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Companies and Intellectual Property Office (Dominica) Delegates Receiving Office Functions to the International Bureau

The Intellectual Property Office (Dominica) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 15 April 2021, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated its receiving Office functions to the IB. Furthermore, the Office has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Dominica with the IB as receiving Office. (Note that the Canadian Intellectual Property Office is a competent IPEA only if the international search is being or was carried out by the same Office, and the EPO is a competent IPEA only if the international search is being or was carried out by the EPO or another ISA located in and operating for any State party to the European Patent Convention.)

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Offices that will stop accepting international applications filed using PCT-SAFE

Canadian Intellectual Property Office

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (which already accepts international applications filed using ePCT) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 July 2021, it will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software. Any PCT-SAFE users who file with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office are advised to start using ePCT-Filing as soon as possible.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CA).

International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) - reminder

As previously announced in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02/2021 and 04/2021, the RO/IB will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software with effect from 1 July 2021. Any PCT-SAFE users who file with the RO/IB are advised to start using ePCT-Filing as soon as possible.

For further information and assistance with the transition from PCT-SAFE to ePCT-Filing, please contact the PCT Operations Customer Support Section at: pct.eservices@wipo.int

Don't miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (ePCT 4.8) was deployed on 18 May 2021. For full details on the new features of ePCT for applicants, and ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities, please refer, respectively, to:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1592> and

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1007>

A summary of the main new features follows.

What's new in ePCT for applicants?

- As indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2021, page 2, the e-mail notifications issued by the ePCT system have been redesigned, and the sender's address for those notifications has changed to: epct-noreply@wipo.int – please ensure that you whitelist this new e-mail address so that it will not be handled as a spam e-mail by your e-mail system.
- “Remove all ePCT rights” function: this function has been extended to also include applications for which online access in ePCT is currently suspended, for example, pending processing of requests under PCT Rule 92*bis*.
- Filing – validation: the wording of the “Requires correction” validation message has been changed to read: “Will require correction but does not prevent filing”, to make it clear to the user that such defects do not prevent filing but will require correction post filing.
- Filing – reimbursement instructions for the European Patent Office (EPO) as International Searching Authority (ISA/EP): it is now possible, regardless of the selected receiving Office, to add instructions for any reimbursement of fees by ISA/EP to a current or deposit account held with the EPO.
- Upload documents: when the technical preparations for international publication have been completed but an international application has not yet been published, information is now displayed in the interface for users logged-in with strong authentication, drawing attention to the fact that any withdrawal or request under PCT Rule 92*bis* that is uploaded will not stop or be reflected in the international publication.
- External signature: one day before the expiration of an external signature request (requests expire after 7 days), a reminder notification is sent by e-mail to both the requester of the external signature and the signatory.
- Documents – preview the draft international publication contents: a new document type is now available in ePCT – “DRAFT international publication” which allows users with access rights in ePCT to preview the full contents of the future international publication **in draft form**, noting that processing by the International Bureau (IB) may continue up until the completion of technical preparations. Until now, only a preview of the publication's front page was available.
- ePCT Notifications – automatic archiving: ePCT Notifications appearing in the Notifications list in ePCT will be automatically archived one year after the date of receipt/issue and can be retrieved upon request to the ePCT Help Desk, if necessary.

- Office Profiles – outage dates: a new section has been added to the Office Profile of each IP Office listing any outage dates **which have been notified to the IB under PCT Rule 82quater.2(a)**.
- Action – submit Chapter II demand: if a full text file, such as a sequence listing, is submitted as an attachment with the demand for international preliminary examination, the attention of the IPEA is drawn to the fact that the file is available via ePCT (and will not be provided under cover of Form PCT/IB/368, which accompanies files only in PDF format).
- Filing – order of name and address fields when language of filing is Korean: upon specific request, the order of the fields for capturing names and addresses has been modified when the language of filing is Korean. This reordering may be extended to additional languages in the future.
- Office Profiles – availability of e-filing Notifications: for each receiving Office that receives electronic filings, a link has been added under the “Filing Methods” section that provides access to all “Notifications concerning requirements and practices for electronic filing under Section 710(a),” as notified to the IB and published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*.

What’s new in ePCT for Offices?

- E-mail notifications: as with ePCT for applicants, the e-mail notifications issued by the ePCT system have been redesigned, and the sender’s address for those notifications has changed to: epct-noreply@wipo.int
- Forms: a new ePCT action to create Form PCT/RO/131, and certain forms have been implemented in additional languages.
- Improved validations for receiving Offices when transmitting record copies to the IB.
- Receiving Offices can now perform *ex officio* actions for international applications even after the record copy has been transmitted to the IB.
- Improved validation checks when designated Offices use the action to request copies of documents from the IB (these new checks will avoid unnecessary work for both Offices and the IB).
- Improvements for International Searching Authorities (ISAs) importing citations extracted from EPOQUENET when preparing search reports and written opinions.
- Task list entries for “Draft ISR-WOSA” and “Draft ISA203-WOSA” so that ISAs can easily search for international applications where there are corresponding types of draft documents saved in the file.
- Additional document types are now available for selection by the International Preliminary Examining Authority when uploading documents to the IB.
- Updates to Office profile: new section listing outage dates **which have been notified to the IB under PCT Rule 82quater.2(a)**; additional indication regarding priority documents issued in electronic form; a link to the Office e-filing notification where applicable.

Offices are encouraged to provide their feedback and to discuss their needs with the PCT International Cooperation Division (PCTICD@wipo.int). Questions about the current ePCT system can be sent to the PCT eServices Support Team via the 'Contact Us' link at:

https://pct.eservices.wipo.int/p_ca_ano.aspx?NodeID=769

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

Latvian Patent Office

The Latvian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 July 2021, it will commence operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS). As a depositing Office, it will deposit certified copies of patent applications as priority documents on and after 1 July 2021, which the applicant specifically requests be made available to the service; as an accessing Office it will recognize priority documents available to it through the service for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document has not expired by 1 July 2021.

The corresponding DAS Notification, which contains further information, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11775

By using DAS, a PCT applicant can request the IB to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Please be aware that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the Office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

Furnishing by the International Bureau of Copies of the International Preliminary Examination Report: Notifications by Elected Offices under PCT Rule 94.1(c)

Italian Patent and Trademark Office and Mexican Institute of Industrial Property

It is recalled that on 1 July 2020, new PCT Rule 71.1(b) and amended PCT Rule 94.1(c) entered into force to introduce a basis for requiring the International Preliminary Examining Authority to copy certain documents related to the international preliminary examination from its file to the International Bureau (IB), which the IB would then make available to the public on behalf of the elected Office.

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the Italian Patent and Trademark Office and the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, in their capacity as elected Offices, have requested the IB to furnish, on their behalf, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents referred in PCT Rule 71.1(b).

(Updating of the "List of States and Organizations which have requested the IB under Rule 94.1(c) to furnish to third parties copies of the IPER and of other documents referred to in Rule 71.1(b) on their behalf" at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html)

PCT Information Update

AG Antigua (fees)

The Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the amount of the fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office for requesting restoration of the right of priority, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: XCD 800

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter (AG))

AO Angola (summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property Office as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – see National Chapter, Summary (AO) on the PCT website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/ao.pdf>

BR Brazil (telephone number and Internet address; fees)

One of the telephone numbers and one of the Internet addresses of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) have changed, and are now as follows:

Telephone: (55-21) 3037 37 42, (55-21) 3037 42 44

Internet. <https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br>
<http://faleconosco.inpi.gov.br/faleconosco/>

Furthermore, the Office notified the IB of a change concerning the filing of paper documents with the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – since 1 April 2021, documents for entry into the national phase filed on paper are received only by mail.¹

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

CA (filing of international applications in electronic form)

For information on the ceasing of the acceptance of electronic filings via PCT-SAFE, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

HU Hungary (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name of the University hosting the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM), an International Depositary Authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed with effect from 1 February 2021. The details concerning the address of NCAIM are now as follows:

¹ For further details, refer to the Office's Ordinance No. 22/21 of 29 March 2021.

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
 Institute of Food Science and Technology
 Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
 Somlói út 14-16
 1118 Budapest
 Hungary

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

IN India (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities; fees)

The Indian Patent Office has specified, with effect from 1 July 2021, the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the China National Intellectual Property Administration, the European Patent Office, the Indian Patent Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority² for international applications filed with the Indian Patent Office (or with the IB) as receiving Office by nationals and residents of India.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes regarding the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document payable to it as receiving Office, as well as the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. Before 4 November 2020, one of three different amounts for each applicable fee was payable depending on the type of applicant established by the Office; however, with effect from 4 November 2020, and following a change to these applicant-categories established by the Office, one of two different amounts for each applicable fee is payable:

	<i>Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>	<i>Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies)</i>
Transmittal fee:		
– electronic filing:	None	None
– paper filing:.....	INR 3,500	INR 17,600
Fee for priority document: ³		
– online transmission:		
up to 30 pages:	INR 1,000	INR 5,000
from 31 st page, per page:.....	INR 30	INR 150

² The Japan Patent Office is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being or was carried out by that Office.

³ The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (see Annex B1(IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

– paper transmission:

up to 30 pages:	INR 1,100	INR 5,500
from 31 st page, per page:	INR 30	INR 150

National filing fee:

– up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:

electronic filing:	INR 1,600	INR 8,000
paper filing:	INR 1,750	INR 8,800

– for each additional priority claim, multiple of:

electronic filing:	INR 1,600	INR 8,000
paper filing:	INR 1,750	INR 8,800

– for each additional sheet in addition to 30:

electronic filing:	INR 160	INR 800
paper filing:	INR 180	INR 880

– for each claim in addition to 10:

electronic filing:	INR 320	INR 1,600
paper filing:	INR 350	INR 1,750

– for each page of sequence listing of nucleotides and/or amino acid sequences under Rule 9(3):

electronic filing:	INR 160 ⁴	INR 800 ⁵
paper filing:	Not allowed	Not allowed

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

JP Japan (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) has specified, with effect from 1 July 2021, the Indian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the JPO, as competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority⁶ for international applications filed with the JPO (or with the IB) as receiving Office by nationals and residents of Japan.

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

KW Kuwait (telephone number; e-mail addresses; means of telecommunication; fees)

The telephone number of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) has changed, and the Office has notified two new e-mail addresses. The telephone number and e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

⁴ Subject to a maximum of INR 24,000.

⁵ Subject to a maximum of INR 120,000.

⁶ The Indian Patent Office is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority if the international application is filed in English or a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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 E-mail: mansouralnzhane@gmail.com
 patent.department@moci.gov.kw
 eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com

Furthermore, the Office has informed the IB of a change concerning the filing of documents by fax and e-mail – the original of the document must now be furnished within 90 days from the date of the invitation, instead of within 14 days.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have changed with effect from 21 July 2019:

Filing fee:

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|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| - filing by an individual:..... | KWD | 40 |
| - filing by a company: | KWD | 80 |

The Office has also notified a change in the conditions for reductions in the filing fee with effect from the same date – the fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a student.

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

LR Liberia (applicable criteria for requests for restoration of the right of priority)

The Liberia Intellectual Property Office has notified the IB that, in its capacity as receiving Office, it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3.

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

MX Mexico (fees)

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has notified a new fee for priority document, payable to it as receiving Office with effect from 5 February 2021. The amount of this fee is MXN 11.46 per page for a black and white copy, or MXN 14.60 per page for a color copy, and is subject to a national tax of 16%.

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

WS Samoa (time limits for entering the national phase)

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) has notified the IB that the time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) is 31 months from the priority date.

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Indian Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

A new equivalent amount in JPY has been established for an international search carried out by the Indian Patent Office, applicable as from 1 July 2021. As from the same date, there will also 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
European Patent Office	ZAR
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	USD
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, BR, EP, IN, US))

Exceptional Non-working Days

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 29 March to 30 April 2021 (inclusive). Further information on measures adopted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available in the corresponding section of the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business on 13 May 2021, due to the designation of that day as an official holiday by the President of the Philippines.

Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)

The DIP has notified the IB that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following dates: 12 February 2021, 12 April 2021 and 10 May 2021.

In the context of each of the above-mentioned Office closures, please note that pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach one of the above-mentioned Offices fell on one of the closed dates indicated for the Office concerned, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the IB by the Offices, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

Administrative Instructions under the PCT: Modifications to Appendix I of Annex F (Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications)

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to the Administrative Instructions, Annex F, Appendix I (XML Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for the e-PCT Standard), Sections 3 and 5, were

promulgated with effect from 1 July 2021. For further information on the modifications, please refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 14 May 2021 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

The amended Appendix is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_15.pdf

New/Updated PCT Resources

New feature for newcomers to the PCT

We have recently created a special entry point to the PCT website adapted to the needs of people who are new to the PCT. The main “new user” page includes information on where to find help, as well as links to:

- a short PCT overview video;
- a short summary of how the PCT works;
- videos introducing the PCT and highlighting the basics of the PCT;
- frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the PCT;
- a free introductory PCT Distance Learning Course; and
- the PCT Yearly Review, which contains recent statistics about how the PCT system is being used.

All this information can be found at:

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

and is also accessible from a link near the top of the PCT home page (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/>) entitled “Are you new to the PCT?”

The information in languages other than English can be selected from a drop-down list of languages at the top of the page.

Webinar recordings

WIPO ST.26

A recording is available of the webinar entitled “WIPO ST.26: Introduction”, which took place on 21 April 2021; you can listen to the recording by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF version of the presentation, at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62848

WIPO Sequence

A recording is available of the webinar entitled “WIPO Sequence”, which took place on 28 April 2021; you can listen to the recording by entering your name and e-mail address at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/3219217628630498575>

Overview of ePCT, filing and managing international applications

A recording is available of the webinar entitled “Overview of ePCT, filing and managing international applications”, which took place on 11 May 2021; you can listen to the recording, by entering your name and e-mail address, and access the PDF version of the presentation, at:

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

Quality reports

It is recalled that the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities submit annual reports on the quality management systems that have been implemented for their work as International Authorities.⁷ The reports for 2020 are now available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html>

PATENTSCOPE News

National Collections

The national patent collection of Kazakhstan, which includes over 27,400 documents (more than 21,000 of which are full-text (OCR) in Russian), is now available in the PATENTSCOPE search system at:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/advancedSearch.jsf>

This brings to 72 the number of national/regional collections available in PATENTSCOPE.

The national collection of Estonia now also contains full-text of some documents, in addition to the front file.

Furthermore, new non-patent literature content is now searchable in PATENTSCOPE – over 62,000 Wikipedia articles have been filtered using a WIPO-developed algorithm.

Availability of further information on patent family information in PATENTSCOPE

Further to the PATENTSCOPE news in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2021 that patent family information has been extended to include patent documents available by both the PCT and Paris Convention routes, and that webinars would be given on this topic on 23 and 25 March 2021, please note that the PowerPoint presentation used for those webinars is now available in PDF format at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=533960

⁷ In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.26 and 21.27 (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html>).

Practical Advice

(1) Clarification concerning the footnote to the Practical Advice in PCT Newsletter No. 04/2021

Last month's "Practical Advice" contained a footnote regarding the acceptance by the receiving Office of the International Bureau of international applications filed electronically using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing, and until 30 June 2021, using the PCT-SAFE software or offline filings. For the sake of clarity, the footnote should have included the text in bold italics, below:

It is recalled that the receiving Office of the IB, which accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing, is competent to act as receiving Office for applicants who are nationals and/or residents of any PCT Contracting State. It also currently accepts electronic filings using the PCT-SAFE software or offline filings ***on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R)***, but only until 30 June 2021.

(2) Problem encountered when filing an international application using ePCT-Filing where the International Bureau has not been notified of a closed date at the receiving Office

Q: For reasons beyond our control, my company failed to file an international application before the expiration of 12 months from the priority date. I was made aware of this only today and we immediately tried to file it using ePCT, with the intention of requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3. Although the time limit for filing a request for restoration of the right of priority has also expired (yesterday), I expected the period to be extended, in accordance with PCT Rule 80.5(i), until today because my receiving Office was not open for business yesterday. However, the following error message appeared when I tried to validate the application in ePCT:

"Prevents filing: ...Priority claim is not valid: the filing date of the earlier application is outside the 12 months priority period and also outside the 2 months that follow the expiration of that period."

After checking the PCT website, I see that the closed date for my receiving Office is not listed. Is it possible, therefore, that the ePCT system is giving me an incorrect error message due to the fact that the closed date has not been recorded in the system? What can be done in such a situation to ensure that the international application is filed successfully today?

A: If your receiving Office is closed for business on a day on which a time limit under the PCT expires (including the time limit for requesting restoration of the right of priority of 12 months from the priority date plus two months (PCT Rule 26bis.3(e)), the ePCT system would normally take into account the fact that there is a closed date at the receiving Office, and that, in accordance with PCT Rule 80.5, the applicable time limit would expire on the next day on which the Office concerned is open for business. In such a case, ePCT would allow you to file your application, while displaying the following warning message:

"The priority claim is eligible for restoration. The filing date is outside the 12 months priority period but within the 2 months that follow the expiration of that period. IMPORTANT - You may wish to consider requesting the receiving Office to restore the right of priority in relation to this earlier application (PCT Rule 26bis.3). If you choose not to request restoration of the right of priority at this stage, or if your request for restoration of

the right of priority is refused by the receiving Office, it is important to note that all PCT time limits will nevertheless be calculated from the date of the earliest indicated priority claim, even if that date is outside the 12 months priority period but within the 2 months that follow the expiration of that period.”

However, it would appear that, in this particular case, the International Bureau (IB) was not notified by the receiving Office about the closed date in question, and that, consequently, this information was not recorded in the IB’s database. If the receiving Office had notified the IB of the closed date in advance, this would have enabled the ePCT system to take the closed date into account for the purposes of correctly calculating the time limits.

The IB relies on PCT receiving Offices to notify it of all closed dates throughout the year, so that it can include these in the reference data used by ePCT for business rules validations. The IB endeavors to ensure that receiving Offices submit information on their closed dates by sending regular requests for this information to all receiving Offices. However, not all Offices respond to these requests, and some Offices which do normally submit their closed dates might occasionally inadvertently fail to do so. Furthermore, it can also be very difficult for the Office to notify the IB in advance in the case where it is closed unexpectedly due to an emergency, which we have experienced recently with the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation you find yourself in is generally quite rare, however, as most Offices do notify the IB of their closed dates well in advance, whenever possible.

Office closed dates that have been notified to the IB can be found in ePCT on the Office Profiles page at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/OfficeProfile.xhtml>

and are also available at:

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

Although there is unlikely to be sufficient time to have the problem regarding the apparent missing closed date in the ePCT database resolved on the same day (particularly if there is a significant time difference between your location and WIPO Headquarters), there is a possible workaround which would enable you to successfully file your application today using ePCT. This would be to:

- file the application without the priority claim in question in order to ensure that you are able to validate and file the application in ePCT; and, at the same time
- submit an accompanying letter in which you request the addition of the priority claim under PCT Rule 26bis.1(a).

Your letter should explain that the Office was closed on the last day of the time limit for requesting the restoration of the right of priority, a date which has apparently not been notified to the IB and recorded in its database. You should attach the letter as “general correspondence” in the Accompanying Documents section of ePCT.

Information on adding a priority claim, with the result that this extends the period between the earliest priority date and the international filing date to over 12 months, was published in a Practical Advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2010 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2010/pct_news_2010_02.pdf

Please note that you can only file requests for restoration of the right of priority with receiving Offices which have not made a reservation under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j), and that not all designated Offices will accept the decision of the receiving Office. Furthermore, you must also ensure that you file your request for restoration of the right of priority today, together with the necessary statement of reasons and declarations or other evidence described in PCT Rule 26bis.3(b)(ii) and (iii), as the time limit for doing so expires today. For further information on requesting the restoration of the right of priority, please refer to the Practical Advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2015 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2015/pct_news_2015_9.pdf

and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, International Phase, paragraphs 5.062 – 5.069 at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf>

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PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 20 May 2021)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
18-20 May 2021 Online seminar	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
27 September 2021 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT within the framework of the CEIPI basic course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Hansjörg Kley) Tel: (41-52) 226 00 00 Fax: (41-52) 226 00 09 E-mail: hansjoerg@kley.ch
30 September 2021 Virtual lecture	English	Lecture on the PCT within the framework of the IP Paralegal Conference 2021 WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
6 October 2021 Online seminar	German	Update lecture on the PCT within the framework of an IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Ms. Ingrid Jahr) E-mail: Ingrid.jahr@kuhnen-wacker.com
7 October 2021 Ecully (FR) <i>(previously scheduled for 8 April 2021)</i>	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
24-26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Silke Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <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

PCT Webinars (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
25 May 2021 11:00 – 12:00 Moscow time (10:00 – 11:00 CET)	Russian	PCT system: Introduction to the PCT system WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova and Ms. Morgulova	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3675961355419112975
27 May 2021 09:00 – 10:00 CEST	Korean	"Exploring the PCT" webinar series: Best practices to file an international application WIPO speaker: Mr. T. Kim	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1298150912447245837
27 May 2021 11:00 – 12:30 Moscow time (10:00 – 11:30 CET)	Russian	PCT system: Rospatent's experience as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority WIPO speaker: Ms. Morgulova Other speakers: two speakers from Rospatent	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4340943788520219150

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
27 May 2021 14:30 – 15:30 CEST	English	“Exploring the PCT” webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Kang	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4967985375010202126?source=PCT+Newsletter
27 May 2021 (Day 1) 17:00 – 18:30 CEST 28 May 2021 (Day 2) 17:00 – 18:45 CEST	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives (Canadian Series) WIPO speaker on the PCT (Day 2): Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Tang, Mr. Kleib, Mr. Bisson, Ms. Roenning and Ms. Wollgast and others to be announced Speakers from Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO): Mr. Georganas, Ms. Golden, Mr. Villemaire, Ms. Nish	Registration (Day 1, IP topics other than PCT): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6489094840229722384 Registration (Day 2, including PCT presentation): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4103100731886525965
1 June 2021 10:00 – 12:00 CEST	French	Fonctionnalités et avantages du dépôt en ligne avec ePCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Gros, Mr. Martin, Mr. Piriou and Ms. Gateau	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3729726375165726733
3 June 2021 (Day 1) 17:00 – 18:30 CEST 4 June 2021 (Day 2) 17:00 – 18:45 CEST	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives (Canadian Series) WIPO speaker on the PCT (Day 2): Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers: Mr. Bisson, Mr. Croze and Ms. Wollgast and others to be announced Speakers from CIPO: Mr. Pierre, Ms. Golden, Mr. Villemaire, Ms. Ethier, Ms. Nish	Registration (Day 1, IP topics other than PCT): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2006372739690369550 Registration (Day 2, including PCT presentation): https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7623256477444406285
5 July 2021 09:00 – 12:00 CEST	French	Journée PCT (Session annuelle de mise à jour sur le PCT) WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other speaker: Mr. Bogliolo (European Patent Office)	Compagnie Nationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (CNCPI) (Ms. Caroline Sennedot) E-mail: caroline.sennedot@cncpi.fr Registration: https://www.cncpi.fr/la_cncpi/presentation_generale/Juillet-2021_Session_PCT_Interventions_OEB_OMPI_WEBINAR_Inscription

PATENTSCOPE Webinars (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
8 June 2021 17:30 – 18:30 CEST or 10 June 2021 8:30 – 9:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE: the result list WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1347494795527586060
13 July 2021 17:30 – 18:30 CEST or 15 July 2021 8:30 – 9:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE: an overview WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7533110818395411980

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2021, 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 14. (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 –	BND	Brunei dollar	GTQ	Quetzal	MKD	Macedonian denar	THB	Baht
IA	international application	BRL	Brazilian real	HRK	Croatian kuna	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BYN	Belarusian rouble	HUF	Hungarian forint	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TND	Tunisian dinar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	NOK	Norwegian krone	TRY	Turkish lira
ISR	international search report	CAD	Canadian dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
RO	receiving Office	CHF	Swiss franc	INR	Indian rupee	OMR	Omani rial	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PHP	Philippine peso	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CUP	Cuban peso	JPY	Japanese yen	PLN	Polish zloty	VND	Vietnamese dong
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	QAR	Qatari riyal	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAT	Samoan tala		
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LYD	Libyan dinar	SEK	Swedish krona		
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,860	21	–	280	420	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: ⁹ 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,928 (from 1.6.21: 1,782)	22 (20)	– (–)	290 (268)	435 (402)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 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 ¹¹
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 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP 2,400	CUP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,170	100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DO	USD 316	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,453 or EUR 1,233	16 14	– –	218 185	328 278	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR 75	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,028	12	–	155	232	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹² 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 444,200	5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ 100 or EUR ¹⁴ 93 or USD ¹⁴ 109	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,233 or USD 1,453	15 14 16	100 93 109	200 185 218	300 278 328	See footnote 15
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 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS 554	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR 3,500 ¹⁶ INR 17,600 ¹⁷ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN SE US (from 1.7.21: JP)
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 18,200	ISK 184,200	2,100	–	27,700	41,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁸	JPY 153,600	1,700	–	–	34,600	EP JP SG (from 1.7.21: IN)
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁹	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,453	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 ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ²¹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU XV

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

(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ²⁰	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	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	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,750	140	–	1,920	2,880	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,025	23	–	305	457	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ²⁰	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	ATAU EG EP US
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	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	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,990 ²⁴	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,920 (from 1.6.21: 12,280)	150 (140)	– (–)	1,940 (1,850)	2,910 (2,770)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV
SV		None ²⁶	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
TM	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	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	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
UG	UGX —	UGX eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	—	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁸ small entity ²⁹ : 130 ²⁸ micro entity ²⁹ : 65 ²⁸	USD 1,453	16	109	218	—	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 245,000 ³⁰	USD 1,453	16	—	218	328	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	—	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,453	16	—	—	—	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 22,660 (from 1.6.21: 20,630)	260 (230)	— (—)	3,410 (3,100)	5,110 (4,650)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,453	16	—	218	328	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,453	eq USD 16	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ³¹	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.7.21:	CHF 1,915 ZAR 30,610)	KRW 2,422,000	SGD 2,846	USD 2,091	ZAR*	32,730	
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,697	CHF 1,573 ZAR 24,970	EUR 1,429	KRW 1,829,000	NZD 2,379	SGD 2,150		
BR ³	Online: *(from 1.7.21:	BRL 1,685 USD 302)	CHF 274	EUR 254	USD* 318			
	On paper: *(from 1.7.21:	BRL 2,525 USD 453)	CHF 411	EUR 381	USD* 476			
CA	CAD 1,632	CHF* 1,134	EUR 1,060	USD 1,243	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF 1,218)		
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,831	EUR 1,697					
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :	USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339				
	In case of filing by a university ³² :	USD 300	CHF 275	EUR 255				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF* 283	EUR 262	USD 309	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF 301)		
EG ³³	EGP 4,000	CHF 233	EUR 216	USD 254				
EP ³⁴	EUR 1,775 JPY 221,100 ZAR** 32,730	CHF 1,915 NOK* 19,310	DKK 13,210 NZD 2,942	GBP* 1,613 SEK 18,610	HUF 639,500 SGD 2,846	ISK* 288,600 USD 2,091		
	* (from 1.6.21:	GBP 1,526	ISK 268,000	NOK 17,880)				
	** (from 1.7.21:	ZAR 30,610)						
ES ³⁴	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091					
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,915	USD 2,091					
IL	ILS 3,553	CHF 976	EUR 903	USD 1,107				
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 125	EUR 116	USD 137	(from 1.7.21:	JPY 14,400)		
	In case of filing by an individual:							
	INR 2,500	CHF 31	EUR 29	USD 34	(from 1.7.21:	JPY 3,600)		
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 *(from 1.6.21:	CHF 606 KRW 714,000)	EUR 562	KRW* 767,000	USD 662			
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 1,351	EUR 1,252	SGD 2,008	USD 1,476			
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean: SGD 529	KRW 450,000 USD 389	AUD 541	CHF 356	EUR 330	NZD 585		
	For IAs in English: SGD 1,410	KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,036	AUD 1,443	CHF 949	EUR 879	NZD 1,561		
PH	USD 1,000	CHF 916	EUR 849					
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :	USD 400	CHF 366	EUR 339				

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF*	99	EUR	92	USD	115			
	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF	106)									
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF*	467	EUR	433	USD	543			
	*(from 1.6.21:	CHF	498)									
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK*	288,600	NOK*	19,310
	USD	2,091										
	*(from 1.6.21:	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880)							
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR*	33,650		
	*(from 1.7.21:	ZAR	31,120)									
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR*	16,830	
	*(from 1.7.21:	ZAR	15,560)									
US	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR*	8,410	
	*(from 1.7.21:	ZAR	7,780)									
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK*	288,600	NOK*	19,310	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091	*(from 1.6.21:	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880)					
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 917
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,284
		CHF 1,834
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 138 (from 1.6.21: CHF 147)	CHF 200
	CHF 221 ³⁹ (from 1.6.21: CHF 235)	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 97
	– 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):	CHF 76
		CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

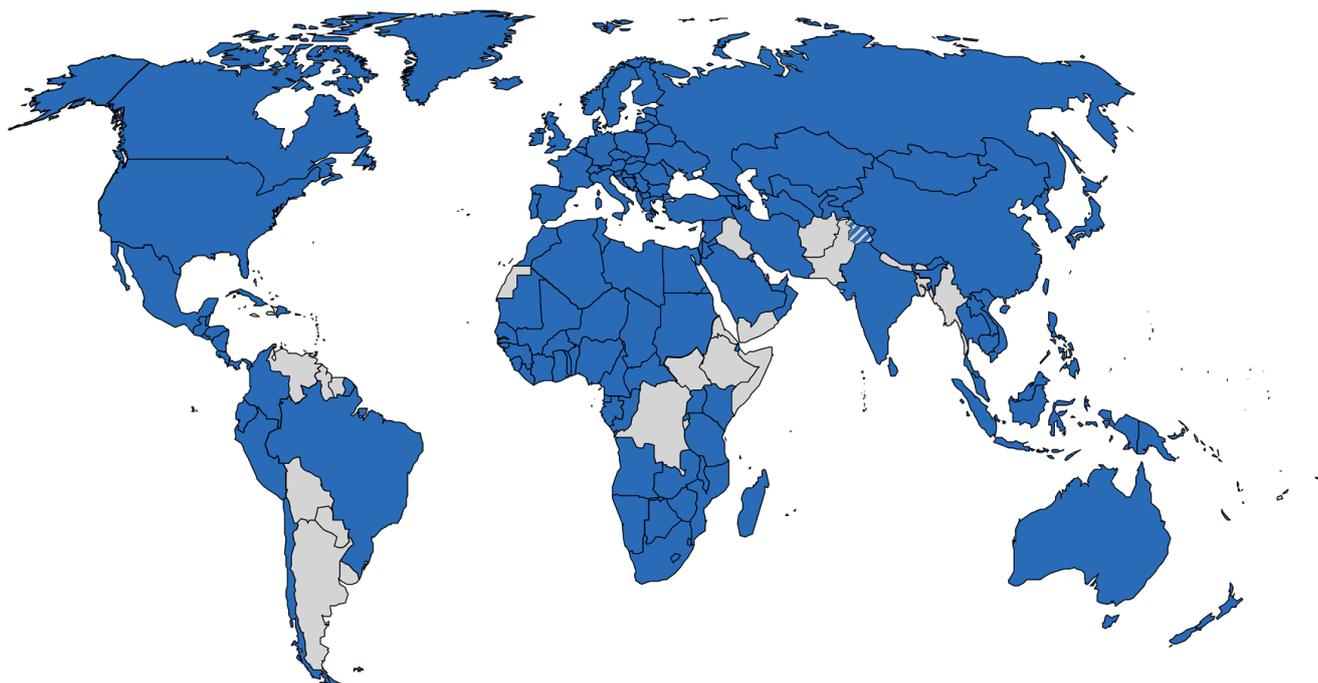
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee⁴⁰		Handling fee^{2, 40}(CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ³¹		EUR 185
AU	AUD	590	820 ⁴¹	AUD 280
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸		BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	816		CAD 290 (from 1.6.21: 268)
CL	USD	1,500		USD 218
		in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		
		in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300		
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP	3,000		USD 218
EP	EUR	1,830 ³⁴		EUR 185
ES	EUR	589.48 ³⁴		EUR 185
FI	EUR	600		EUR 185
IL	ILS	1,523		ILS 745
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500			USD 218
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
JP³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000		JPY 23,100
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW 253,000
PH	USD	500		USD 218
	Small entity or government: ³⁷ USD	200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴²	6,750 ⁴³	USD 218
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴²	24,000 ⁴³	
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,940 (from 1.6.21: 1,850)
SG	SGD	830		SGD 297
TR	TRY	1,000		CHF 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50			EUR 185
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			
US	USD	640	800 ⁴⁴	USD 218
	For small entity ²⁹ : USD	320	400 ⁴⁴	
	For micro entity ²⁹ : USD	160	200 ⁴⁴	
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK 1,380
XV	EUR	900		EUR 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. 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).
- 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. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 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.
- 11 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
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 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
- 15 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).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 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
- 19 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.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 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.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 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.
- 27 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%.
- 28 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.
- 29 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
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 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).
- 32 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
- 33 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".
- 34 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
- 35 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
- 36 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, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 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.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 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).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 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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AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DJ Djibouti	JO Jordan	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
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 ¹	DZ Algeria	KH Cambodia ⁴	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros (OA) ²	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Eswatini (AP) ²
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BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	KW Kuwait	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia ⁴
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
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BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
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CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro ⁵	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

⁵ 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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Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2019, respectively). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in order to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.