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Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Sierra Leone:	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Sierra Leone is designated (or elected):	National protection: Administrator and Registrar General's Department (Sierra Leone) (see National Phase) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Sierra Leone be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Sierra Leone concerning international-type search:	<a href="#">Section 19 of the Patents and Industrial Design Act, 2012</a>
Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Relief may be sought in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date on which international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, relief may be sought provided that the applicant had transmitted an English translation of the international publication to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the latter after he had received the translation. (Section 48 of the Patents and Industrial Design Act, 2012). Where the designation is made for the purposes of an ARIPO patent: None

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**Information of interest if Sierra Leone is designated (or elected)**

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**For national protection**

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Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Sierra Leone is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No
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