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## **Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits due to Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication (PCT Rule 82*quater*.2)**

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union, during its fifty-first session which was held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, adopted, in addition to other rule changes, new PCT Rule 82*quater*.2 concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization. This rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

### **European Patent Office**

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of its intention, with effect from 16 November 2020, to apply PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) in case of unavailability of its electronics means of communication with a view to excusing delays in meeting time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT, as follows:

- Delays in meeting time limits could be excused where any of the permitted means of electronic filing at the EPO notified under PCT Rule 89*bis*, or means of online payment, was unavailable for a minimum of a continuous four-hour period on a specific working day. PCT Rule 82*quater*.2 will not be applied by the EPO if a means of electronic filing is unavailable for less than four hours and an announcement of the outage has been published at least two working days in advance.
- An unplanned outage, however, does not necessarily have to last a minimum of four hours to qualify for the application of PCT Rule 82*quater*.2 by the EPO. If the unavailability of a means of electronic communication, or means of online payment, is qualified as an outage by its technical services, the EPO will consider applying PCT Rule 82*quater*.2.

An interested party who wishes to have a delay in meeting a time limit excused under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) before the EPO should:

- submit a request to the EPO, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of any of the permitted means of electronic communication on a specific date, and
- perform the relevant action on the next working day at the EPO on which all permitted means of electronic communication or online payment was again available.

For further information, please refer to the full text of the notification by the EPO, which was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 26 November 2020 (page 254) at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/officialnotices.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf)

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (EP).

#### *Notification by the EPO of delay under PCT Rule 82quater.2*

In accordance with PCT Rule 82quater.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the EPO has notified the IB of the unavailability of its permitted electronic means of communication during the following periods:

- CMS: from 26 November 2020, 08:00 CET (Central European Time), to 27 November 2020, 11:00 (CET); and
- All online services: from 26 November 2020, 23:25 (CET) to 27 November 2020, 01:15 (CET).

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned services during the indicated periods may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82quater.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 26 November 2020 (indicated above).

## **Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications**

### **International Bureau: e-mail address for e-filing services**

Please note that the following e-mail addresses: [epct@wipo.int](mailto:epct@wipo.int), [pct-safe@wipo.int](mailto:pct-safe@wipo.int), and [ept@wipo.int](mailto:ept@wipo.int) should no longer be used as they will be decommissioned on 11 January 2021. Any future inquiry concerning the International Bureau's e-filing services should be sent to: [pct.eservices@wipo.int](mailto:pct.eservices@wipo.int)

### **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria no longer accepting international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software**

The Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) that, with effect from 1 February 2021, it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software. It is recalled that the Office accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing.

The revised notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 3 December 2020 at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/officialnotices.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (BG))

## **WIPO Fee Transfer Service**

It is recalled that in October 2019, the Assembly of the PCT Union amended PCT Rules 15, 16, 57 and 96 to provide a legal basis in the PCT for the transfer via the International Bureau (IB) of fees collected by one Office for the benefit of another Office. One of the main benefits of the new service would be to minimize the number of fee transactions between Offices. For further information, please refer to document PCT/WG/12/20 at:

[https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc\\_details.jsp?doc\\_id=436911](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=436911)

Since 1 July 2020, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary international search, or International Preliminary Examining Authority may participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a “participating Office”, in which PCT fees are exchanged from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the IB, pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT ([https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai/annex\\_g.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai/annex_g.html)).

In relation to the new WIPO Fee Transfer Service, the IB has published the following information in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 26 November 2020 (from page 255):

- a list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office as of 20 November 2020; and
- a common timetable for the year 2021, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfers to the IB, and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in the said lists, shall be established and transmitted to and from the IB.

For further information, please refer to the above-mentioned issue of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/officialnotices.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf)

### **Non-Working Days at the International Bureau**

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021, are the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

1 January 2021

2 April 2021

5 April 2021

13 May 2021

24 May 2021

9 September 2021

24 December 2021

31 December 2021

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national or regional Offices. The closed dates in 2021 for other Offices, where this information has been provided to the IB, can be found on the PCT website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/faces/page/index.xhtml>

## PCT Information Update

### BG Bulgaria (electronic filing)

For information on the non-acceptance, with effect from 1 February 2021, by the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria as receiving Office of international applications filed in electronic form using the EPO online filing software, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

### BH Bahrain (telephone numbers; fees)

The National Patent Office (Bahrain) has deleted one of its telephone numbers and notified two new numbers. The telephone numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (973-17) 57 48 96, 57 49 23, 57 47 69

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

For patent:

Filing fee: .....	BHD	540	(270)
Second annual fee: .....	BHD	200	(100)
Publication fee: .....	BHD	320	(160)
Examination fee, including search: .....	According to actual cost		

For utility model:

Filing fee: .....	BHD	270	(135)
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The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (BH) and National Chapter, Summary (BH))

### EA Eurasian Patent Office (fees)

The Eurasian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the Office as receiving Office, as well as the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, are now payable in EUR, in addition to USD, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (EA))

### GM Gambia (name of Office, telephone numbers; facsimile machine; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The Registrar General's Department, Department of Justice (Gambia) has notified the IB that the name of the Office has changed to Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia), and that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine. It has also notified the IB of its e-mail and Internet addresses, and that there has been a change in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (220) 422 84 50, 422 86 65, 314 10 05

E-mail: info@moj.gov.gm  
colleyabdoulie@yahoo.com

Internet: www.moj.gov.gm

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (GM))

### **IL Israel (fees)**

As from 1 January 2021, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office. The new amount will be ILS 554.

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will also change with effect from the same date:

Filing fee ..... ILS 2,030<sup>1</sup>

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

### **LS Lesotho (telephone numbers; e-mail address)**

The telephone numbers and the e-mail address of the Registrar General's Office (Lesotho) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (266) 22 31 28 56, 22 31 12 51

E-mail: registrar.general@gov.ls

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (LS))

### **MN Mongolia (location and mailing address; Internet address)**

The location and mailing address and the Internet address of the Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia have changed, as follows:

Location and  
mailing address: 13381 Ulaanbaatar  
Bayanzurkh district  
3 khoroo  
Enkhtaivan avenue 30  
Mongolia

Internet address: www.ipom.gov.mn

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (MN))

### **QA Qatar (telephone number; e-mail addresses)**

The telephone number and the e-mail addresses of the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (974) 4042 3278

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<sup>1</sup> A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

E-mail: malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa  
salobaidli@moci.gov.qa  
walmkhlef@moci.gov.qa

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (QA))

## RS Republic of Serbia (fees)

There has been a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving Office and applicable since 1 August 2020, as follows:

Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup> : .....	RSD	7,990
Fee for priority document:		
– for the first document up to ten pages .....	RSD	1,920
– plus, for each subsequent document up to ten pages	RSD	480
– plus, per page in excess of ten .....	[no change]	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: .....	RSD	3,210

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from the same date:

For patent:

Filing fee <sup>2</sup> : .....	RSD	7,990
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10 <sup>2</sup> :.....	[no change]	
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:.....	[no change]	
Examination fee <sup>2</sup> : .....	RSD	7,990
Annual fee for the first three years <sup>2</sup> : .....	RSD	11,200

For petty patent:

Filing fee <sup>2</sup> : .....	RSD	7,990
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:.....	[no change]	

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (RS) and National Chapter, Summary (RS))

## TM Turkmenistan (name of Office; location; telephone and fax numbers; Internet address)

The name, location, telephone and fax numbers and the Internet address of the Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan have changed, as follows:

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<sup>2</sup> This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance  
and Economy of Turkmenistan

Location: Archabil Ave., 156, Ashgabat City, Turkmenistan  
Telephone: (993-12) 39 46 86, 39 46 84  
Fax: (993-12) 98 24 45  
Internet: <http://fineconomic.gov.tm/ru>

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1(TM))

### UA Ukraine (name of Office)

The name of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property has changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Ministerstvo Rozvytku Ekonomiky, Torgivli ta Silskogo  
Gospodarstva Ukrayiny, Departament rozvytku sfery  
intelektualnoyi vlasnosti

Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of  
Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1(UA))

### ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 February 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (ZA))

### Search fee and other fees related to the international search (Austrian Patent Office, Australian Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 February 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....	ZAR
Australian Patent Office.....	ZAR
United States Patent and Trademark Office .....	ZAR

The above-mentioned amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU and US))

## Exceptional Non-working Days

### European Patent Office

The EPO has announced that it is extending the list of days on which its filing Offices in Munich, The Hague and Berlin will be closed for the receipt of documents. The additional days are from 4 January 2021 to 8 January 2021, inclusive (6 January 2021 was already scheduled as a closed date for the Office in Munich). For further information, please refer to the EPO's notice at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notices/archive/20201216.html>

This information will be made available at a later date in the *Official Journal of the EPO*.

## WIPO 2019/2020 PCT User Survey

The fourth PCT User Survey was conducted in 2019/2020 in an effort to assess customer satisfaction in respect of all aspects of the PCT, and to help determine which areas of the services provided should be improved upon.

The survey, which was available in the 10 PCT publication languages, was completed by more than 1,800 respondents. The survey questions related, in particular, to:

- overall satisfaction with PCT-related services;
- overall satisfaction with the processing of PCT applications by the International Bureau;
- the usage of, and satisfaction with, the various functions of ePCT services;
- communication with the various PCT services at WIPO; and
- satisfaction with PCT information provided on the WIPO website and PCT training.

Respondents were also given the opportunity to provide textual comments and identify areas for possible improvement.

Overall 88% of PCT users said they were either “very satisfied” (36%) or “satisfied” (52%) with PCT-related services provided by WIPO. A summary of the results of the survey is available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct\\_user\\_survey\\_2019\\_2020.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct_user_survey_2019_2020.pdf)

We would like to thank those of you who took the time to complete the survey. Wherever possible, the IB will try to take those comments into account. If you missed the opportunity to take part in the survey, please note that PCT users may send comments and feedback at any time to the e-mail address of the PCT Legal and User Relations Division:

[pct.legal@wipo.int](mailto:pct.legal@wipo.int)

The next PCT User Survey will take place in 2021/2022.

## **PCT Overview Video**

A new PCT overview video entitled “The PCT: Seeking Patent Protection Beyond Borders” is available in the 10 PCT publication languages (languages other than English can be selected from the top right hand part of the screen) on the main PCT page (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en>) and at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news\\_0024.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0024.html)

The video is intended for business owners, individual inventors and students who already have a basic understanding of patents but want to learn more about how the PCT can help innovators seek patent protection beyond their borders. Patent attorneys may likewise use the video to help inform clients about their choices for seeking patent protection in foreign countries. It is also intended to raise awareness about the PCT system in countries not yet party to the PCT.

## **New/Updated PCT Resources**

### **More resources available in Chinese**

A PDF version of the presentation and the recording of a PCT advanced seminar for Chinese users, which aired on 19 November 2020, are now available at, respectively:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/seminar/webinars/index.html>

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8450156288861471747>

### **Seminar materials**

It is recalled that seminar materials, covering all aspects of the PCT procedure, were updated in October 2020 to take into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations that have recently entered into force and changes in practice that have taken place since the last version of the document was published. Translations into Chinese, French, German and Japanese are now available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/seminar/basic\\_1/document.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/basic\\_1/document.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/de/seminar/basic\\_1/document.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/de/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf)

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/seminar/basic\\_1/document.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf)

## **Availability of the Basic Distance Learning Course on the PCT**

Please note that, due to the annual closure of the WIPO Academy, new registrations for the basic distance learning course on the PCT (Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (DL101PCT)), as well as for other WIPO Academy online courses on Intellectual Property, are not currently available. New registrations will be available as from mid-January 2021 at:

[https://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/distance\\_learning/](https://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/distance_learning/)

## **WIPO Sequence: New Tool for Patent Applicants Filing Sequence Listings**

As from 1 January 2022, WIPO Standard ST.26 for the presentation of amino acid and nucleotide sequence listings in XML format will apply to sequence listings that form part of a patent application at the international, national or regional level.

Last month, WIPO launched WIPO Sequence, a desktop application that enables patent applicants to prepare amino acid and nucleotide sequence listings compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26. Furthermore, WIPO also provides the WIPO Sequence Validator for patent Offices to verify the compliance of filed sequence listings with WIPO Standard ST.26. WIPO Sequence is available free of charge, and will allow all applicants to file sequence listings in a consistent format, in contrast to the current situation where different authoring tools are made available by IP Offices, resulting in different formats for these sequence listings.

A variety of improvements to WIPO Sequence are currently being implemented and beta releases will be published for testing in 2021, before launching a new official version. User feedback is crucial to validate this development. PCT users who regularly file international applications containing sequence listings are invited to download the WIPO Sequence desktop tool, and provide their feedback to: [standards@wipo.int](mailto:standards@wipo.int).

For further information on WIPO Sequence, please refer to the news item at:

[https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/news/2020/news\\_0002.html](https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/news/2020/news_0002.html)

and the WIPO Sequence installation packages and user manuals are available on the WIPO Sequence webpage at:

<https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/sequence/index.html>

Please note that WIPO plans to organize training courses and webinars on WIPO Standard ST.26 and WIPO Sequence for applicants and Office staff in 2021.

## **WIPO INSPIRE: New Patent Information Tool**

WIPO has expanded its suite of online services with a new platform, WIPO INSPIRE (Index of Specialized Patent Information Reports) (<https://inspire.wipo.int/>). WIPO INSPIRE provides free access to comprehensive, unbiased and structured reports on patent databases. It will help a range of stakeholders evaluate and search patent commercial, national or regional databases around the world, and help them to reach informed decisions on the patent search tools that suit them best in their work, whether they are examining patents or making R&D-related decisions.

WIPO INSPIRE offers a range of powerful but easy-to-use functionalities for both novice and expert patent information users, which include:

- a repository of detailed reports on patent search and analytics tools and databases;
- a comparison of features for up to four patent databases; and
- an interactive map showing world database coverage, allowing users to determine, at a glance, which patent databases offer coverage of a specific jurisdiction.

WIPO INSPIRE is integrated with WIPO's Patent Register Portal and eTISC (online Technology and Innovation Support Center) platform, providing a seamless environment for users to obtain information about patent databases and patent registers, and an opportunity to interact with patent information experts and discuss these tools.

Further information is available in the news item at:

[https://www.wipo.int/tisc/en/news/2020/news\\_0004.html](https://www.wipo.int/tisc/en/news/2020/news_0004.html)

and a recorded webinar about how to use WIPO INSPIRE is available at:

[https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=60288](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=60288)

## **World Intellectual Property Indicators 2020**

The 2020 edition of the World Intellectual Property Indicators report is now available in English at:

<https://www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4526>

The report provides an annual overview of intellectual property (IP) activity around the globe in the areas of patents, utility models, trademarks, industrial designs, microorganisms, plant variety protection, geographical indications and the creative economy. It draws on 2019 filing, registration and renewals statistics from around 150 national and regional IP offices and WIPO, as well as survey data and industry sources.

Highlights from the World Intellectual Property Indicators have been published in Press Release PR/2020/871 at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2020/article\\_0027.html](https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2020/article_0027.html)

## **Practical Advice**

### **The cost of filing an international application – finding out what fees are due by consulting WIPO's online resources**

*Q: I am considering filing an international application for the first time, but would like to find out how much the PCT fees will be before I do so. How can I do this?*

A: First of all, if you are planning on filing your PCT application using ePCT-Filing, once you have entered all the necessary information in ePCT, the system will, before you submit the application, calculate the fees in real time, taking into account all the variables that can make fee calculation complex for applicants. For further information, please refer to the Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2020 at:

[https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2020/pct\\_news\\_2020\\_11.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2020/pct_news_2020_11.pdf)

If you do not intend to file your application using ePCT-Filing or are not able to because your chosen receiving Office does not accept such filings, information on the fees payable upon filing an international application, as well as those payable for entering the national phase in the countries where you seek patent protection, is also available in various information resources which are available on the PCT website.

The main fees payable upon filing an international application can be found in one place, in the PCT Fee Tables at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.pdf>

Also, for each Office, the Annexes to the *PCT Applicant's Guide* list the fees payable upon filing, other fees payable in certain circumstances during the international phase as well as the fees

payable during the national phase (the national fees). The Annexes also contain more detailed information on the requirements and other specificities of the Offices concerned, and can be accessed via links in the index at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>

Note that the PCT Fee Tables are updated once a month, whereas the *PCT Applicant's Guide* is usually updated, where applicable, once a week.

Before you consult those resources, however, you will need to know which fees you must pay in all cases upon filing the international application, and which fees you only pay under certain circumstances. The main fees that you will have to pay upon filing, with an indication of the part of the PCT Fee Tables where those fees can be found, as well as an indication of the relevant Annex of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, are described below.

### **Table I(a) of the PCT Fee Tables and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C**

The fees indicated below (and electronic filing fee reductions, if you are filing electronically) are indicated next to each receiving Office (RO) listed in *column 1 of Table I(a) of the PCT Fee Tables*. Note that, in accordance with PCT Rule 19, you are entitled to file the international application with the national Office of or acting for the Contracting State of which you are a resident and/or a national, or with the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office. You may have a wider choice if you are a national of a country which is different from your country of residence, or if you are entitled to file with a regional Office as receiving Office (Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* ("Receiving Offices") indicates for each receiving Office, the States, the nationals and residents of which it is entitled to act as receiving Office for).

*The transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)* – this fee (*column 2*), where applicable<sup>3</sup>, payable to the receiving Office with which you file the international application, varies depending on the receiving Office, and is usually in its local currency.

*The international filing fee (PCT Rule 15), including the fee which is payable for each sheet of the application which is over 30<sup>4</sup>* – this fee (*columns 3 and 4*) is collected by the receiving Office for the benefit of the IB and is payable in the currency, or one of the currencies, prescribed by the receiving Office. The equivalent amounts in currencies accepted by the receiving Office other than Swiss francs are subject to changes due to exchange rate fluctuations.

*Electronic filing reductions* – *columns 5 to 7* contain the amounts of the reductions in the international filing fee that you would be entitled to if you were to file the international application in one of the electronic formats prescribed in Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT ([https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html#\\_S](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html#_S)). Your chosen mode of filing would depend on the mode(s) of electronic filing, if any, that the receiving Office with which you file the application is prepared to accept (details about the modes of electronic filing accepted by each receiving Office concerned is contained in the corresponding part of Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*). The amount of the reduction, in currencies other than Swiss francs, is also subject to fluctuations in the applicable exchange rate.

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<sup>3</sup> There is no transmittal fee charged by the receiving Offices of: Algeria, China, India (in the case of electronic filings), Morocco, Mongolia, Slovenia and Turkey.

<sup>4</sup> For many years, the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30 have been set at 1,330 Swiss francs and 15 Swiss francs, respectively.

The fees and reductions mentioned above can also be found in the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C, together with any other fee which might be due to the receiving Office in certain circumstances, for example, the fee for priority document (payable if you need to request the receiving Office to transmit to the IB a certified copy of an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed in the international application), or the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d).

### **Table I(b) of the PCT Fee Tables and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D**

*The search fee (PCT Rule 16)* – first of all you will have to ascertain which International Searching Authority (ISA)/ISAs is/are competent to act as such for your international application. The ISAs that you can choose are listed in Table I(a) at the end of the row corresponding to your chosen competent receiving Office. The search fee is collected by the receiving Office for the benefit of the ISA and is fixed by the ISA in its own currency. Equivalent amounts of the search fee are therefore established in certain currencies accepted by the receiving Offices that have specified the Office concerned as a competent ISA. The amount of the corresponding search fee payable to each ISA, together with the equivalent amounts in other applicable currencies, can be found in Table I(b) of the Fee Tables, or in the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D. Note that some ISAs charge different amounts, depending on the language in which the search is going to be carried out, and some ISAs offer fee reductions, which will be discussed later. Other fees besides the search fee may also be payable to the ISA in certain circumstances, such as the additional search fee and the protest fee. For further information, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D.

Payment of the transmittal fee, international filing fee and search fee is required in all cases (apart from the few exceptions concerning the transmittal fee), and is due within one month of receipt of the application by the receiving Office.

### **Tables I(c) and II of the PCT Fee Tables and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes SISA and E**

Other fees may also be payable in particular circumstances. For instance if you decide to request a supplementary international search of your application under PCT Rule 45*bis*, you will have to pay the supplementary search fee and the supplementary search handling fee (see Table I(c) or the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA), and if you file a demand for international preliminary examination under PCT Rule 53 you will have to pay the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee (see Table II or the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E). Other fees may also be payable in certain circumstances. For further information, please refer to Annex SISA and E, respectively.

### ***PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapters**

Once you have decided on the countries in which you would like to proceed with your PCT application, you will have to pay further fees to each of the national Offices upon entry into the national phase, and this fee may comprise several components, depending on the Office concerned. For information on the fees charged by designated (or elected) Offices in the national phase, please refer to the corresponding National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

## Possible fee reductions/refunds

As mentioned above, the international filing fee may be reduced if the application is filed electronically, but also, a number of receiving Offices offer a reduction in the transmittal fee, one ISA/IPEA offers a reduction in the search and preliminary examination fees, and a number of designated (or elected) Offices offer reductions in their national fees in the case of online filings.

Other fee reductions may also be applicable, depending on your circumstances, as outlined below:

*Fee reductions based on nationality and residence of the applicant(s):* reductions in the international filing fee, the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee are available if all applicants named in the international application are nationals and residents of certain States. For further details, please refer to the table at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee\\_reduction\\_january.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction_january.pdf)

Furthermore, a number of Offices offer reductions in the amount of the transmittal fee, and/or the search and preliminary examination fees for applicants from certain countries.

*Fee reductions based on category of applicant:* some Offices offer reductions in the transmittal fee, the search and preliminary examination fees, and/or the national fee for certain categories of applicants, for example small entities, academic institutions or government agencies.

*Reductions/refunds if earlier results can be used:* some Offices offer reductions, refunds or partial refunds if the results of prior search and examination can be utilized by them. For example, some IPEAs charge a lower amount for the preliminary examination fee where the international search report was prepared by the same Office in its capacity as ISA.

*Lower fees if the extent of the supplementary international search (SIS) is limited:* if you decide to request a supplementary international search, and are able to choose a more limited SIS at your chosen Authority, the fees will be lower as different amounts may apply depending on the extent of the document collection to be searched.

*Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:* a number of national (or regional) Offices offer reductions in the national fees in a number of different situations, for example, for applications filed by certain categories of applicants or when the international search or preliminary examination was carried out by certain International Authorities.

To find out whether you are entitled to a reduction in respect of fees payable upon filing the international application, please refer to the corresponding footnotes to the Fee Tables; in the case of all reductions or refunds in the international and national phases, please refer to the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C, D and E and National Chapters.

## Further information on PCT fees

For further general information on PCT fees, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 5.184 to 5.199 at:

[https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/ip05.html#\\_fees](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/ip05.html#_fees)

Consolidated information on fees and payments under the PCT System, containing links to other fee-related information, can also be found at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html>

## PCT Seminar Calendar

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)  
(situation on 18 December 2020)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
<b>12 March 2021</b> <b>Online presentation</b>	German	Update lecture on the PCT within the framework of the "FORUM!Live: Internationales Patentrecht" (International PCT formalities) conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 965 E-mail: s.schilling@forum-institut.de
<b>8 April 2021</b> <b>Ecully (FR)</b>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
<b>18-19 May 2021</b> <b>Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
<b>30 November 2021</b> <b>Brussels (BE)</b> <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

### Other IP events

#### International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 10-14 March 2021

The 48<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place from 10 to 14 March 2021. Further information is available at:

[www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/](http://www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/)

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BHD	Bahraini dinar	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona
IA	international application	BND	Brunei dollar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRL	Brazilian real	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYN	Belarusian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISR	international search report	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish Lira
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CLP	Chilean peso	INR	Indian rupee	OMR	Omani rial		
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	JPY	Japanese yen	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
AMD	Armenian dram	DJF	Djibouti franc	KES	Kenyan shilling	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AUD	Australian dollar	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won (KP)	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean Dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won (KR)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
BAM	Convertible mark	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BGN	Bulgarian lev	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		International filing fee <sup>1, 2</sup> (CHF 1,330)		Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
						Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup> (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup> (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup> (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(218)	(328)	
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
			(from 1.1.21:	1,233)	(14)	(–)	(185)	(278)	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,043	23	–	307	461	AU KR
			(from 1.1.21:	2,023)	(23)	(–)	(304)	(456)	
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	EP RU
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(218)	(328)	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.1.21:	1,233)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
			(from 1.1.21:	1,233)	(14)	(–)	(185)	(278)	
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BN	BND	150	BND	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL <sup>8</sup> online:	175	BRL	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
	on paper:	260							
BW	USD	32	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BY	BYN	94.50	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	CA EP
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,961	22	–	295	442	CA
	(from 1.1.21:	306)	(from 1.1.21:	1,928)	(22)	(–)	(290)	(435)	

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup> 130	CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup> 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD <sup>9</sup> 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP <sup>10</sup>
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,090 (from 1.1.21: 9,170)	100 (100)	– (–)	1,370 (1,380)	2,050 (2,070)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 316	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453) or EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	16 (16) 14 (14)	– (–) – (–)	217 (218) 183 (185)	326 (328) 275 (278)	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	92 (93)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,085 (from 1.1.21: 1,120)	12 (13)	– (–)	163 (168)	245 (253)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD <sup>11</sup> 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS <sup>12</sup> 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 432,700 (from 1.1.21: 444,200)	4,900 (5,000)	– (–)	65,100 (66,800)	97,600 (100,200)	EP XV
IB	CHF <sup>13</sup> 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR <sup>13</sup> 92 (from 1.1.21: 93)	or EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	92 (93)	183 (185)	275 (278)	
	or USD <sup>13</sup> 109	or USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	109 (109)	217 (218)	326 (328)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
IL	ILS 559 (from 1.1.21: 554)	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (paper filing) <sup>15</sup> No fee for e-filings	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
IS	ISK 17,800 (from 1.1.21: 18,200)	ISK 195,100 (from 1.1.21: 200,500)	2,200 (2,300)	– (–)	29,300 (30,100)	44,000 (45,200)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 <sup>16</sup>	JPY 152,100 (from 1.1.21: 153,600)	1,700 (1,700)	– (–)	– (–)	34,300 (34,600)	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 <sup>17</sup>	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
KH	USD 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP <sup>18</sup> KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – <sup>19</sup>	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP RU
LY	LYD – <sup>19</sup>	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MX	USD 323.70 <sup>20</sup>	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT CLEPESKR SE SG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) <sup>21</sup> 550 (paper filing) <sup>21</sup>	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 13,450 (from 1.1.21: 13,410)	150 (150)	— (—)	2,020 (2,020)	3,030 (3,030)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,162 (from 1.1.21: 2,188)	24 (25)	— (—)	325 (329)	488 (493)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF — <sup>19</sup>	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	ATAUEGEPUS
PA	USD 240	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	ATBRCLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR 10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	EG EP US
RO	RON 475 (from 1.1.21: 487)	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,990 <sup>22</sup>	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD — <sup>19</sup>	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	(from 15.1.21: eq CHF 200)	(from 15.1.21: eq CHF 300)	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 13,240 (from 1.1.21: 12,920)	150 (150)	— (—)	1,990 (1,940)	2,990 (2,910)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,974 (from 1.1.21: 1,977)	22 (22)	— (—)	297 (297)	445 (446)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
SK	EUR (paper filings) <sup>66</sup> <sup>23</sup>	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP XV
SV	None <sup>24</sup>	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES
SY	USD — <sup>19</sup>	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AU CN EP JP KR SG US

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**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]**

(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	International filing fee <sup>1,2</sup>	Fee per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
TJ	TJS – <sup>19</sup>	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
TM	USD – <sup>19</sup>	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TN	TND 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) <sup>25</sup> 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 <sup>26</sup> small entity <sup>27</sup> : 130 <sup>26</sup> micro entity <sup>27</sup> : 65 <sup>26</sup>	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	109 (109)	217 (218)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 <sup>28</sup>	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 24,090 (from 1.1.21: 24,120) (from 1.2.21: 22,660)	270 (270) (260)	– (–) (–)	3,620 (3,630) (3,410)	5,430 (5,440) (5,110)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>							
AT <sup>29</sup>	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.1.21: ) **(from 1.2.21: )	CHF* 1,939 CHF 1,915 ZAR 32,730	KRW* 2,495,000 KRW 2,422,000	SGD* 2,882 SGD 2,846	USD* 2,107 USD 2,091	ZAR*,** 35,130 ZAR 34,720		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,587 *(from 1.1.21: ) USD 1,580 **(from 1.2.21: )	CHF* 1,432 ZAR*, ** 26,420 CHF 1,446 ZAR 26,230 ZAR 24,970	EUR* 1,337 EUR 1,341	KRW* 1,869,000 KRW 1,829,000	NZD* 2,357 NZD 2,379	SGD* 2,102 SGD 2,150		
BR <sup>8</sup>	Online: *(from 1.1.21: ) On paper: *(from 1.1.21: )	BRL 1,685 CHF* 274 BRL 2,525 CHF* 411	CHF* 286 EUR 254 CHF* 429 EUR 381	EUR* 271 USD 300 EUR* 406 USD 449	USD* 322 USD* 483			
CA	CAD* 1,600 *(from 1.1.21: )	CHF* 1,085 CAD 1,632	EUR* 1,016 CHF 1,134	USD* 1,210 EUR 1,060	USD 1,243			
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.1.21: ) In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> : *(from 1.1.21: ) In case of filing by a university <sup>30</sup> : *(from 1.1.21: )	CHF* 1,839 CHF 1,831 CHF 366 CHF 275	EUR* 1,685 EUR 1,697 EUR 339 EUR 255	USD 400 CHF* 276	CHF* 368 EUR* 253	EUR* 337		
CN	CNY 2,100 *(from 1.1.21: )	CHF* 274 CHF 283	EUR* 267 EUR 262	USD* 294 USD 309				
EG <sup>31</sup>	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.1.21: )	CHF* 228 CHF 233	EUR* 223 EUR 216	USD* 245 USD 254				

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**Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]**  
(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>												
EP <sup>32</sup>	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	DKK*	13,260	GBP*	1,560	HUF*	626,100	ISK*	276,000	
	JPY*	221,900	NOK*	19,010	NZD*	3,099	SEK*	18,250	SGD*	2,882	USD*	2,107	
	ZAR*	35,130											
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915 DKK 13,210 GBP 1,613 HUF 639,500 ISK 288,600 JPY 221,100 NOK 19,310 NZD 3,150 SEK 18,610 SGD 2,846 USD 2,091 ZAR 34,720)												
ES <sup>32</sup>	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	USD*	2,107	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915 USD 2,091)						
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	USD*	2,107	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915 USD 2,091)						
IL	ILS	3,582	CHF*	1,009	EUR*	932	USD*	1,036					
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 962 EUR 892 USD 1,051)												
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	128	EUR*	114	USD*	131					
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 125 EUR 116 USD 137)												
	In case of filing by an individual:												
	INR	2,500	CHF*	32	EUR*	29	USD*	33					
*(from 1.1.21: CHF 31 EUR 29 USD 34)													
JP <sup>33</sup>	For IAs in Japanese:												
	JPY	70,000	CHF*	612	EUR*	595	KRW*	783,000	USD*	654			
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 606 EUR 562 KRW 767,000 USD 662)												
	For IAs in English:												
JPY	156,000	CHF*	1,364	EUR*	1,326	SGD*	2,012	USD*	1,457				
*(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,351 EUR 1,252 SGD 2,008 USD 1,476)													
KR <sup>34</sup>	For IAs in Korean:												
	SGD*	519	KRW	450,000	AUD*	530	CHF*	353	EUR*	320	NZD*	598	
	*(from 1.1.21: AUD 541 CHF 356 EUR 330 NZD 585 SGD 529 USD 389)												
	For IAs in English:												
SGD*	1,385	KRW*	1,200,000	AUD*	1,413	CHF*	941	EUR*	854	NZD*	1,594		
*(from 1.1.21: AUD 1,443 CHF 949 EUR 879 NZD 1,561 SGD 1,410 USD 1,036)													
PH	USD	1,000	CHF*	920	EUR*	843							
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 916 EUR 849)												
	Small entity or government <sup>35</sup> : USD 400 CHF* 368 EUR* 337 *(from 1.1.21: CHF 366 EUR 339)												
RU	For IAs in Russian:												
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	106	EUR*	97	USD*	114					
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 99 EUR 92 USD 108)												
For IAs in English:													
RUB	40,000	CHF*	498	EUR*	455	USD*	537						
*(from 1.1.21: CHF 467 EUR 433 USD 510)													
SE	SEK*	18,250	CHF*	1,939	DKK*	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK*	276,000	NOK*	19,010	
	USD*	2,107											
	*(from 1.1.21: SEK 18,610 CHF 1,915 DKK 13,210 ISK 288,600 NOK 19,310 USD 2,091)												
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,509	EUR*	1,380	JPY*	173,600	KRW*	1,955,000	USD*	1,622	
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,507 EUR 1,397 JPY 174,000 KRW 1,906,000 USD 1,646)												
TR	TRY*	11,300	CHF*	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD*	2,107					
	*(from 1.1.21: TRY 16,250 CHF 1,915 USD 2,091)												
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:												
	RUB	108	CHF*	108	EUR	100	CHF*	109	USD*	119			
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 108 EUR 118)												
For IAs in English, French or German:													
RUB	300	CHF*	328	EUR	300	CHF*	328	USD*	356				
*(from 1.1.21: CHF 324 USD 353)													
US	USD	2,180	CHF*	1,976	EUR*	1,820	NZD*	3,220	ZAR*, **	36,144			
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,996 EUR 1,850 NZD 3,283 ZAR 36,190)												
	**(from 1.2.21: ZAR 33,650)												
	For small entity <sup>27</sup> :												
	USD	1,090	CHF*	988	EUR*	910	NZD*	1,610	ZAR*, **	18,072			
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 998 EUR 925 NZD 1,642 ZAR 18,100)												
**(from 1.2.21: ZAR 16,830)													
For micro entity <sup>27</sup> :													
USD	545	CHF*	494	EUR*	455	NZD*	805	ZAR*, **	9,036				
*(from 1.1.21: CHF 499 EUR 463 NZD 821 ZAR 9,050)													
**(from 1.2.21: ZAR 8,410)													
XN	DKK*	13,260	CHF*	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK*	276,000	NOK*	19,010	SEK*	18,250	
	USD*	2,107											
	*(from 1.1.21: DKK 13,210 CHF 1,915 ISK 228,600 NOK 19,310 SEK 18,610 USD 2,091)												
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	HUF*	626,100	USD*	2,107					
	*(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915 HUF 639,500 USD 2,091)												

**Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees**  
(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

<b>ISA</b>	<b>Supplementary search fee</b>	<b>Supplementary search handling fee<sup>2, 36</sup></b>
<b>AT</b>	– for a search of German-language documentation: <b>CHF</b> 929 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 917)</i> – for a search of European and North American documentation: <b>CHF</b> 1,300 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,284)</i> – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: <b>CHF</b> 1,857 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,834)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>EP</b>	<b>CHF</b> 1,939 <sup>32</sup> <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915<sup>32</sup>)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>FI</b>	<b>CHF</b> 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>RU</b>	<b>CHF</b> 147 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 138)</i> <b>CHF</b> 235 <sup>37</sup> <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 221<sup>37</sup>)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>SE</b>	<b>CHF</b> 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>SG</b>	<b>CHF</b> 1,509 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,507)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>TR</b>	– for a full search: <b>CHF</b> 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i> – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: <b>CHF</b> 86 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 59)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>UA</b>	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: <b>CHF</b> 98 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 97)</i> – for a search of only the European and North American documentation: <b>CHF</b> 98 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 97)</i> – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: <b>CHF</b> 76 – for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv): <b>CHF</b> 66 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 65)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>XN</b>	– for a full search: <b>CHF</b> 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i> – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: <b>CHF</b> 585 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 580)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200
<b>XV</b>	– for a full search: <b>CHF</b> 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i> – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: <b>CHF</b> 601 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 593)</i>	<b>CHF</b> 200

**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**  
(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

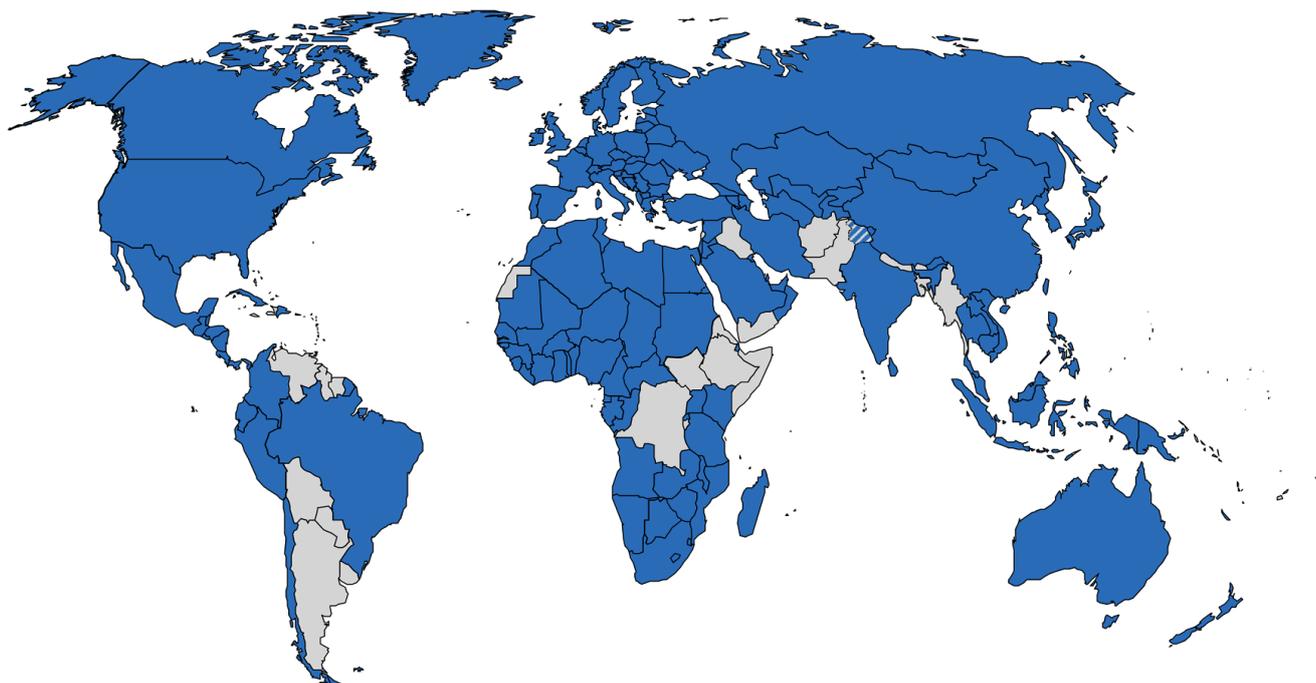
<b>IPEA</b>	<b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>38</sup></b>		<b>Handling fee<sup>2,38</sup> (CHF 200)</b>	
<b>AT</b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,749 <sup>29</sup>	<b>EUR</b>	183 (from 1.1.21: <b>EUR</b> 185)
<b>AU</b>	<b>AUD</b>	590 820 <sup>39</sup>	<b>AUD</b>	307 (from 1.1.21: <b>AUD</b> 304)
<b>BR</b>	Online: <b>BRL</b>	630 <sup>8</sup>	<b>BRL eq CHF</b>	200
	On paper: <b>BRL</b>	945 <sup>8</sup>		
<b>CA</b>	<b>CAD</b>	800 (from 1.1.21: <b>CAD</b> 816)	<b>CAD</b>	295 (from 1.1.21: <b>CAD</b> 290)
<b>CL</b>	<b>USD</b>	1,500	<b>USD</b>	217 (from 1.1.21: <b>USD</b> 218)
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> : <b>USD</b> 400			
	in case of filing by a university <sup>30</sup> : <b>USD</b> 300			
<b>CN</b>	<b>CNY</b>	1,500	<b>CNY eq CHF</b>	200
<b>EG</b>	<b>EGP</b>	3,000	<b>USD</b>	217 (from 1.1.21: <b>USD</b> 218)
<b>EP</b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,830 <sup>32</sup>	<b>EUR</b>	183 (from 1.1.21: <b>EUR</b> 185)
<b>ES</b>	<b>EUR</b>	583.65 <sup>32</sup>	<b>EUR</b>	183 (from 1.1.21: <b>EUR</b> 185)
<b>FI</b>	<b>EUR</b>	600	<b>EUR</b>	183 (from 1.1.21: <b>EUR</b> 185)
<b>IL</b>	<b>ILS</b>	1,535	<b>ILS</b>	743 (from 1.1.21: <b>ILS</b> 745)
<b>IN</b>	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: <b>INR</b> 10,000; in case of filing by individual: <b>INR</b> 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: <b>INR</b> 12,000; in case of filing by individual: <b>INR</b> 3,000		<b>USD</b>	217 (from 1.1.21: <b>USD</b> 218)
<b>JP<sup>33</sup></b>	For IAs in Japanese: <b>JPY</b>	26,000	<b>JPY</b>	22,900 (from 1.1.21: <b>JPY</b> 23,100)
	For IAs in English: <b>JPY</b>	58,000		
<b>KR</b>	<b>KRW</b>	450,000	<b>KRW</b>	255,000 (from 1.1.21: <b>KRW</b> 253,000)
<b>PH</b>	<b>USD</b>	500	<b>USD</b>	217 (from 1.1.21: <b>USD</b> 218)
	Small entity or government: <sup>35</sup> <b>USD</b>	200		
<b>RU</b>	For IAs in Russian: <b>RUB</b>	4,500 <sup>40</sup> 6,750 <sup>41</sup>	<b>USD</b>	217 (from 1.1.21: <b>USD</b> 218)
	For IAs in English: <b>RUB</b>	16,000 <sup>40</sup> 24,000 <sup>41</sup>		
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b>	5,000	<b>SEK</b>	1,990 (from 1.1.21: <b>SEK</b> 1,940)
<b>SG</b>	<b>SGD</b>	830	<b>SGD</b>	297 (from 1.1.21: <b>SGD</b> 297)
<b>TR</b>	<b>TRY</b>	1,000	<b>CHF</b>	200
<b>UA</b>	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: <b>EUR</b> 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: <b>EUR</b> 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: <b>EUR</b> 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: <b>EUR</b> 70		<b>EUR</b>	183 (from 1.1.21: <b>EUR</b> 185)
<b>US</b>	<b>USD</b>	640 800 <sup>42</sup>	<b>USD</b>	217 (from 1.1.21: <b>USD</b> 218)
	For small entity <sup>27</sup> : <b>USD</b>	320 400 <sup>42</sup>		
	For micro entity <sup>27</sup> : <b>USD</b>	160 200 <sup>42</sup>		
<b>XN</b>	<b>DKK</b>	5,000	<b>DKK</b>	1,370 (from 1.1.21: <b>DKK</b> 1,380)
<b>XV</b>	<b>EUR</b>	900	<b>EUR</b>	183 (from 1.1.21: <b>EUR</b> 185)

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

**Footnotes to fee tables:**

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees). Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett\\_09.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf)).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: [https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art\\_364\\_153578.html](https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html).
- 11 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 12 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees).
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: [www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet\\_e.pdf](http://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf).
- 17 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed by electronic means.
- 24 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 26 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: [www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated\\_rules.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf).
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>.
- 29 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 for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees).
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: [www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html).
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.  
For further details 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).
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>3</sup>	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DJ Djibouti	JO Jordan	MT Malta (EP) <sup>2</sup>	SM San Marino (EP) <sup>2</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>2</sup>
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup>	DZ Algeria	KH Cambodia <sup>4</sup>	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros (OA) <sup>2</sup>	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Eswatini (AP) <sup>2</sup>
BE Belgium (EP) <sup>2</sup>	EE Estonia (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NE Niger (OA) <sup>2</sup>	TD Chad (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BF Burkina Faso (OA) <sup>2</sup>	EG Egypt	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) <sup>2</sup>
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	KW Kuwait	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>2</sup>	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>2</sup>	FR France (EP) <sup>2</sup>	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia <sup>4</sup>
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
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BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
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CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) <sup>2</sup>	LV Latvia (EP) <sup>2</sup>	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>2</sup>	MA Morocco <sup>4</sup>	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova <sup>4</sup>	SA Saudi Arabia	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro <sup>5</sup>	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel			

<sup>1</sup> Extension of European patent possible.

<sup>2</sup> May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

<sup>3</sup> Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

<sup>4</sup> Validation of European patent possible.

<sup>5</sup> Only extension of European patent possible. Applicants wishing to obtain patent protection in Montenegro should enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) and seek the extension of the European patent application and the granted European patent to Montenegro as there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro.

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

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