabia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “due care” and the “unintentional” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100
International filing fee:	USD 1,419
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	USD 107
Search fee:	See Annex D(CA), (EG), (EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	USD 100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 500

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with the electronic file on a physical medium and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
SA **SAUDI PATENT OFFICE (SPO)** **SA**

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in Saudi Arabia
Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Saudi Arabia

Waiver of power of attorney:

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

No

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

No

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Calle De la Prosa 104
San Borja
Lima 41
Peru

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2013, is SGD 3,040.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) 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 November 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,490
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	112
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	224
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	336

[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 November 2013, is CAD 224.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) 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 2013, is SGD 3,190.

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

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** 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, applicable since 1 July 2013, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 52.12	(online)
	EUR 104.24	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR 52.12	(online)
	EUR 104.24	(on paper)
Examination fee (whenever examination is requested):	EUR 78.18	(online)
	EUR 156.36	(on paper)

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified a change, applicable from 1 January 2014, in the currency of payment of the transmittal fee and the fee for the priority document, from **Latvian lat (LVL)** to **euro (EUR)**. These fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are now as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	68.87
Fee for priority document:	EUR	17.22

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

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **nuevo sol (PEN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:		
Filing fee:	PEN	720
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	PEN	324

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it. These requirements are now as follows:

Any agent registered to practice before the Office¹

Any natural or legal person entered in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office

¹ A list of agents is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/>

Any attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship

Any legal person, with a registered office in Croatia, employing at least one person that has passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the exemption from the filing fee which applied if the applicant in the international application claimed priority from an earlier national application filed with the Office is no longer in force.

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it. These requirements are now as follows:

Any agent registered to practice before the Office²

Any natural or legal person entered in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office

Any attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship

Any legal person, with a registered office in Croatia, employing at least one person that has passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office

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

² A list of agents is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/>

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IN India

Agreement between the Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2007, pages 234 to 239, of the text of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the said Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 15 October 2013.

The updated Agreement, which is set out on pages 120 to 126, will enter into force on that date.

The Office has notified that it will operate as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority 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 Indian Patent Office as receiving Office.

RECEIVING OFFICES

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 15 October 2013 with the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by applicants who are eligible to file with the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office.

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

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_in.pdf.

**Agreement
between the Government of India
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

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

Preamble

The Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

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

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

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

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

Article 2 Basic Obligations

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

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

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

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

Article 3 Competence of Authority

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

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

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

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

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

Article 5
Fees and Charges

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

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

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

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

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

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

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

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

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

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

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

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

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

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-fifth day of September two thousand and thirteen, in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of India by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following State for which it will act:
India; and any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

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

all subject matter which is searched or examined under *The Patents Act, 1970* administered by the Indian Patent Office.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Indian rupees)	
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	10,000	(2,500) ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	10,000	(2,500) ²
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	4,000	(1,000) ²
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	4,000	(1,000) ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):		
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	10,000	(2,500) ²
– in other cases	12,000	(3,000) ²
Late payment fee for preliminary examination		[amount as set out in Rule 58 ^{bis}]

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):

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|--|--------|----------------------|
| – where the international search report
was issued by the Authority | 10,000 | (2,500) ³ |
| – in other cases | 12,000 | (3,000) ³ |

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	4
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Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

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

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

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application by the Authority, 25 to 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

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

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded, less a processing fee equivalent to the amount of the transmittal fee, as set by the Indian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:

English.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IN India

Agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization – Corrigendum¹

The text of the Agreement between the Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 October 2013, pages 120 to 126, should be corrected as follows:

- wherever they appear, the words “Government of India” should be replaced by “Indian Patent Office”;
- in Annex C, Part I, the reference to “Rule 58*bis*” should be replaced by a reference to “Rule 58*bis*.2”;
- in Annex C, Part II, paragraph (3), the words “25 to 50%” should be replaced by “25% to 50%”.

Further information on the requirements of the **Indian Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(IN) and E(IN), which are published on the following pages.

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_in.pdf.

D International Searching Authorities D
IN INDIAN PATENT OFFICE¹ IN

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	Indian rupee (INR)	10,000	(2,500) ³
	Euro (EUR)	129	(32) ³
	Swiss franc (CHF)	159	(40) ³
	US dollar (USD)	172	(43) ³
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	INR	10,000	(2,500) ³
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	INR	4	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application: refund of 25% to 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit</p>		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ³
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ³
Languages accepted for international search:	English		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes		
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R.		
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched under the Patents Act, 1970 administered by the Indian Patent Office		

¹ The Indian Patent Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 15 October 2013.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
IN **INDIAN PATENT OFFICE¹** **IN**

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted? No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted? No

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
IN **IN**
INDIAN PATENT OFFICE¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Indian rupee (INR)	12,000 ³	(3,000) ⁴
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁵	INR	12,000 ³	(3,000) ⁴
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁶	USD	213	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	INR	4	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	INR	4	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100% ⁷		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ⁸
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ⁸
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined under the Patents Act, 1970 administered by the Indian Patent Office		
Waiver of power of attorney:			
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No		

¹ The Indian Patent Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 15 October 2013.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is reduced to INR 10,000 when the international search report was prepared by the Indian Patent Office.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual. It is reduced to INR 2,500 when the international search report was prepared by the Indian Patent Office.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ A processing fee equivalent to the amount of the transmittal fee (see Annex C(IN)) will be deducted from this refund.

⁸ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.