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## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Cooperation Treaty**

This month we mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Cooperation Treaty, which took place in Washington, D.C., United States of America from 25 May to 19 June 1970. The Diplomatic Conference resulted in the adoption of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (hereinafter, “the Treaty”) and Regulations.

Fifty-five States that were members of the Paris Union, 23 observer States, 11 intergovernmental organizations and 11 international non-governmental organizations attended and participated in the Diplomatic Conference. All participants, whether representing governments or organizations, had the right and opportunity to participate in the debates.

The Treaty and the annexed Regulations were unanimously adopted on 17 June 1970. The final text of the Treaty and the Regulations was signed at the close of the conference on 19 June 1970 by 20 States, and by an additional 15 States by the end of 1970.

A presentation to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty is available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/treaty/pdf/pct-diplomatic-conference1970.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/treaty/pdf/pct-diplomatic-conference1970.pdf)

The presentation includes:

- a summary of the background of the Treaty;
- information about the preparatory work undertaken in the years prior to the Diplomatic Conference;
- information about the work carried out during the Diplomatic Conference itself;
- quotes of interest from some of the participants’ interventions; and
- a selection of photographs taken at the Diplomatic Conference.

If you are interested in more detailed information about the PCT Diplomatic Conference, the records of the conference are available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/washington.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/washington.html)

## **Further COVID-19-related Extension of Time Limit for Paying Fees to RO/IB**

It is recalled that in April 2020, the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB) decided to delay the issuance of any notifications declaring international applications as considered withdrawn for having failed to pay the appropriate fees within the prescribed time limit (Form PCT/RO/117) until 31 May 2020 (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020).

The RO/IB has decided to extend that period, and is now deferring the issuance of such notifications until 30 June 2020. It is also encouraging other PCT receiving Offices to do likewise if they consider that doing so would be appropriate taking into account the COVID-19 situation in their localities. An announcement to this effect has been published at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news\\_0014.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0014.html)

## **WIPO PROOF: Trusted Digital Evidence for your Intellectual Assets**

On 27 May 2020, WIPO launched WIPO PROOF, a new online business service for innovators in any industry. WIPO PROOF allows you to create a date- and time-stamped fingerprint (known as a WIPO PROOF token) of a digital file. It produces tamper-proof evidence that the digital file of your intellectual asset existed at a specific point in time, and that it has not been altered since then. WIPO PROOF can therefore be considered as a digital notary-type service. It offers a trusted, cost-effective and efficient service worldwide, helping innovators and creators safeguard their work on the journey from concept to development to commercialization, whether or not it eventually becomes a formally protected intellectual property right, such as a patent.

Using industry-leading secure technology, WIPO PROOF allows you to safeguard, at every step of the process, research results and large data sets or any business record that could lead to a new product or technology. The WIPO PROOF service is offered at accessible pricing, from CHF 20 for a single WIPO PROOF token to as little as CHF 13 per token when they are purchased in 'bundles' of 1,000. This is useful for high volume users, for example, those who need to safeguard large numbers of documents, such as those relating to patent applications. Some examples of the uses of WIPO PROOF are described at:

<https://wipoproof.wipo.int/wdts/use-cases.xhtml>

WIPO PROOF tokens are stored securely on servers in Switzerland, using the same high standards of security that support all of WIPO's IP services. They may be used as evidence to establish prior existence and possession of an intellectual asset, which could help to prevent misuse and misappropriation, and assist in resolving any future legal disputes.

For more information about this new service, including information on how it works, please refer to:

<https://wipoproof.wipo.int/wdts/>

and Press Release PR/2020/855 at:

[www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2020/article\\_0012.html](http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2020/article_0012.html)

## **PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots**

### **New one-way PCT-PPH pilot program (Singapore and Brazil)**

On 1 May 2020, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) and the National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil (INPI). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase before IPOS is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a with positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP)

(Chapter II), issued by INPI in its capacity as ISA/IPEA. Note that IPOS already takes part in the Global Patent Prosecution Highway pilot.

Further information on the above-mentioned PCT-PPH agreement is available at:

[www.ipos.gov.sg/docs/default-source/protecting-your-ideas/patent/ipos-inpi-pph-guideline\\_1-may-2020.pdf](http://www.ipos.gov.sg/docs/default-source/protecting-your-ideas/patent/ipos-inpi-pph-guideline_1-may-2020.pdf)

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on this new pilot at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct\\_pph.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html)

## **Exceptional Non-working Days due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Information about the closure, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, of the Offices listed below, as well as the consequences of the closures, was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on the dates shown in parentheses:

- BZ Belize Intellectual Property Office (11 June 2020)
- IN Indian Patent Office (28 May 2020)
- MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (11 June 2020)
- PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) (18 June 2020)
- PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (11 June 2020)

Please refer to the respective issues of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

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

More detailed information is also available in each Office's section of the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker at:

[www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/](http://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/)

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

### **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form**

The National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 July 2020.

The Office will accept international applications filed in electronic form using ePCT-Filing. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The 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 22 May 2020, at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/official\\_notices/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html)

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

## Spanish Patent and Trademark Office Launches PCT Direct Service

On 25 May 2020, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/ES) and International Searching Authority (ISA), launched the so-called “PCT Direct” service, which applies to international applications filed with the RO/ES and for which the Office acts as an ISA. This new service is similar to the one that was introduced, initially, at the European Patent Office in November 2014, and were later also introduced at the Israel Patent Office and the Finnish Patent and Registration Office.

Under the Office’s PCT Direct service, an applicant filing an international application with RO/ES, and claiming priority from an earlier national application or PCT application already searched and examined by the Office, may submit informal comments to overcome any objections raised in the search report and written opinion drawn up in relation to the priority application.

Informal comments should be sent to RO/ES, together with the international application, in the form of a separate letter entitled “PCT Directo/comentarios informales”. Note that PCT Direct submissions are published on PATENTSCOPE.

Further information has been published on the Office’s website at:

[www.oepm.es/export/sites/oepm/comun/documentos\\_relacionados/Noticias/2020/2020\\_05\\_25\\_ResolucionDirectorOEPM\\_PCT\\_Directo.pdf](http://www.oepm.es/export/sites/oepm/comun/documentos_relacionados/Noticias/2020/2020_05_25_ResolucionDirectorOEPM_PCT_Directo.pdf)

## Combined July-August Issue

The next issue of the *PCT Newsletter* will be a joint July-August issue that will be published at the beginning of August. If, between the publication of this issue and the July-August issue, there is any important PCT news that users should be aware of, we will announce it by way of the PCT e-mail updating service. If you have not already subscribed to this service, which notifies PCT users when each issue of the *PCT Newsletter* becomes available and makes important ad hoc announcements when necessary, you can subscribe to it, free of charge, on our e-mail platform at:

[https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/en/#pct\\_newsletter](https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/en/#pct_newsletter)

Please note that, if there are any changes to the PCT Seminar Calendar or the PCT Fee Tables before the publication of the July-August issue, they will be updated at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.pdf)

## PCT Information Update

### AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 August 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in AUD of the applicable filing 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 (AU))

### **BR Brazil (means of transmission)**

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, since 2 October 2019, the priority document may only be requested in electronic form and that the fee for the priority document on paper is therefore no longer applicable with effect from that date.

Furthermore, the Office notified the IB that, since 19 November 2019, the international application and other PCT-related documents filed on paper can be received only by mail.

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

### **CA Canada (means of telecommunication)**

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has notified the IB that documents may now also be filed through the Office's online service for general correspondence at:

[www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr01970.html](http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr01970.html)

The above-mentioned online service can also be used as a means of transmittal of the sequence listing in electronic form in <.txt> format accepted by it in its capacity as International Searching Authority, in addition to a text file on a single diskette, CD-ROM, or DVD.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (CA) and D (CA))

### **GT Guatemala (location and mailing address; fax numbers)**

The location and mailing address and the fax number of the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) have changed, and the Office has notified a second fax number, as follows:

Location and  
mailing address:           7a. Avenida 7-61 zona 4  
                                  Segundo nivel  
                                  Guatemala Ciudad, 01004  
                                  Guatemala

Fax:                           (502) 232 470 51, 232 470 52

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

### **KR Republic of Korea (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)**

The Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) has specified, with effect from 1 July 2020, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and KIPO, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Republic of Korea with KIPO, or with the IB, as receiving Office.

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

## LA Lao People's Democratic Republic (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic) has specified, with effect from 1 July 2020, KIPO, in addition to the China National Intellectual Property Administration, the European Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic with the IB as receiving Office.

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

## SV El Salvador (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 July 2020, by the National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, please refer to "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

## Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent)(Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

The equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has been established with effect from 1 July 2020.

As from 1 August 2020, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office .....	CHF, KRW
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) .....	CHF, USD
Korean Intellectual Property Office .....	AUD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	CHF, EUR

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, BR, KR, RU, SG))

## Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

As from 1 August 2020, there will be a change in the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation). The new amount is indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

## Handling fee (Australian Patent Office)

As from 1 August 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority. The new amount will be AUD 323.

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

## Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

A number of modifications were made, with effect from 1 July 2020, to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines following consultation via circular C. PCT 1586 ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/2020/1586.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/2020/1586.pdf)). The modified texts were promulgated via circular C. PCT 1599 ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/2020/1599.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/2020/1599.pdf)) and published on 30 April 2020 at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai\\_20add.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_20add.pdf)

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro\\_18add.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro_18add.pdf)

Furthermore, the above-mentioned Administrative Instructions and Guidelines will be consolidated with other recently amended content, also effective 1 July 2020, resulting from consultation via circular C. PCT 1596 ([www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/2020/1596.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/2020/1596.pdf)). These texts will be promulgated via circular C. PCT 1602 and published on 25 June 2020 at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html) and

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html)

## Updated *PCT Applicant's Guide*

The English version of the “Introduction to the International Phase” of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contains detailed information on the international phase of the PCT, has been updated to take into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2020, as well as other updates, and will be available as from 1 July 2020 at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html)

Other languages will be available shortly afterwards.

## Webinar on the Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The recording of a webinar entitled “PCT – July 2020 Rule Changes” is now available at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/7207139698340682246>

Registration is required to access the recording.

The PowerPoint presentation is also available at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)

The webinar, presented by Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director of the PCT Legal and User Relations Division at WIPO, provides an overview of the upcoming changes and an explanation of why these may be important to PCT users.

## **WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents**

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (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. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the national/regional 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.

### **Israel Patent Office**

As from 1 July 2020, the Israel Patent Office (ILPO), which already operates as both a depositing and accessing Office for PCT applications filed with it as a PCT receiving Office, as well as for national applications, will extend the scope of the DAS digital library to include industrial designs and will operate as both a depositing office and an accessing office for design applications.

For further information, please refer to:

[www.wipo.int/das/en/participating\\_offices/details.jsp?id=10740](http://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=10740)

A list of the DAS participating Offices is available at:

[www.wipo.int/das/en/participating\\_offices.html](http://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html)

## **New/Updated PCT Resources**

### **Amendments to the PCT Regulations**

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2020, the consolidated versions of the modified PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2020, are now also available in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish (in addition to Arabic and English) (currently on the right hand side of the page) at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/index.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/index.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/index.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/index.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/index.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/index.html)

The modified consolidated text in Italian will be available shortly, under “other languages”, at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html)

## PowerPoint presentations

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2020, a PowerPoint presentation describing the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2020 is now available in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Russian (in addition to English and Spanish) at, respectively:

[www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts/ppt/2020changes.pptx](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts/ppt/2020changes.pptx)

[www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/ko/texts/ppt/2020changes.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ko/texts/ppt/2020changes.pdf)

[www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

[www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/ppt/rule\\_changes\\_archive.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html)

## Webinar: Protecting your inventions internationally with the PCT

The recording of a webinar entitled “Protecting your inventions internationally with the PCT”, which was aired on 26 May 2020 within the framework of the Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives, is now available at:

[www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group\\_id=323](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=323)

## Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

### New invitation

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter* about invitations to PCT applicants and agents to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO (IB) and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT, a new invitation has been identified originating from “WPTAgency – World Patent & Trademark Agency”. To view an example of the invitation, as well as the many other examples that have been brought to the attention of WIPO by PCT users, and for further information on such requests in general, please refer to:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct\\_warning.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.html)

PCT applicants and agents should note that it is the IB alone which publishes all PCT applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date (PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there is no separate fee for such international publication, and the legal effects of international publication are set out in PCT Article 29.

If they have not already done so, PCT applicants and agents are advised to bring this information to the attention of the people responsible for handling payments of fees within their organizations, as well as to the attention of inventors who might also receive such requests. In case of doubt in relation to any such invitation, please do not hesitate to contact the IB at:

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

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

We also encourage PCT applicants, agents or inventors (PCT users) to take action with their governments or consumer protection associations. A suggested text for making complaints and a list of “Government authorities/consumer protection associations receiving complaints” are available at the above-mentioned web page.

## Practical Advice

### Entitlement to practice before the International Bureau as receiving Office (when an international application is assigned to an applicant from a different country).

*Q: I filed an international application on behalf of an applicant (applicant A) with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), as the applicant’s national receiving Office was closed for a long period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicant A is a national and resident of country A, and I am registered to practice before the patent Office of country A. The applicant now wishes to assign the international application to a new applicant (applicant B) who is a national and resident of country B. I have the following questions about the right to represent applicant B given the new situation:*

- 1. Am I entitled to represent applicant B in respect of the application?*
- 2. Can applicant B appoint a new agent registered to practice before the patent Office of country A?*
- 3. Can applicant B appoint a new agent registered to practice before the patent Office of country B?*

A: Although there is no requirement for the applicant to be represented at the RO/IB, the applicant is always strongly advised to appoint an agent to act on his/her behalf. Concerning an agent’s right to represent an applicant before RO/IB, according to PCT Rule 83.1 *bis*, any person who has the right to practice before the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant (or if there are two or more applicants, any of the applicants) is a resident or national is entitled to practice in respect of the international application before the RO/IB under PCT Rule 19.1(a)(iii)<sup>1</sup>. Furthermore, any person having the right to practice before RO/IB in respect of the international application is automatically entitled to practice in respect of that application before the IB in any other capacity, as well as before the competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA).

*For scenario 1, above, as you were entitled to represent the applicant at the time of filing the international application, as far as the RO/IB is concerned, you may continue to act as agent in respect of the international application before the RO/IB and the International Authorities, regardless of what happens regarding any future assignment of the application to another applicant. Applicant B is therefore not obliged to appoint a new agent having the right to practice before the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which he/she is a resident or national, in other words, country B.*

Note that, if you do continue to act as agent of record for the international application, it is not necessary to furnish a power of attorney in your favor signed by applicant B, provided that the request for the recording of a the change of applicant is requested by you (and not by

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<sup>1</sup> Where the IB acts as receiving Office pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b) (that is, where the national (or regional) Office does not act as receiving Office but the IB acts as receiving Office on behalf of that State for its nationals or residents), any natural or legal person has the right to practice before it.

applicant B). This is because the RO/IB has waived the requirement to furnish the power of attorney under PCT Rule 90.4(d) and 90.5(c).

*For scenario 2*, however, where applicant B wishes to appoint a new agent in country A, the situation is different, as he/she cannot appoint someone who is only entitled to practice before the Office in country A. This is because, for any **new** appointment of agent, the appointed person must, in accordance with PCT Rule 83.1 *bis*, have the right to practice before the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant B is a resident or national.

*As far as scenario 3* is concerned, therefore, where applicant B wishes to appoint a new agent registered to practice before the patent Office of country B, given the above-mentioned requirement under PCT Rule 83.1 *bis*, it follows that applicant B, who is resident in and a national of country B, can appoint a new agent who has the right to practice before the Office of country B. That principle applies at any time during the international phase.

Please note that if applicant B appoints a new agent, a power of attorney would be required for the new agent to be recorded by RO/IB, due to the fact that the IB's power of attorney waiver does not cover the situation where a new agent is appointed who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Note that the determination of right to practice before the RO/IB contrasts with the situation where an international application is filed with a national or regional Office as receiving Office. If the application had been filed with the national Office of country A, applicant B would either have to retain you as agent, or appoint another agent who has the right to practice before that Office. This is because, for filings with national (or regional) Offices, the agent must, in accordance with PCT Rule 90.1, have the right to practice before the Office with which the international application was filed. Therefore, any new agent must be an agent who has the right to practice before the national/regional RO where the application was filed, irrespective of the nationality/residence of any new applicant.

For further information on filing PCT applications with the RO/IB, please refer to:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/filing.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/filing.html)

<b>PCT Seminar Calendar</b> (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 22 June 2020)			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>9 September 2020 Lisbon (PT)</b> <i>[previously announced as 9 July 2020]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
<b>15-16 September 2020 Lille (FR)</b>	French	Basic PCT seminar: "Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation" WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
<b>24-25 September 2020 Online seminar</b>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
<b>28 September 2020 Zurich (CH)</b>	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
<b>29-30 September 2020 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 September 2020 Online seminar</b>	English	Formalities update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
<b>16 October 2020 Online presentation</b>	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speakers: to be announced	The UIC John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property, Information and Privacy Law E-mail: daryllim@uic.edu
<b>19-20 November 2020 London (GB)</b>	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
<b>27 November 2020 Bad Nauheim (DE)</b>	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

<b>PCT Webinars</b> ( <a href="http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html">www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html</a> ) ( <a href="http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/">www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/</a> )			
<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language of webinar</b>	<b>Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>22 June 2020</b> 9:00-12:00 CET	French	PCT Session 2020: WIPO and European Patent Office (EPO) WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet EPO speaker: Mr. Bogliolo	<a href="http://www.cncpi.fr/la_cncpi/presentation_generale/Juin_Session_PCT_2020-Interventions_OEB_OMPI_WEBINAR_inscription">www.cncpi.fr/la_cncpi/presentation_generale/Juin_Session_PCT_2020-Interventions_OEB_OMPI_WEBINAR_inscription</a>
<b>25 June 2020</b> 9:00-10:30 CET	English	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Kang Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Cocorocchia, Mr. Rattray, Mr. Savu, Ms. Ammann, Mr. Apercé, Ms. Gobechia	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1536728435881507088">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1536728435881507088</a>
<b>7 July 2020</b> 17:30-18:30 CET or <b>9 July 2020</b> 8:30-9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: CPC & IPC in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5987900049967094544">https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5987900049967094544</a>
<b>25 August 2020</b> 17:30-18:30 CET <b>27 August 2020</b> 8:30-9:30 CET	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	<a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/915962862199149840">https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/915962862199149840</a>

<b>Other IP events</b>
<b>Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival (SVIIF), Santa Clara, California (USA), 23-25 June 2020</b> ( <a href="https://sviif.com/">https://sviif.com/</a> ) <b>[cancelled]</b>
<b>International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 16-20 September 2020</b> <b>[postponed until March 2021]</b> The 48 <sup>th</sup> International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva has been postponed until March 2021. Further information is available at: <a href="http://www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/">www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/</a>
<b>International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020</b> The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at: <a href="http://www.iena.de/en/home.html">www.iena.de/en/home.html</a>

## PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 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 12. (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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	IRR	Iranian rial	PEN	Nuevo sol	UGX	Uganda shilling
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	PGK	Kina	UZS	Uzbek sum
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
		ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	PLN	Polish zloty	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
		AMD	Armenian dram	DJF	Djibouti franc	QAR	Qatari riyal	XCD	East Caribbean Dollar
		AUD	Australian dollar	DKK	Danish krone	RON	New leu	ZAR	South African rand
		AZN	Azerbaijani manat	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	Won (KR)	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		BAM	Convertible mark	EGP	Egyptian pound	KZT	Kazakh tenge		
		BGN	Bulgarian lev	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti		
						RUB	Russian rouble		
						SDG	Sudanese pound		

**Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees**  
(amounts on 1 June 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 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 2,356 (from 1.8.20: 2,150)	27 (24)	– (–)	354 (323)	531 (485)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	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 <sup>8</sup> online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 89.25	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,961	22	–	295	442	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup> 130	CLP eq USD <sup>9</sup> 1,337	eq USD <sup>9</sup> 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
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: USD 212 on paper: USD 289	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 June 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>	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD <sup>10</sup>	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS <sup>11</sup>	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	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	406,200 (from 1.7.20: 458,300)	4,600 (5,200)	– (–)	61,100 (68,900)	91,600 (103,400)	EP XV
IB	CHF <sup>12</sup> or EUR <sup>12</sup> or USD <sup>12</sup>	100 92 101	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,217 1,337	15 14 15	100 92 101	200 183 201	300 275 302	See footnote 13
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	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) <sup>14</sup>	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
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	17,800	ISK	195,100	2,200	–	29,300	44,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 <sup>15</sup>	JPY	143,200	1,600	–	–	32,300	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 <sup>16</sup>	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	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>17</sup> KR (from 1.7.20: SG)
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– <sup>18</sup>	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP

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

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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>	
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD	– <sup>18</sup>	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,217	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	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 <sup>19</sup>	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CLEPESKR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) <sup>20</sup> 550 (paper filing) <sup>20</sup>	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	15,300 (from 1.7.20: 14,420)	170 (160)	– (–)	2,300 (2,170)	3,450 (3,250)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,126 (from 1.7.20: 2,288)	24 (26)	– (–)	320 (344)	479 (516)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– <sup>18</sup>	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT AU EGPUS
PA	USD	240	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT BR CLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	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	10.77 (online filing) EUR 21.53 (paper filing)	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON	475	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,700 <sup>21</sup>	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– <sup>18</sup>	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,974	22	–	297	445	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR	66 <sup>22</sup>	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV		None <sup>23</sup>	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– <sup>18</sup>	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	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	– <sup>18</sup>	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD	– <sup>18</sup>	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	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	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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

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				Item 4(a) <sup>5</sup>	Item 4(b) <sup>6</sup>	Item 4(c) <sup>7</sup>	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) <sup>24</sup> 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	201	302	EP SG
US	USD 240 <sup>25</sup> small entity <sup>26</sup> : 120 <sup>25</sup> micro entity <sup>26</sup> : 60 <sup>25</sup>	USD 1,337	15	101	201	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 <sup>27</sup>	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	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	270	–	3,620	5,430	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) — Search fees**

(amounts on 1 June 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>							
AT <sup>28</sup>	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	KRW 2,334,000	SGD 2,693	USD 1,950	ZAR 35,130		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,483 *(from 1.7.20: EUR 1,241 ***(from 1.8.20: CHF 1,361	CHF** 1,242 ZAR* 22,460 EUR 1,241 CHF 1,361	EUR* 1,350 KRW 1,643,000 KRW 1,757,000	SGD 1,920	NZD 2,357 USD 1,341	SGD* 2,048 ZAR 26,420)		
BR <sup>8</sup>	Online: *(from 1.7.20: USD 322 **(from 1.8.20: CHF 286	BRL 1,685 USD 322 CHF 286	CHF** 314 EUR 271)	EUR** 304	USD* 376			
	On paper: *(from 1.7.20: USD 483 **(from 1.8.20: CHF 429	BRL 2,525 USD 483 CHF 429	CHF 470 EUR 406)	EUR 455	USD* 564			
CA	CAD 1,600 *(from 1.7.20: USD 1,132)	CHF 1,085 USD 1,132)	EUR 1,095	USD* 1,203				
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,989	EUR 1,820					
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity <sup>2</sup> :	USD 400	CHF 398	EUR 364				
	In case of filing by a university <sup>29</sup> :	USD 300	CHF 298	EUR 273				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 292	EUR 267	USD 294				
EG <sup>30</sup>	EGP 4,000	CHF 244	EUR 223	USD 245				
EP <sup>31</sup>	EUR 1,775 JPY 208,800 ZAR 35,130 *(from 1.7.20: GBP 1,560	CHF 1,939 NOK* 17,800 GBP 1,560	DKK 13,260 NZD 3,099 HUF 626,100	GBP* 1,479 SEK 19,300 ISK 276,000	HUF* 592,200 SGD 2,693 NOK 20,010)	ISK* 242,300 USD 1,950		
ES <sup>31</sup>	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
IL	ILS 3,582	CHF 1,009	EUR 932	USD 1,036				
IN	INR 10,000 *(from 1.7.20: USD 131)	CHF 128 USD 131)	EUR 120	USD* 141				
	In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500 *(from 1.7.20: USD 33)	CHF 32 USD 33)	EUR 30	USD* 35				
JP <sup>32</sup>	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 650 CHF 1,449	EUR 595 EUR 1,326	KRW 783,000 SGD 2,012	USD 654 USD 1,457			
KR <sup>33</sup>	For IAs in Korean: SGD 519 For IAs in English: SGD 1,385	KRW 450,000 USD 376 KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,003	AUD*, ** 558 *(from 1.7.20: AUD 603) AUD*, ** 1,487 *(from 1.7.20: AUD 1,607)	CHF 353 AUD 603) CHF 941 AUD 1,607)	EUR 342 *(from 1.8.20: AUD 564) EUR 913 *(from 1.8.20: AUD 1,503)	NZD 598 AUD 564 NZD 1,594 AUD 1,503)		

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

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>									
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	994	EUR	910				
	Small entity or government <sup>34</sup> :		USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364		
RU	For IAs in Russian:									
	RUB	8,500	CHF**	104	EUR*	97	USD**	106		
	*(from 1.7.20:		EUR	105)	**(from 1.8.20:		CHF	118	USD	113)
	For IAs in English:									
RUB	40,000	CHF**	489	EUR*	455	USD**	501			
*(from 1.7.20:		EUR	495)	**(from 1.8.20:		CHF	554	USD	532)	
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775		
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.7.20:		ISK	276,000	EUR	1,775		
							NOK	242,300		
							NOK*	17,800		
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,509	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600		
	(from 1.7.20:		KRW	1,955,000)			USD	1,622		
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950		
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	109		
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	328		
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD*	3,135		
	*(from 1.7.20:		NZD	3,496	ZAR	38,860)	ZAR*	31,500		
	For small entity <sup>26</sup> :									
	USD	1,040	CHF	1,034	EUR	947	NZD*	1,567		
	*(from 1.7.20:		NZD	1,748	ZAR	19,430)	ZAR*	15,750		
	For micro entity <sup>26</sup> :									
USD	520	CHF	517	EUR	473	NZD*	784			
*(from 1.7.20:		NZD	874	ZAR	9,710)	ZAR*	7,870			
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK*	242,300		
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.7.20:		ISK	276,000	NOK	20,010)		
							NOK*	17,800		
							SEK	19,300		
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF*	592,200	USD	1,950		
	*(from 1.7.20:		HUF	626,100)						

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee <sup>2, 35</sup>
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939 <sup>31</sup>	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 144 (from 1.8.20: 163)	CHF 200
	CHF 231 <sup>36</sup> (from 1.8.20: 261)	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,509	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 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):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

**Table II — Preliminary examination fees**

(amounts on 1 June 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

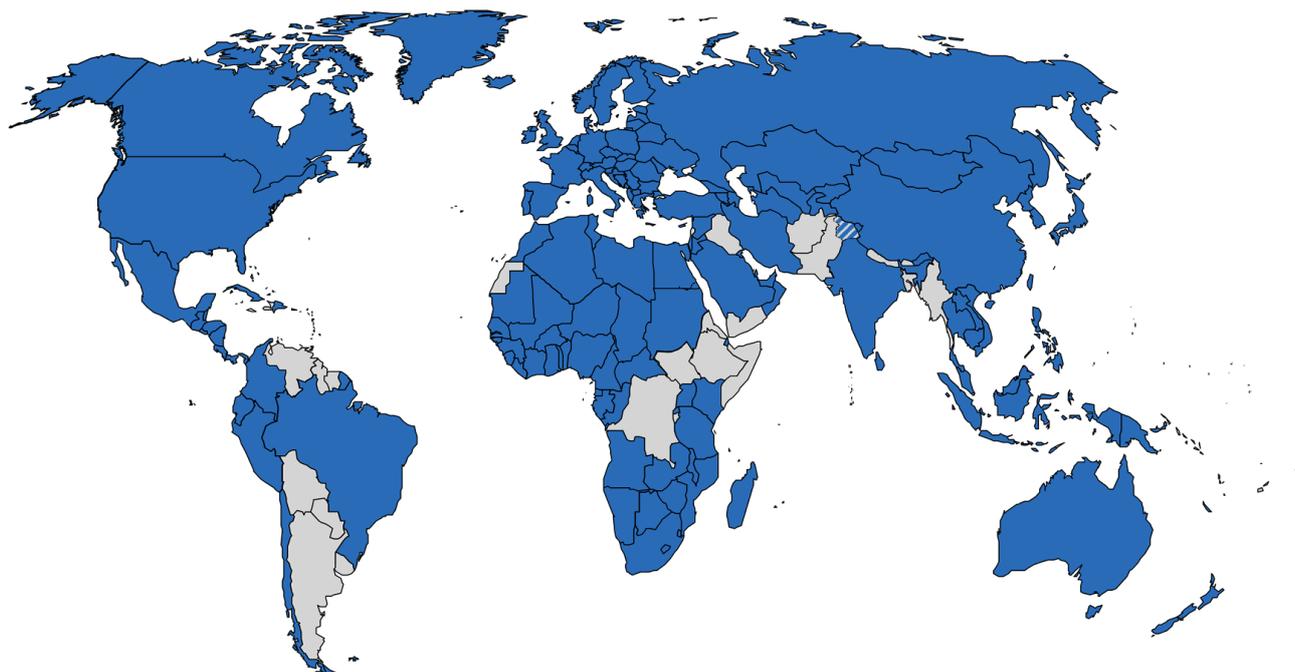
<b>IPEA</b>	<b>Preliminary examination fee<sup>37</sup></b>		<b>Handling fee<sup>2,37</sup> (CHF 200)</b>		
<b>AT</b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,749 <sup>28</sup>	<b>EUR</b>	183	
<b>AU</b>	<b>AUD</b>	590	820 <sup>38</sup>	<b>AUD</b> 354 (from 1.8.20: 323)	
<b>BR</b>	Online: <b>BRL</b>	630 <sup>8</sup>	On paper: <b>BRL</b>	945 <sup>8</sup>	<b>BRL eq CHF</b> 200
<b>CA</b>	<b>CAD</b>	800	<b>CAD</b>	295	
<b>CL</b>	<b>USD</b>	1,500	<b>USD</b> 201		
	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>29</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>	201	
<b>EP</b>	<b>EUR</b>	1,830 <sup>31</sup>	<b>EUR</b>	183	
<b>ES</b>	<b>EUR</b>	583.65 <sup>31</sup>	<b>EUR</b>	183	
<b>FI</b>	<b>EUR</b>	600	<b>EUR</b>	183	
<b>IL</b>	<b>ILS</b>	1,535	<b>ILS</b>	743	
<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		<b>USD</b> 201		
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: <b>INR</b> 12,000; in case of filing by individual: <b>INR</b> 3,000				
<b>JP<sup>32</sup></b>	For IAs in Japanese: <b>JPY</b>	26,000	<b>JPY</b>	21,500	
	For IAs in English: <b>JPY</b>	58,000			
<b>KR</b>	<b>KRW</b>	450,000	<b>KRW</b>	255,000	
<b>PH</b>	<b>USD</b>	500	<b>USD</b>	201	
	Small entity or government: <sup>34</sup> <b>USD</b>	200			
<b>RU</b>	For IAs in Russian: <b>RUB</b>	4,500 <sup>39</sup> 6,750 <sup>40</sup>	<b>USD</b>	201	
	For IAs in English: <b>RUB</b>	16,000 <sup>39</sup> 24,000 <sup>40</sup>			
<b>SE</b>	<b>SEK</b>	5,000	<b>SEK</b>	1,990	
<b>SG</b>	<b>SGD</b>	830	<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		<b>EUR</b> 183		
	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>US</b>	<b>USD</b>	600	760 <sup>41</sup>	<b>USD</b> 201	
	For small entity <sup>26</sup> : <b>USD</b>	300	380 <sup>41</sup>		
	For micro entity <sup>26</sup> : <b>USD</b>	150	190 <sup>41</sup>		
<b>XN</b>	<b>DKK</b>	5,000	<b>DKK</b>	1,370	
<b>XV</b>	<b>EUR</b>	900	<b>EUR</b>	183	

[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 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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).
- 13 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).
- 14 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.
- 15 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).
- 16 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.
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 18 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 19 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 20 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.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 23 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.
- 24 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%.
- 25 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.
- 26 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).
- 27 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 28 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).
- 29 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).
- 30 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".
- 31 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).
- 32 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).
- 33 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.
- 34 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.
- 35 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 36 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).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 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)).

## PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 1 June 2020)



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>2</sup>	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ML Mali (OA) <sup>2</sup>	SI Slovenia (EP) <sup>2</sup>
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>2,3</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)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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)
CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LT Lithuania (EP) <sup>2</sup>	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) <sup>2</sup>	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) <sup>2</sup>	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
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	HN Honduras	MA Morocco <sup>4</sup>	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>2</sup>	HR Croatia (EP)	MC Monaco (EP) <sup>2</sup>	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova <sup>4</sup>	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia	ME Montenegro <sup>5</sup>	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) <sup>2</sup>	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	
	IL Israel		SD Sudan (AP)	
			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 will open its national route on 1 July 2020. For international applications filed on or after that date, Italy will automatically be designated for a national patent as well as a European patent.

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).

**Important:** This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

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 2019). 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.