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Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?  

- Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via EPO Online Filing, the EPO web-form filing service, ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing 2.0. Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R if EPO Online Filing is used.

Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?

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

Competent International Searching Authority:

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1. See, however, Annex B1 relating to that State as to the national requirements for compulsory filing with a national Office.
2. The Office has not specifically notified the International Bureau of the language that it accepts under PCT Rule 12.1(d).
3. Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).
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5. For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 18 March 2021, page 51 et seq and 3 June 2021, page 108.
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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant has a residence or his principal place of business in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention

Yes, if he has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of those States

Who can act as agent?

Any professional representative entered on the relevant list maintained by the EPO (the directory of professional representatives can be ordered at the EPO, Vienna, or consulted on the EPO web site)

Any legal practitioner qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention and who has his place of business in that State

Where an applicant wishes to appoint the professional representatives practising within an association of representatives registered with the EPO under Rule 152(11) EPC, the name of that association and its registration number are to be indicated in Box No. IV of the Request form

See information for users on the availability of DOCX filing and changes to the filing fee, fee for grant and transmittal fee, OJ EPO 2018, A28.

7 This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Yes

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

- If necessary in the circumstances of a particular case, for example:
  - (1) where a procedural act is performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless:
    - the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record; or
    - both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant (or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative).
  - (2) in case of doubt as to whether the agent or common representative is entitled to act.

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

Yes

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