### International Searching Authorities

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#### Search fee (PCT Rule 16):²

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<td>595³</td>
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<td>(612)³</td>
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<td>Euro (EUR)</td>
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#### Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

- The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report, free of charge.
- Requests for copies should be made using the relevant form available at:

#### Fee(s):

- JPY 1,400 per request

#### Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Refund of JPY 28,000⁷ (JPY 62,000⁴) upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) where, the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;

(ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

#### Languages accepted for international search:

- English,³ Japanese³

#### Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?

- Yes

#### Types of electronic carrier required:

- Diskette, CD-R

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¹ The Office participates in the IP5 pilot project on collaborative search and examination under the PCT. For further information see: [www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/pct/kyoudouchousa_shikou.html](https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/pct/kyoudouchousa_shikou.html)

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

³ For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see [https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf)

⁴ For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

⁵ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 October 2020.

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁷ The amount of the refund of the search fee is reduced where the fee reduction for the search fee (see footnote 3) was applied.

⁸ English is not accepted for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Republic of Korea. Japanese is not accepted for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.
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**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 any subject matter which is searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Japanese Patent Act, and methods for treatment of the human body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods.

**Waiver of power of attorney:**
- **Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?**
  - Yes
  - Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent’s entitlement to act.

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

- **Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?**
  - Yes
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9 See footnote 1.

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).

(6 August 2020)