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WS MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND WS LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Samoa
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:	Same as above ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing
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:	European Patent Office or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

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¹ The Office has not specifically notified the International Bureau of the language that it accepts under PCT Rule 12.1(d).

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”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4 (a)(ii-bis)).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 October 2021, pages 168 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Samoan tala (SAT) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	SAT 200
International filing fee: ⁶	USD 1,437
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶	USD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 216
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 324
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (PH)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SAT 100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	SAT 200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Samoa Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Samoa
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

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).
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