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⁶ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 March 2021.

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 February 2021.

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Languages accepted for international search:	English
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?	<p>Diskette: 3.50 inch, 1.44 MB storage; 3.50 inch, 720 KB storage; 5.25 inch, 1.2 MB storage; 5.25 inch, 360 KB storage</p> <p>Magnetic tape: 0.5 inch, up to 24,000 feet; Density: 1,600 or 6,250 bits per inch, 9 track; Format: Unix tar command; specify blocking factor (not “block size”); Line Terminator: ASCII Carriage Return plus ASCII Line Feed</p> <p>8 mm Data Cartridge: Format: Unix tar command; specify blocking factor (not “block size”); Line Terminator: ASCII Carriage Return plus ASCII Line Feed</p> <p>Compact disc: Format ISO 9660 or High Sierra Format</p> <p>Magneto Optical Disk: Size/Storage Specifications: 5.25 inch, 640 MB</p>
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 searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of United States patent law
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ¹¹
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule 92 <i>bis</i>
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ¹¹
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¹⁰ See footnote 1.

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