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Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee: ^{1,2}	Currency: US dollar (USD) For patent: Filing fee: ³ USD 500 For utility model: Filing fee: USD 75
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Refunds of up to 50% may be possible. ⁴ It is possible to reuse the fee already paid for an application that was subsequently abandoned for the payment of the national fee in respect of a new application with the same subject matter.

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² See Law No. 6867 on Patents, Industrial Designs and Utility Models, Article 33(a) and Regulations to the Law on Patents, Industrial Designs and Utility Models, Article 47.

³ This fee is reduced by 30% where the application is filed by an inventor who is a natural person, by a small or medium-sized enterprise, by a public academic institution or by a public sector scientific and technological research institute.

⁴ See Regulations to the Law No. 6867 on Patents, Industrial Designs and Utility Models, Article 14.

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):⁵

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application⁶

Instrument of assignment or transfer of the right to the application⁶

Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application⁶

Evidence concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty, such as disclosures resulting from abuse, disclosures at certain exhibitions and disclosures by the applicant during a certain period of time⁶

Appointment of an agent or address for notification in Costa Rica

Translation of the international application or any document relating to it to be furnished in two copies (one paper copy and an additional copy in electronic format (CD-ROM))

Verified translation of the international application, where deemed necessary

Verified translation of the priority document⁷

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Costa Rica⁸

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant must comply with the requirement within 90 days after entry into the national phase. The Office will not issue an invitation to this effect.

⁶ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁷ Only if the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable.

⁸ See Law No. 6867 on Patents, Industrial Designs and Utility Models, Article 34.