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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

### UA Ukraine

#### **Agreement between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup>**

At its fifty-fifth (24<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian national Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 November 2023, pages 223 and 224).

In accordance with Article 11(1) of the aforementioned agreement, the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau agreed that the amended agreement entered into force on 14 July 2023.

The amended agreement, namely the Agreement between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (as in force since July 14, 2023) is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: [ic.contact-contact.ic@ised-isde.gc.ca](mailto:ic.contact-contact.ic@ised-isde.gc.ca)

[Updating of Annex B(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ua.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ua.pdf)

## GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – from 15 January 2024, it will be possible to validate European patents in Georgia for international applications filed on or after that date.<sup>2</sup>

[Updating of Annex B(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau that its national law now permits the applicant who files a national application with the Office to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)). The relevant provision in the national law of Poland is Industrial Property Law, Article 47, paragraph 5.

[Updating of Annex B(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is EUR 500.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is RON 497.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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<sup>2</sup> For further information, see:  
<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/12/a105.html>

## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2024, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search,  
publication and other processing) RUB 50,000

Claim fee for each claim:

- in excess of five: RUB 5,500
- in excess of 20: RUB 6,000
- in excess of 50: RUB 7,000

Examination fee:

- for one invention: RUB 50,000
- for a group of inventions including  
one independent claim: RUB 50,000
  - additional fee for the second  
independent claim: RUB 30,000
  - additional fee for each independent  
claim in excess of two claims: RUB 15,000

Furthermore, the Office notified a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

The unitary procedural fee is reduced by 40% where an international search report has been established by the EAPO; or by 25% where an international search report has been established by an Office acting as an International Searching Authority under the PCT.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the fee for validating in Georgia a European patent granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 15 January 2024, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable from 15 January 2024, is EUR 200.<sup>3</sup>

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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<sup>3</sup> For further information, see:  
<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/12/a105.html>

## FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of certain components of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2024. The new amounts of the respective components of the national fee are as follows:

For a patent:

Basic fee: <sup>4</sup>	EUR	540
Basic fee for an electronically-filed application: <sup>4</sup>	EUR	430
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 15: <sup>5</sup>	[No change]	
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: <sup>6</sup>	EUR	140
Annual fees for the first three years: <sup>7</sup>	EUR	135

For a utility model:

Registration fee <sup>4</sup>	EUR	280
for an application filed electronically: <sup>4</sup>	EUR	230
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 5: <sup>5</sup>	EUR	25
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: <sup>6</sup>	EUR	120

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2024, is EUR 500.

<sup>4</sup> This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

<sup>5</sup> If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

<sup>6</sup> Where the basic fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation or copy may be filed within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation or copy has been paid within those two months.

<sup>7</sup> The renewal fees for an international application in respect of fee years which have begun before the date on which the application was pursued under section 31 of the Patents Act or was taken up for processing under section 38 of the same Act, or which begin within two months of such date become in no event due until the last day of the month that falls two months after the date on which the application was pursued or otherwise prosecuted.

## **AGREEMENT**

between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine  
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for  
Intellectual Property and Innovations”  
as an International Searching Authority  
and International Preliminary Examining Authority  
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

(as in force from July 14, 2023)

### **Preamble**

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

*Considering* that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute” as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

*Considering* that the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” has taken on the patent processing responsibilities performed by the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute”,

*Hereby agree as follows:*

### **Article 1 Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
  - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
  - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
  - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
  - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
  - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
  - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
  - (g) “the Authority” means the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations”;
  - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

## **Article 2**

### **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

## **Article 3**

### **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

#### **Article 4**

### **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

#### **Article 5**

### **Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

#### **Article 6**

### **Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

#### **Article 7**

### **Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.



### **Article 8 International-Type Search**

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

### **Article 9 Entry into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

### **Article 10 Duration and Renewability**

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

### **Article 11 Amendment**

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

## **Article 12 Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
  - (i) if the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
  - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

## **Annex A States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:  
English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian.

**Annex B**  
**Supplementary International Search:**  
**Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions**

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French, German, Russian or Ukrainian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
- (ii) European and North American documentation;
- (iii) Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation.

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex D is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2) of this Annex.

(4) The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds resources available to the Authority and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

**Annex C**  
**Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Law of Ukraine on the Protection of Rights to Inventions and Utility Models.

**Annex D**  
**Fees and Charges**

**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

<b>Kind of fee or charge</b>	<b>Amount (Euro)</b>
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100

Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	
– of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34	90
– of only European and North American documentation	90
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	70
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	60
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	160
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	50
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	180
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	70
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	60
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	20
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.40
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	0.90

## **Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees**

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Authority 25 – 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

## **Annex E Classification**

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

## **Annex F Languages of Correspondence**

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English or Russian, for applications filed in Ukrainian;

Russian, for applications filed in, or translated into, Russian;

English, for applications filed in, or translated into English, French or German.

**Annex G**  
**International-Type Search**

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is CAD 416.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2024, is CHF 110.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 907 and EUR 974, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 102, or CHF 26 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

### US United States of America

In accordance with Section 710(a)(iv) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the Office does not accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format.



**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF ELEMENTS OR PARTS:  
NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL  
LAWS**

**CN China**

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12956), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6.

In addition, further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 April 2020, page 66), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d).

**EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES:  
NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL  
LAWS**

**CN China**

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12958), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d).

Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d) will apply to international applications if the two-month period from the date of entry into the Chinese national phase expires on or after 20 January 2024.

## **RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS**

### **CN China**

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12960), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g).

Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g) will apply to international applications if the two-month period from the date of entry into the Chinese national phase expires on or after 20 January 2024.

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## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2024, is USD 1,066.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	213,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	ISK	2,400
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	32,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	48,100

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,562
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	USD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	117
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	235
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	352

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(DJ), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(IQ), C(JM), C(JO), C(KE), C(KG), C(KH), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(MW), C(MX), C(NI), C(OM), C(PA), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(QA), C(RU), C(SA), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UG), C(US), C(UZ), C(WS), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2024, is USD 235.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS THAT WERE PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES, AND COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)<sup>1</sup> as a “collecting Office” may transfer the following fees and related differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office (“RO”) for the benefit of the International Bureau (“IB”);
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (“ISA”);
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search (“SISA”);
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.<sup>2</sup>

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

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<sup>1</sup> A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

<sup>2</sup> Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.



**List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service**

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office<sup>3</sup> as of **31 December 2023** (inclusive), is as follows:

<b>PCT Fee Transfers</b>					
<b>International Filing Fee</b> collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	<b>Search Fee</b> collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	<b>Supplementary Search Fee</b> collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	<b>Handling Fee</b> collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	<b>Differences relating to search fees</b> received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>AP</b> African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>AT</b> Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/AP, BR, CO, CU, CV, DZ, EG, GE, IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, SY, TT, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT</i> (BH, DJ, GH, KP, LR, LS, LY, NG, ZM, ZW)

<sup>3</sup> Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

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PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	<b>International Filing Fee</b> collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	<b>Search Fee</b> collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	<b>Supplementary Search Fee</b> collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	<b>Handling Fee</b> collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	<b>Differences relating to search fees</b> received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>AU</b> Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/KR</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, ID, IN, JO, KE, KR, MU, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in AUD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU (BN, GH, IQ, LR, PG, TH, ZW)</i>
<b>AZ</b> Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EA, EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>BG</b> Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>BR</b> National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CL, CO, CU, IB, PA, PE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CHF, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/BR (CV)</i>

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>BY</b> National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>CA</b> Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a)  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/IB, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified</i> ISA/CA (BZ, IQ)
<b>CH</b> Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>CL</b> National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/BR, EP, ES, KR, US  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/BR, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX, PA, PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified</i> ISA/CL (SV)

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>CN</b> China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	Collecting RO	as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, IN, IR, KE, SA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CNY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CN (GH, KH, KP, LR, TH, ZW)</i>
<b>CO</b> Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>CR</b> Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>CU</b> Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL EP, ES, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>CV</b> Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for: ISA/ AT, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>CZ</b> Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>DE</b> German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>DK</b> Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>DO</b> National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>DZ</b> Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>EA</b> Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BY, IB, RU</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EA (AM, KG, TJ)</i>
<b>EC</b> National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>EE</b> Estonian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>EG</b> Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, US</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, OM, QA, SA, SD, SY</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG (DJ, IQ)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p><b>EP</b> European Patent Office (EPO)</p>	Collecting RO	<p>as Collecting RO: n/a</p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AP, AT, AZ, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DO, DZ, EA, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GR, HR, HU, IB, ID, IE, IL, IN, IR, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, KZ, LV, MA, MD, MU, MX, MY, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PA, PE, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SY, TN, TR, TT, UG, US, VN, ZA</i></p>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EP (AL, AM, BA, BH, BN, BW, BZ, CV, CY, DJ, GH, HN, IQ, KG, KH, KN, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MK, MN, MT, MW, RW, SC, SV, TH, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, WS, ZW)</i></p>
<p><b>ES</b> Spanish Patent and Trademark Office</p>	Collecting RO	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i></p> <p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CL, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX, NI, PA, PE</i></p>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/ES (HN, SV)</i></p>

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>FI</b> Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/PI)</i>
<b>FR</b> National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>GB</b> Intellectual Property Office <sup>4</sup> (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>GE</b> National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>GR</b> Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>HR</b> State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

<sup>4</sup> "Intellectual Property Office" is an operating name of the Patent Office.



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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>HU</b> Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>IB</b> International Bureau of WIPO (as Receiving Office)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for all participating ISAs, from applicants filing through RO/IB</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>ID</b> Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>IE</b> Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>IL</b> Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, US</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/GE, IB, US</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD</i>

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>IN</b> Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, JP, SE, US</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, IR, JP</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in INR</i>
<b>IR</b> Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CN, EP, IN, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>IS</b> Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>IT</b> Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p><b>JO</b> Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)</p>	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p><b>JP</b> Japan Patent Office (JPO)</p>	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, IN, SG</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, ID, IN, KR, MY, PH, SA, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in JPY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP (BN, KH, TH)</i>
<p><b>KE</b> Kenya Industrial Property Institute</p>	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>KR</b> Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AU, CL, CO, IB, ID, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in KRW, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR (BN, CV, KH, MN, TH)</i>
<b>KZ</b> National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>LV</b> Latvian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>MA</b> Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>MD</b> State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>MK</b> State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>MU</b> Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for:</i> ISA/AU, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>MX</b> Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, CL, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>MY</b> Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>NI</b> Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>NL</b> Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>NO</b> Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>NZ</b> Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>OA</b> African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>OM</b> Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>PA</b> Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>PE</b> National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>PH</b> Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/PH)</i>
<b>PL</b> Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>PT</b> National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>QA</b> Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>RO</b> State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>RS</b> Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>RU</b> Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EA, EP</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, EA, GE, IB, ID, IR, KZ, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, SY, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU (AM, KG, KP, MN, TJ, TM, UZ, ZW)</i>



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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>SA</b> Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CA, CN, EG, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>SD</b> Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>SE</b> Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, XN</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AP, BR, DK, FI, IB, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, TT, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in SEK, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE (GH, LR, ZM)</i>

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>SG</b> Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, ID, JP, KR, MX, SA, TT, UG, US, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in SGD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG (BN, KH, TH)</i>
<b>SI</b> Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>SK</b> Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>SY</b> Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EG, EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>TN</b> National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>TR</b> Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in TRY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/TR (IQ)</i>
<b>TT</b> Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, SG, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p><b>UA</b> National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”</p>	<p><i>(not yet participating as RO)</i></p>	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>(not yet participating as RO)</i></p> <p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i></p>	<p>Beneficiary SISA</p>	<p>Collecting IPEA</p>	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)</i></p>
<p><b>UG</b> Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)</p>	<p>Collecting RO</p>	<p>Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SG</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>US</b> United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)</p>	<p>Collecting RO</p>	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, SG</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/BR, CL, DO, EG, GE, IB, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PH, QA, SA, TT, ZA</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Collecting IPEA</p>	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US (BH, KN, TH)</i></p>
<p><b>VN</b> Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)</p>	<p><i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i></p>	<p>Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>

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<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>XN</b> Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a)  as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/DK, IB, IS, NO, SE</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in DKK</i>
<b>ZA</b> Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,703
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 341 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	CHF 255 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who 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.)

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 March 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 117
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 59 Supplement for airmail: USD 12

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## **PH Philippines**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 511, or CHF 170 where the applicant is a small entity.<sup>1</sup>

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## **US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 1,856 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 742 for a small entity, and CHF 371 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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<sup>1</sup> A small entity 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.



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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 9 February 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on the aforementioned day, that period expires on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	98
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	BYN	200

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,<sup>1, 2</sup> in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2024, as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

<sup>2</sup> For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	98
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	42
Examination fee:	BYN	476
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	280
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	98

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	196
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	98

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

### EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

#### Agreement between the European Patent Office (EPO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D

Pursuant to Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which enter into force on 1 April 2024, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Furthermore, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the EPO also notified an amendment to Part II of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will also enter into force on 1 April 2024, consists of a change in the reference contained in the footnote to paragraph 3: the reference “OJ EPO 2019, A5” will be replaced by the reference “OJ EPO 2024, A7”. The effect of this amendment is to change the conditions relating to the refund of the search fee, where the EPO (acting as International Searching Authority) benefits from the results of an earlier search prepared by it on an application the priority of which is claimed in an international application. In particular, a full or partial refund of the international search fee paid for a pending international application is now also applicable where the international search report is based on an earlier search made on behalf of Slovenia on a national application filed as of 1 January 2024.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

#### **Annex D Fees and Charges**

##### **Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

<b>Kind of fee or charge</b>	<b>Amount (Euro)</b>
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845 <sup>2</sup>
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i> <sup>3</sup> )	1,845 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_ep.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4). See Part II, paragraph (4) for further details.

<sup>3</sup> This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5*bis* (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,845 <sup>2</sup>
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,915 <sup>2</sup>
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,915 <sup>2</sup>
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,020
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	1,020
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	265

## Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search, the search fee paid shall be refunded to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.<sup>4</sup>

(4) to (8) [No change]

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Tuesday, 16 January 2024.

Consequently, 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 the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Wednesday, 17 January 2024.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2024, is EUR 150.

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<sup>4</sup> See OJ EPO 2024, A7 and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 15 February 2024, page 53.

In addition, the EPO notified new amounts of other fees, in **euros (EUR)**, also payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable for payments made on or after 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	120	(EUR 0 <sup>5</sup> )
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	750	

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary international search, and applicable from 1 April 2024, as follows:

Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,845 <sup>6</sup>
Additional fee (PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40bis <sup>7</sup> ):	EUR	1,845 <sup>6</sup>
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a)):	EUR	1,845 <sup>6</sup>
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	1,020
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	1,020
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	EUR	265

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	1,915 <sup>6</sup>
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	EUR	1,915 <sup>6</sup>
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	1,020
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	265

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

<sup>5</sup> This amount applies where the document is requested using MyEPO.

<sup>6</sup> This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State classified by the World Bank as low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, refer to: <https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html>.

<sup>7</sup> This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5bis (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of its national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

#### National fee:

##### Filing fee:<sup>8, 9</sup>

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| – for online filings     | EUR | 135 |
| – for non-online filings | EUR | 285 |

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: <sup>10</sup>	EUR	685
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##### Claims fee:<sup>11</sup>

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| – for the 16 <sup>th</sup> and each subsequent<br>claim up to the limit of 50 | EUR | 275 |
| – for the 51 <sup>st</sup> and each subsequent claim                          | EUR | 685 |

##### Search fee:<sup>11</sup>

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| – for (international) applications filed<br>before 1 July 2005      | EUR | 1,040 |
| – for (international) applications filed<br>on or after 1 July 2005 | EUR | 1,520 |

##### Fee for further processing:

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| – in the event of late payment of a fee | [No change] |     |
| – other cases                           | EUR         | 300 |

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	265
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##### Examination fee:<sup>12</sup>

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| – for (international) applications filed<br>before 1 July 2005 | EUR | 2,135 |
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<sup>8</sup> Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date.

<sup>9</sup> Refer to the Decision of the EPO Administrative Council dated 14 December 2023 (CA/D 16/23), OJ EPO 2024, A3.

<sup>10</sup> Payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

<sup>11</sup> Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. (For claims fees, see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter EP.)

<sup>12</sup> A request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1) or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.



– for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,135
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,915
Renewal fee for the third year <sup>13</sup>	EUR	690

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office or, in accordance with the *Protocol on Centralisation*, by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI). The new amount of this reduction, applicable from 1 April 2024, is EUR 1,300.<sup>14</sup>

In addition, the Office notified new conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees, with effect from 1 April 2024, as follows:

(i) Where microenterprises, small and medium-sized enterprises, natural persons, non-profit organisations, universities or public research organisations having their residence or principal place of business within a Contracting State [of the EPC] having a language other than English, French or German as an official language, and nationals of that State who are resident abroad, file a European patent application or a request for examination in a language admitted in Article 14, paragraph 4 of the EPC, the filing fee or examination fee shall be reduced by 30%.

(ii) Where a microenterprise, natural person, non-profit organisation, university or public research organisation files a European patent application or, in respect of an international application, performs the acts referred to in Rule 159, the following fees shall be reduced by 30%: (a) filing fee; (b) fee for a European or supplementary European search; (c) examination fee, and in addition the previously paid international search fee where the European Patent Office acted as International Searching Authority; (d) designation fee; (e) fee for grant; (f) renewal fees for the European patent application.

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<sup>13</sup> This fee is due before the expiration of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 31 months from the priority date, if that 31-month time limit expires later.

<sup>14</sup> Refer to footnote 9.

The reduction of fees shall not be available where the same person has filed five or more European patent applications or Euro-PCT applications within a period of five years preceding (i) the date of filing of the European patent application concerned or (ii) the date of entry into the European phase of the Euro-PCT application concerned.

The relevant date for previous applications shall be the date of filing in the case of a European patent application or the date of entry into the European phase in the case of a Euro-PCT application. In the case of multiple persons filing a European patent application or a Euro-PCT application, the reduction shall be available only if each applicant fulfils the applicable eligibility criteria on the date of the payment of the fee concerned.

For additional details, refer to Rule 7 of the Implementing Regulations to the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* and the Rules relating to Fees.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified a new amount, in **euros (EUR)**, of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(d)), payable to the EPO in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2024, is EUR 750.

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### OM Oman

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: [paof@tejarah.gov.om](mailto:paof@tejarah.gov.om)

[Updating of Annex B(OM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau that its national law permits an applicant who files a national application with the Office to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)).

The relevant provision in the national law of the Russian Federation is contained in Appendix 1 of the *Regulation on Patent and other fees for committing legally significant actions related to a patent for an invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to appellation of origin, as well as state registration of alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, granting the right to use such result or such means under a contract, non-contracted transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means*, under paragraph 14.13 of the List of legally significant actions related to a patent for invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and a service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to an appellation of origin, state registration of alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, grant of a right of use of such result or such means under a contract, transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means without concluding a contract, subject to patent or other fees.

[Updating of Annex B(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a clarification of its official name, as well as of a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia
Location and mailing address:	Raiņa bulvāris 15 Rīga LV-1050 Latvia

[Updating of Annex B(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of national fees in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

Application fee: <sup>1</sup>	NOK 6,050	(NOK 1,100) <sup>2</sup>
Fee for each claim in excess of 10: <sup>1</sup>	NOK 330	
Annual fees for the first three years: <sup>3</sup>	NOK 910	per year

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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<sup>1</sup> Must be paid within 30 days from the date of the invitation to pay the fee.

<sup>2</sup> The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is a natural person or a legal entity with 20 permanent employees or less.

<sup>3</sup> These fees are due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; where PCT Article 39(1) applies, they are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase, unless the 24-month time limit has not yet expired.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
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**ES Spain**

**Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the search fee and the additional fee for international search, will enter into force on 1 April 2024.

With effect from 1 April 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D  
Fees and Charges**

**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

<b>Kind of fee or charge</b>	<b>Amount (Euro)</b>
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845 <sup>2</sup>
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845 <sup>2</sup>
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change] <sup>2</sup>
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change] <sup>2</sup>
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

**Part II. [No change]**

<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-es.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-es.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> This fee is reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.



## XV Visegrad Patent Institute

### Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>3</sup> - Amendment to Annex D

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the search fee and the additional fee for international search, will enter into force on 1 April 2024.

With effect from 1 April 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

#### **Annex D Fees and Charges**

##### **Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

<b>Kind of fee or charge</b>	<b>Amount (Euro)</b>
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845
International-type search fee	
If requested in HU, PL, SK national application	[No change]
If requested in other national application	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

##### **Part II. [No change]**

<sup>3</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-xv.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-xv.pdf)

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **multiple currencies** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**<sup>4</sup>. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Danish kroner (DKK)	13,750
Hungarian forints (HUF)	715,100
Icelandic kronur (ISK)	274,600
Japanese yen (JPY)	297,100
New Zealand dollars (NZD)	3,253
Norwegian kroner (NOK)	20,880
Pounds sterling (GBP)	1,570
Singapore dollars (SGD)	2,675
South African rand (ZAR)	37,470
Swedish kronor (SEK)	20,750
Swiss francs (CHF)	1,751
US dollars (USD)	1,989

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR 1,845 <sup>5</sup>
Additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR 1,845 <sup>5</sup>

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751 and USD 1,989, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

<sup>4</sup> A new amount of this fee (EUR 1,845) has been established by the EPO, with effect from 1 April 2024. Refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 15 February 2024, pages 53-54.

<sup>5</sup> This fee is reduced by 75% 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 not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

## SE Sweden

New amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 20,750
	CHF 1,751
	DKK 13,750
	EUR 1,845
	ISK 274,600
	NOK 20,880
	USD 1,989
Additional search fee:	SEK 20,750

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)) in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for a supplementary international search carried out the by Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## TR Türkiye

New amounts in **Turkish lira (TRY)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are TRY 61,090 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751, EUR 1,845 and USD 1,989, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

[Updating of Annex SISA(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## XN Nordic Patent Institute

New amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are DKK 13,750 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

CHF	1,751
EUR	1,845
DKK	13,750
ISK	274,600
NOK	20,880
SEK	20,750
USD	1,989

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## XV Visegrad Patent Institute

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are EUR 1,845 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751 and USD 1,989, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## **RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(g)**

### **CN China**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that, applicable from 20 January 2024, it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority filed with it as a designated Office, and the time limit for filing such a request is two months from the date of entry into the national phase before that Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CN), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

In addition, CNIPA notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)) in **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** and payable to it in its capacity as designated Office. This amount, also applicable since 20 January 2024, is CNY 1,000.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
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**FI Finland**

**Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> - Amendment to Annex D**

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2024.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D  
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**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

<b>Kind of fee or charge</b>	<b>Amount (Euro)</b>
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,845
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

**Part II. [No change]**

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<sup>1</sup> The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-fi.pdf>

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are EUR 1,845 each.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751 and USD 1,989, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search, the Office notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **euros (EUR)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is EUR 1,845.

Consequently, a new amount of this fee has been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2024, is CHF 964.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is HUF 715,100.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



## **REVISED VERSION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.26**

### **NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

In accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C, paragraph 5, and following the adoption of version 1.7 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the eleventh session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (refer to document CWS/11/3 and paragraphs 49 and 50 of document CWS/11/27), the Director General has decided that the new version of the Standard shall come into force for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2024. Sequence listings submitted after filing concerning applications filed prior to 1 July 2024 may use either version 1.6 or 1.7 of the Standard.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**IN India**

**Agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D**

In accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of an amendment to the footnote in Part I of Annex D thereof.

Consequently, with effect since 15 March 2024, the amended Annex D reads as follows:

**Annex D  
Fees and Charges**

**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

<b>Kind of fee or charge</b>	<b>Amount (Indian rupees)</b>
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[no change] <sup>2</sup>
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[no change] <sup>2</sup>
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[no change] <sup>2</sup>
– in other cases	[no change] <sup>2</sup>
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[no change] <sup>2</sup>
– in other cases	[no change] <sup>2</sup>
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change] <sup>2</sup>
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[no change] <sup>2</sup>
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[no change]

**Part II. [No change]**

<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-in.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-in.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> The amounts in parentheses are applicable in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity, or an educational institution.

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)), additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)), and late furnishing fee for sequence listings (PCT Rule 13~~ter~~.1(c)) payable to it as International Searching Authority, as well as in the conditions for reduction of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)), additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)), and late furnishing fee for sequence listings (PCT Rule 13~~ter~~.2) payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect since 15 March 2024, these fees are reduced by 75% where the applicant is a natural person, startup, small entity, or an educational institution.

[Updating of Annexes D(IN) and E(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

### US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of international applications in electronic form.

With effect since 16 November 2023, the Office no longer accepts the filing of international applications in electronic form using EFS-Web. Applicants may continue to use Patent Center to file international applications in electronic form in accordance with the USPTO's national law and technical systems.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82~~quater~~.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82~~quater~~.2(a)

### IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82~~quater~~.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **International Bureau of WIPO** hereby notifies the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- ePCT system: 28 March 2024, from 2:50 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. CET (Central European Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the abovementioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82<sup>quater</sup>.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 16 November 2023, pages 217 *et seq.*

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

## **RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)<sup>3</sup> as a “collecting Office” may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”), for PCT purposes:

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45<sup>bis</sup>.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee**<sup>4</sup> (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 January and 31 March 2024 (inclusive),<sup>5</sup> the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as follows:

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<sup>3</sup> The term “participating Office” may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

<sup>4</sup> Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

<sup>5</sup> The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2023, is available in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 25 January 2024 (page 24 *et seq.*).

<b>PCT Fee Transfers</b>					
<b>International Filing Fee</b> collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	<b>Search Fee</b> collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	<b>Supplementary Search Fee</b> collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	<b>Handling Fee</b> collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	<b>Differences relating to search fees</b> received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
<b>Participating Office</b> (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<b>AL</b> General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau that, due to technical upgrades in the Office's electronic filing systems, it will not be open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

Thursday 2 May and Friday 3 May 2024,  
Monday 6 May to Friday 10 May 2024 (inclusive), and  
Monday 13 May 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of the aforementioned days, that period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2024, are CHF 76, EUR 78 and USD 84, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

### FI Finland

The **Government of the Republic of Finland** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC), an international depositary authority under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure* with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made.

The address of the authority is now as follows:

VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC)  
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland  
Tekniikantie 21  
Espoo  
Finland