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Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²	CHF 1,915
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
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Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under PCT Rule 45bis.5(g).</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in PCT Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or of the supplementary search request.</p>
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German
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 European Patent Convention
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include the documents held in its search collection.

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc. The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State classified by the World Bank as low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, see <https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html>. This fee is also reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of Rule 18 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force. For further information refer to the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4): <https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html>

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Limitations on supplementary international search:

Where applicable, the Authority shall start the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45*bis*.5(a) only if a copy of a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is furnished under PCT Rule 45*bis*.1(c)(ii) and thereafter transmitted to it under PCT Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(iii).

Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

CD-ROM (type: ISO/IEC 10149:1995, 120 mm CD-ROM; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

CD-R (type: 120 mm CD-Recordable Disk; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

DVD (type: ISO/IEC 16448:1999, 120 mm DVD—Read-Only Disk; format: 4.7 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

DVD-R (type: Standard ECMA-279, 120 mm (3.95 GB per side)—DVD-Recordable; format: 3.95 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

Waiver of power of attorney:³

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

Yes⁴

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

Where procedural acts are 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 if 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; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

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

Yes⁴

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

Where procedural acts are 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 if 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; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

³ See OJ EPO 5/2010, page 335.

⁴ 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 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).