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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 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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4 For the relevant notifications by the Office, refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 18 March 2021, pages 51 et seq., 3 June 2021, page 108 and 30 June 2022, pages 165 et seq.
5 With effect from 1 July 2023. For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 19 May 2023, pages 117 et seq.
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6 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 amount applies where the PCT request (Form PCT/RO/101) and the international application are filed with the EPO as receiving Office online in character-coded format.

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Waiver of power of attorney: ⁹
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

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

Yes ¹⁰
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?

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

Yes ¹⁰
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:
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¹⁰ 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).