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Assembly of the PCT Union

The 53rd session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) was held in Geneva during the period from 4 to 8 October 2021, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, as set out in the annexes to document PCT/A/53/3. The amendments consist of the following:

- PCT Rules 5, 12, 13^{ter}, 19 and 49: Implementing WIPO Standard ST.26 “Recommended Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)” in the PCT. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2022 and will apply to any international application with an international filing date on or after that date. For further information, please refer to document PCT/WG/13/8 and paragraphs 4 and 5 of document PCT/WG/13/14, and “Implementation Date of WIPO Standard ST.26”, below.
- PCT Rule 82^{quater}: Strengthening safeguards for applicants and third parties in case of general disruption that affect meeting time limits under the Regulations. For further information, please refer to document PCT/WG/14/11 and paragraphs 8 to 14 of document PCT/WG/14/18. These amendments will also enter into force on 1 July 2022 and apply to any time limit that expires on or after that date.

The Assembly appointed the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT (document PCT/A/53/1). The appointment will become effective from a future date to be notified by the Office when it is ready to begin operations.

The Assembly noted a report on the Supplementary International Search system (document PCT/A/53/2) and invited the International Bureau (IB) to continue to monitor the system and report to the Meeting of International Authorities and the PCT Working Group on significant developments. The Assembly also invited the IB to review the system again at a time to be recommended by the IB, or on request by a Contracting State, but no later than 2027.

The documents referred to above are available from the WIPO website as follows:

PCT Assembly documents (including the report once it becomes available):

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/53

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

WIPO General Assembly document (including the report once it becomes available):

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=wo/ga/54

PCT Working Group documents:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/13
(13th session)

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/wg/14
(14th session)

Implementation Date of WIPO Standard ST.26

The 54th session of the WIPO General Assembly approved the implementation date of WIPO Standard ST.26 “Recommended Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)” at national, regional and international levels of 1 July 2022 – please refer to document WO/GA/54/14 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo_ga_54/wo_ga_54_14.pdf

and paragraph 45 of document A/62/12 at:

https://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/assemblies/2021/a_62/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=552851

The transition to WIPO Standard ST.26 will therefore take place six months after the date previously decided by the Committee of WIPO Standards at its fifth session in 2017 – (please refer to paragraphs 42 to 44 of document CWS/5/22 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/cws/en/cws_5/cws_5_22.pdf

Where previous editions of the *PCT Newsletter* have referred to 1 January 2022 as the date from which WIPO Standard ST.26 will apply¹, this date should now read 1 July 2022.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Djibouti and Samoa: Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) and Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa), in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 3 January 2022 and 31 January 2022, respectively.

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

¹ The following issues of the *PCT Newsletter* indicated 1 January 2022 as the date from which WIPO Standard ST.26 will apply: No. 06/2019 (page 3), No. 10/2020 (page 1), No. 12/2020 (page 8) and No. 04/2021 (page 7).

The notifications containing the requirements and practices of those Offices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 14 October 2021 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (DJ and WS))

New Landing Page for the Payment of PCT Fees

It is recalled that on 14 June 2021, WIPO introduced a new payment platform for the online payment of certain PCT-related fees and other fees payable to WIPO (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2021). For the convenience of users, a new landing page, "WIPO Pay", is now available at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/public/index.xhtml>

You can also access WIPO Pay via a link on the main PCT System page, under "PCT Resources", at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/> and on the right-hand side of the "Fees and Payments – PCT System" page at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees>.

WIPO Pay is a streamlined system allowing you to make payments and view your pending payments with one click, including the possibility to pay several transactions at once. It is secure and encrypted, and payments are processed quickly and confirmed by e-mail.

Further information on payment methods at WIPO is available at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/public/payment-methods.xhtml>

WIPO 2021 PCT User Survey

In order to regularly assess customer satisfaction with all aspects of the PCT, WIPO will shortly be conducting its biennial survey of the user community. The input received from PCT users of the PCT services provided by the International Bureau is extremely valuable to us. We encourage you to take the time to provide us with your feedback by participating in the survey, which will take approximately 10 to 20 minutes to complete. To participate, please send an e-mail with the title "Participation in the 2021 PCT User Survey" to:

survey@wipo.int

and you will receive a link to the survey as soon as it has been launched.

Exceptional Non-working Days

Canadian Intellectual Property Office

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business on 30 September 2021, due to the designation of that day as a new federal statutory holiday.

This information updates the list of closed dates, as furnished to the IB by Offices, which is available at:

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

It is recalled that, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach an Office fell on a closed date, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

PCT Information Update

CN China (fees)

Equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30 payable to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) have been established in CNY with effect from 1 December 2021. The amounts in CNY of those fees that will be payable from that date, as well as the amounts in CNY of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

DJ Djibouti (e-mail address; electronic filing)

The e-mail address of the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) has changed, as follows:

E-mail: dj.epct@odpic.dj

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

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 3 January 2022, by the Office as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

DO Dominican Republic (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) as designated (or elected) Office has changed one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* for entry into the national phase – where applicable, the Office now requires the furnishing of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing on paper and in electronic form.

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

GM Gambia (types of protection; fees)

National protection by way of utility models is now available in the Gambia via the PCT – applicants now have the choice of utility models or patents.

Furthermore, the Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of a national filing fee for utility models, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee is GMD 2,500 or, for applicants who are not residents of the Gambia, USD 200.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (GM) and the National Chapter, Summary (GM), as well as the table of “Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States”)

LR Liberia (types of protection; who can act as agent; applicable criteria for requests for restoration of the right of priority; fees)

National protection by way of utility models is now available in Liberia via the PCT – applicants now have the choice of utility models or patents.

There has been a change concerning who can act as agent before the Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO) in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – any attorney certified by the Office and registered by the Legal Bar Association or any IP agent certified by the Office may now act as agent.

The Office has notified the IB that, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB of a change in the currency and amount of the national filing fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee is now USD 400.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (LR), National Chapter, Summary (LR) as well as the table of “Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States”)

ME Montenegro (name of Office)

The name of the Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro) has changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (ME))

PA Panama (e-mail addresses)

The Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) has notified the IB of an additional e-mail address. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: dgrpi@mici.gob.pa
epct@mici.gob.pa

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (PA))

PL Poland (location; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The location and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland have changed, as follows:

Location: Al. Niepodległości 188/192
PL-00-950 Warszawa
Poland

E-mail: plpctteam@uprp.gov.pl

Internet: <https://www.uprp.gov.pl>

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (PL))

TN Tunisia (summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

Information on the requirements of the National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia) as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (TN), at:

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

WS Samoa (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 31 January 2022, by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

Search fee (Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 December 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in NZD for an international search carried out in Korean or in English by the Korean Intellectual Property Office. The new amounts will be NZD 538 for international applications in Korean, and NZD 1,435 for international applications in English.

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

Handling fee (China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA))

An equivalent amount of the handling fee payable to CNIPA (for the benefit of the International Bureau) has been established in CNY with effect from 1 December 2021. The amount will be CNY 1,390.

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

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

It is recalled that, since 1 July 2020, any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary international search or International Preliminary Examining Authority may participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a “participating Office”, in which PCT fees are exchanged from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (IB). For further information, please refer to PCT/WG/12/20 at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=436911.

The IB has published updated information in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 7 October 2021 on the Offices that have notified the IB of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html

New/Updated PCT Resources

New webinar recordings

Webinar in Chinese

A recording of the following webinar in Chinese:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 22 September 2021), can be accessed at:

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

Webinars in English

Recordings of the following webinars in English:

- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: eHandshakes-Access Rights-eOwnership (8 September 2021)
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Mastering priority claims in PCT applications (23 September 2021)
- Everything you need to know about ePCT webinar series: ePCT-Filing in Docx (5 October 2021)

as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated above), can be accessed at:

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

Webinars in Portuguese

Recordings of the following webinars in Portuguese:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: Understanding PCT incorporation by reference (24 September 2021)
- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations (1 October 2021)

as well as the PDF version of each presentation (which took place on the dates indicated above), can be accessed at:

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

Webinar in Russian

A recording of the following webinar in Russian:

- WIPO Standard ST.26: Introduction

as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 8 September 2021), can be accessed at:

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

Webinar in Spanish

A recording of the following webinar in Spanish:

- Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize declarations

as well as the PDF version of the presentation (which took place on 21 September 2021), can be accessed at:

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

PATENTSCOPE News

New in PATENTSCOPE: weekly tips and tricks videos

The weekly tips and tricks videos show how to use specific features of PATENTSCOPE to their full potential. A new short video is released every week on Tuesday at:

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

The first videos that have been posted are on the following subjects:

- how to use the weighting factor in PATENTSCOPE;
- licensing information;
- WIPO Translate;
- statistical information; and
- how to customize statistical information.

Users can e-mail the PATENTSCOPE team to request a video demonstration of a specific feature at: patentscope@wipo.int

Markush search now available in PATENTSCOPE

Markush structures are representations of chemical structures with variable substituents that are used in patent documents to specify groups of related chemical compounds, often in order to claim them as part of the scope of a filed patent application (also referred to as Markush claims).

Markush definitions are now being indexed for the first time in PATENTSCOPE. It is therefore possible to search chemical compounds in patent documents by the name (for example, commercial name, IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) name or INN (International Nonproprietary Name)), structure in a drawing, or when they fall within a Markush definition. Markush searches are available in PATENTSCOPE free of charge for logged-in users – a WIPO account can be created from the Login menu in the top black navigation bar (<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf>). The implementation of the Markush search feature in PATENTSCOPE makes such a search feature accessible to all users worldwide for the first time.

For further information, please refer to:

https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2021/news_0006.html

PATENTSCOPE contributes patent documents relating to green technologies to a fully rebuilt WIPO GREEN

It is recalled that the WIPO GREEN database is a free, solutions-oriented, global innovation catalogue that connects needs for solving problems relating to climate change, food security and the environment with sustainable solutions. WIPO GREEN has been fully rebuilt with new features such as unique AI-assisted search functions, auto-matching, and advanced user upload tracking and statistics, and relevant green technologies have been imported from the PATENTSCOPE database. Upload to the database is free and open to all relevant innovations and needs.

Further information is available at:

<https://wipogreen.wipo.int/wipogreen-database/database>

EPO: Change Affecting the Payment of Fees

New daily limit for credit card payments

It is recalled that the European Patent Office (EPO) started accepting payments of fees, including PCT-related fees, by credit card (in addition to via deposit account and by bank transfer) on 1 December 2017². With effect from 1 October 2021, the EPO has introduced a new daily limit for credit card payments of EUR 10,000 per credit card and per user account.

For further information on the requirements and arrangements for this method of fee payment, please refer to the “Notice from the European Patent Office dated 23 September 2021 concerning the payment of fees by credit card” at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/09/a73.html>

Global Innovation Index

The 2021 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) is now available at:

https://www.wipo.int/global_innovation_index/en/2021/

This edition of the GII presents the latest global innovation ranking of 132 economies, relying on 81 different indicators. While tracking the most recent global innovation trends in the new Global Innovation Tracker, it also focuses on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on innovation.

A summary of the findings of the new edition of the GII was published in Press Release PR/2021/880, at:

https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2021/article_0008.html

² Please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2017 and *Official Journal EPO* 2017, A72 and A73 (<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2017/09/2017-09.pdf>)

Launch of WIPO IP Diagnostics

As part of WIPO's on-going effort to strengthen its program of support for the business sector, WIPO will launch, in collaboration with the International Trade Center (ITC) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), its newest online resource, WIPO IP Diagnostics, at a virtual event to be held on 9 November 2021 at 13:30 (CET).

WIPO IP Diagnostics is a free, comprehensive self-assessment tool designed to help small businesses identify their IP assets and determine how to protect, manage and leverage these assets to unlock new commercial opportunities. It is a useful tool for small businesses to become acquainted with the practical advantages of the IP system. It can also function as a useful resource for business intermediaries, including IP offices, who may rely on it to complement their IP advisory services for businesses. Further information is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/ipdiagnostic/>

The program will include a presentation of the tool, reflections on it by some member states as well as the launch of an initiative with ICC Center of Entrepreneurship for using the tool for building business capacity, which is part of a broader initiative by WIPO to partner with Governments, intergovernmental organizations and national associations to make the tool available to beneficiaries.

The program for the event, as well as information on registration, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65728

Registration requires entry of the following secure code: KBT543EDS8

Interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish.

Practical Advice

Filing strategies: factors to consider when deciding which International Searching Authority to choose where more than one Authority is competent

Q: I am the sole applicant in an international application that I am going to file with a receiving Office for which there are several competent International Searching Authorities. What are the main factors that I should take into account when deciding which Authority to select?

A: Each receiving Office specifies one or more International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) as competent to carry out international searches and international preliminary examination, respectively, on international applications filed with it (PCT Rule 35). Where several ISAs/IPEAs are competent, you may choose between them (subject to any restrictions that will be discussed below). For the sake of simplicity, we will refer only to ISAs and the international search procedure in this practical advice, and not to IPEAs and the international preliminary examination procedure.

Please also note that if you file the international application with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), your choice of competent ISA would be the same as you would normally have when filing with the national Office of the Contracting State of which you (or if there is more than one applicant, one of the applicants) are a resident or national, or the national Office or intergovernmental organization acting for that Contracting State (PCT Rule 35.3).

You can find out which ISA (or ISAs) are competent for each receiving Office in Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. Where two or more International Searching Authorities (ISAs) are competent to carry out the international search, you must indicate the Authority chosen in Box No. VII of the request form at the time of filing.

The main points to consider before making this choice are outlined below.

Different ISAs may be available depending on the receiving Office used: where the Contracting State of which you are a resident is different from the one of which you are a national, you may have a wider choice of receiving Offices with which to file the international application. As each receiving Office specifies its own competent ISAs, you should carefully consider the available ISAs when selecting the receiving Office with which to file your international application. And if in the future you have multiple applicants in an application with differing nationalities and residences, and file with RO/IB, you may have more competent ISAs to choose from since the choice will be the composite of all of the ISAs which would have been competent for any of the national or regional receiving Office which you could have used.

Languages accepted for international search: your choice of ISA should consider the language or languages accepted by the ISA or ISAs that are competent to carry out the search on your international application. You should preferably choose an ISA that accepts the language in which you are filing your international application if you want to avoid having to translate your international application specifically for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3). The language or languages accepted by each ISA are shown in Annex D of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Search fee (and other related fees) charged by the ISA: an important consideration for you may be the cost of having an international search carried out by a particular ISA. Search fees and related fees are fixed by the ISA concerned, and can vary considerably. Furthermore, some ISAs offer reductions in the search fee in certain situations based on their practices as national or regional Offices (in particular, for small- and medium-sized entities or for applicants from low- or middle-income economies), and some fees payable in the national/regional phase are reduced where a particular ISA has carried out the international search. Information on the search fees and any reductions in the search fee, where applicable, can be found in Annex D of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, and information on any available reductions in the national fees can be found, where applicable, in the corresponding National Chapter of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Quality of the international search and timeliness of issuance of the international search reports (ISRs) and written opinions: you may wish to consider the reputation of the ISA, its compliance with Chapter 21 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (“Common Quality Framework for International Search and Preliminary Examination”), and its reliability in terms of timeliness in the issuance of their reports. Useful resources that you may wish to consult for information on this are:

- the PCT International Authority Quality Reports at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html>, and
- the timeliness statistics reproduced in the PCT Yearly Review – the latest edition is available at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo_pub_901_2021.pdf (statistics on timeliness in transmitting ISRs to the IB can be found on pages 84 and 85).

Subject matter that will not be searched by the ISA: in accordance with PCT Rule 39, ISAs are not required to search an international application if its subject matter is listed in items (i) to (vi)

of that Rule. If your international application relates to any of those subject matters, you may wish to choose an ISA which has indicated that it will search the subject matter of your application. Further information is available, for each ISA, in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D.

Whether or not to have a search carried out by an ISA that is different from the Office which searched the earlier national filing: if you are claiming priority of an earlier application (whether it be a national, regional or international application), and the Office that searched the earlier application is also a competent ISA, you may wish to select the same Office as ISA if this may result in receiving the search results more quickly, or in order to benefit from any possible fee reductions. Also, in some cases, it may be possible to make use of the so-called PCT Direct service before certain Offices (currently, this is available at the European Patent Office, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office, the Israel Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office), whereby an applicant filing an international application with an Office offering the PCT Direct Service which claims priority from an earlier application already searched by that Office, may submit informal comments to respond to any objections raised in the search report and written opinion drawn up in relation to the priority application.

Alternatively, you may prefer to have the search carried out by another ISA for a different perspective on the international search, for example, selecting an ISA based on the language expertise of the search examiners or particular document collections that an ISA may search beyond the PCT minimum documentation.

Limitations on the selection of the IPEA: given that some IPEAs will carry out an international preliminary examination only on an application for which they, or another specified ISA, carried out the international search, this may affect your choice of ISA if you are likely to want to request a particular IPEA to carry out the international preliminary examination.

Consideration of prior art: if you are going to seek patent protection only in a specific country or region, it may be useful, where possible, to choose an ISA that would search prior art that is particularly relevant to that region. For example, if protection is sought in the Republic of Korea, it may be useful to choose ISA/KR (if possible) as that Office may find relevant prior art in Korean, which may not be accessible to other ISAs for language reasons. Please also bear in mind that if you enter the national phase at the same Office that produced a positive ISR when it acted as the ISA on your international application, it may be quicker to obtain positive results before that Office upon national examination.

Limitations of international searches by some ISAs: some ISAs have limited the number of international applications that they will search where the international application has been filed with certain receiving Offices. For example the Australian Patent Office and the Israel Patent Office, in their capacities as ISAs, have limited the number of international applications that they will search where the application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office. Any such restrictions are indicated in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (please refer to the part of Annex C relating to the competent receiving Office concerned).

Ability to make use of the Patent Prosecution Highway: if you wish to request accelerated examination of your application in the national phase by requesting one or more national Offices to accelerate the processing of your application using the PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) work-sharing scheme, you should check which national (or regional) Offices have PCT-PPH agreements with the competent ISAs concerned. For further information on bilateral or plurilateral agreements, please consult the PCT-PPH Program page at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

and refer to the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2021 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2021/pct_news_2021_9.pdf

Whether an ISA also offers supplementary international search (SIS): it is recalled that you can, at any point in the international phase, and subject to extra fees (the supplementary search fee and the supplementary search handling fee), request an SIS by any of the 10 Authorities specified for supplementary search (SISA) that currently offer this service. Your choice of SISA does not depend on the receiving Office with which you file the international application, but the SISA must be different from the Authority that has performed the international search. If you are planning to request SIS, this could influence your choice of ISA to carry out your international search, as you would not be able to choose the same ISA as the SISA.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 25 October 2021)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
28 and 29 October 2021 8:30-12:00 (Eastern time) Online presentation	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Kang	Boston Patent Law Association E-mail: president@bpla.org activities@bpla.org Internet: https://www.bpla.org
24 - 26 November 2021 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 11th PAFA-Tagung conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Weiss and other speaker to be announced	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com
30 November 2021 Brussels (BE) <i>(note that only a limited number of places are available)</i>	French	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI), International Section (Mr. Thierry Debled) E-mail: thierry-debled@ceipi.edu

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
2 November 2021 09:00 – 10:30 (CET)	English	ePCT actions (for Australia, Asia and Europe time zones) WIPO speakers: Ms. Lee and Ms. Mo	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EaHhde0VRuSH__gKdx-1eQ
3 November 2021 10:00 – 11:00 (CET)	French	Exploring the PCT webinar series: How to best utilize PCT declarations WIPO speakers: Ms. Schumm and Ms. Gateau	Further information: https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/news/2021/news_0045.html Registration: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8203624898254725388
4 November 2021 16:30 – 18:00 (CET)	English	ePCT actions (for North and South America time zones) WIPO speakers: Ms. Lee and Ms. Mo	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cbpocP3tS9yXl4en6U4hoA
15 November 2021 09:00 – 10:45 (CET)	Russian	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speakers: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Gribkov, Mr. Azimov, Mr. Dimitrov, Ms. Ghetu, Ms. Gobechia, and Ms. Krysanova. Other speakers: Mr. Zhuravlev (Rospatent) and Mr. Gulyaeva (Hogan Lovells), Moscow	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65469

WIPO Standards Webinars

(https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=330)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; Speakers	Registration
28 October 2021 08:00 - 09:30 (CEST)	Chinese	WIPO ST. 26: Advanced CNIPA Speaker: Ms. Lijing	Pre-recorded session: the recording will be available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65869

Other WIPO Events

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; Speakers	Registration
9 November 2021 13:30 – 15:15 (CET)	English/ French/ Spanish	WIPO IP Diagnostics Going Global, co-organized by WIPO, the International Trade Center and the International Chamber of Commerce WIPO speakers: Mr. Aleman, Mr. Pessach and Ms. Nanayakkara Other speakers: please refer to the provisional program at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65728	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65728 Secure code for registration: KBT543EDS8

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100)	Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200)	Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300)	
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,860 (from 1.11.21: 2,019)	21 (23)	– (–)	280 (304)	420 (455)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,233	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: ⁹ 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 71.05	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,453	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 306	CAD 1,782	20	–	268	402	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 130	CLP eq USD ¹⁰ 1,453	eq USD ¹⁰ 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330 (from 1.12.21: CNY 9,260)	eq CHF 15 (100)	– (–)	eq CHF 200 (CNY 1,390)	eq CHF 300 (CNY 2,090)	CN EP ¹¹
CO	COP online: 419,640 on paper: 503,470	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUP	2,400	CUP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,453		16	–	– (from 3 January 2022: 218)	– (from 3 January 2022: 328)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,170		100	–	1,380	2,070	EP SE XN
DO	USD	316	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330		15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD or EUR	1,453 1,233		16 14	– –	218 185	328 278	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,233		14	93	185	278	EP
ES	EUR	75	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,028		12	–	155	232	EP
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹²	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹³	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP
HN	USD	200	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	444,200		5,000	–	66,800	100,200	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹⁴ or EUR ¹⁴ or USD ¹⁴	100 93 109	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,233 1,453		15 14 16	100 93 109	200 185 218	300 278 328	Refer to footnote 15
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
IL	ILS	554	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: INR INR	3,500 ¹⁶ 17,600 ¹⁷	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IR	IRR (natural persons) IRR (legal persons)	50,000 500,000	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK	18,200	ISK	184,200		2,100	–	27,700	41,600	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁸	JPY	153,600		1,700	–	–	34,600	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁹	USD	1,453		16	–	218	328	EP RU
KH	KHR	420,000	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330		15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ²⁰ KR SG
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	50	USD	1,453		16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– ²¹	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF	15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,233		14	–	185	278	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,233		14	–	–	–	EP

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

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU	
LY	LYD	– ²⁰	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP	
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE	
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU	
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP	
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP	
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU	
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,233	14	–	–	–	EP	
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP	
MX	USD	323.70 ²²	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AT CLEPESKRSESG US	
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²³ 550 (paper filing) ²³	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR	
NI	USD	200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP ES	
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP	
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,750	140	–	1,920	2,880	EP SE XN	
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,025	23	–	305	457	AU EP KR US	
OA	XAF	– ²⁰	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE	
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT AUEGEPUS	
PA	USD	240	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	BR CL EP ES US	
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT BR CLEPESKRUS	
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AU	
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	AU EP JP KR PH US	
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV	
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP	
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	EG EP US	
RO	RON	487	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP RU	
RS	RSD	8,210 ²⁴	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV	
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU	
RW	Information not yet available									
SA	USD	100	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CA EG EP KR RU	
SC	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP	
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP	
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	12,280	140	–	1,850	2,770	EP SE XN	
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,977	22	–	297	446	AT AU EP JP KR SG	
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP	
SK	EUR	(paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²⁵	EUR	1,233	14	–	185	278	EP XV	
SV		None ²⁶	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	CL EP ES	
SY	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU	
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US	
TJ	TJS	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	218	328	EP RU	
TM	USD	– ²⁰	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU	
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP	
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR	
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,453	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁷	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,453	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA	
UG	UGX	–	UGX eq USD	1,453	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 218	eq USD 328	AT EP SG	

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

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

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

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹												
AT ³¹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	KRW	2,422,000	SGD	2,846	USD	2,091	ZAR	30,610	
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF*	1,573	EUR	1,429	KRW	1,829,000	NZD	2,379	SGD	2,150	
	USD	1,697	ZAR	23,560	* (from 1.11.21: CHF 1,449)								
BR ⁸	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	306	EUR	285	USD	330			
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	458	EUR	428	USD	495			
CA	CAD	1,632	CHF	1,218	EUR	1,060	USD	1,353					
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,831	EUR	1,697							
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF	366	EUR	339			
	In case of filing by a university ³² :				USD	300	CHF	275	EUR	255			
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	301	EUR	262	USD	328					
EG ³³	EGP	4,000	CHF	233	EUR	216	USD	254					
EP ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	GBP	1,526	HUF	639,500	ISK	268,000	
	JPY	236,100	NOK	17,880	NZD	2,942	SEK	18,610	SGD	2,846	USD	2,091	
	ZAR	30,610											
ES ³⁴	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	USD	2,091							
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	USD	2,091							
IL	ILS	3,553	CHF	976	EUR	903	USD	1,107					
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	125	EUR	116	JPY	14,400	USD	137			
	In case of filing by an individual:				INR	2,500	CHF	31	EUR	29	JPY	3,600	USD
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese:			JPY	70,000	CHF	606	EUR	526	KRW	714,000	USD	662
	For IAs in English:			JPY	156,000	CHF	1,351	EUR	1,173	SGD	1,906	USD	1,476
KR ³⁶	For IAs in Korean:			KRW	450,000	AUD	541	CHF	356	EUR	330	NZD*	585
	SGD	529	USD	389	(from 1.12.21: NZD 538)								
	For IAs in English:			KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,443	CHF	949	EUR	879	NZD*	1,561
	SGD	1,410	USD	1,036	(from 1.12.21: NZD 1,435)								
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	916	EUR	849							
	Small entity or government ³⁷ :			USD	400	CHF	366	EUR	339				

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:	RUB	8,500	CHF	106	EUR	98	USD	115			
	For IAs in English:	RUB	40,000	CHF	498	EUR	459	USD	543			
SE	SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880
	USD	2,091										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	183,400	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646
TR	TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	USD	2,091				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:			EUR	100	CHF	108	USD	118			
	For IAs in English, French or German:			EUR	300	CHF	324	USD	353			
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,076	ZAR	31,120		
	For small entity ²⁹ :	USD	1,090	CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,538	ZAR	15,560	
	For micro entity ²⁹ :	USD	545	CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	769	ZAR	7,780	
XN	DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	EUR	1,775	ISK	268,000	NOK	17,880	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091				

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 38}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 917
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,284
		CHF 1,834
EP	CHF 1,915 ³⁴	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
RU	CHF 147	CHF 200
	CHF 235 ³⁹	
SE	CHF 1,915	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,507	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 59
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 97
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 76
		CHF 65
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 580
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,915
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 593

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2021, unless otherwise indicated)

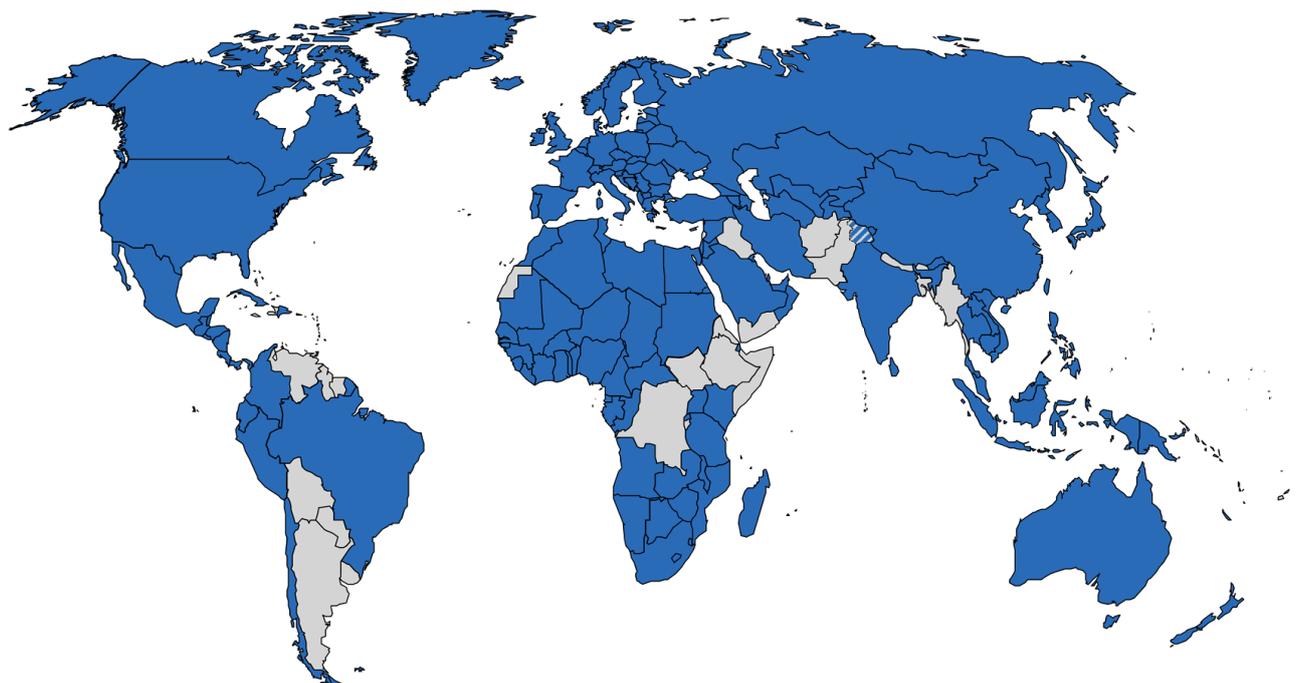
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ⁴⁰	Handling fee ^{2, 40} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR 1,749 ³¹	EUR 185
AU	AUD 590 820 ⁴¹	AUD 280 (from 1.11.21: 304)
BR	Online: BRL 630 ⁸ On paper: BRL 945 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD 816	CAD 268
CL	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³² : USD 300	USD 218
CN	CNY 1,500	CNY eq CHF 200 (from 1.12.21: CNY 1,390)
EG	EGP 3,000	USD 218
EP	EUR 1,830 ³⁴	EUR 185
ES	EUR 589.48 ³⁴	EUR 185
FI	EUR 600	EUR 185
IL	ILS 1,523	ILS 745 (from 1.11.21: 704)
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000	USD 218
JP ³⁵	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 26,000 For IAs in English: JPY 58,000	JPY 23,100
KR	KRW 450,000	KRW 253,000
PH	USD 500 Small entity or government: ³⁷ USD 200	USD 218
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴² 6,750 ⁴³ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴² 24,000 ⁴³	USD 218
SE	SEK 5,000	SEK 1,850
SG	SGD 830	SGD 297
TR	TRY 1,000	CHF 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70	EUR 185
US	USD 640 800 ⁴⁴ For small entity ²⁹ : USD 320 400 ⁴⁴ For micro entity ²⁹ : USD 160 200 ⁴⁴	USD 218
XN	DKK 5,000	DKK 1,380
XV	EUR 900	EUR 185

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251 of 2 October 2019.
- 9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (<http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>).
- 10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 for a duration of two years as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: <https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html> and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for paper filings for a natural person or startup or small entity(ies).
- 17 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).
- 18 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 19 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 20 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
- 21 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 22 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 23 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
- 26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 33 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
- 44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DJ Djibouti	JO Jordan	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KH Cambodia ⁴	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros (OA) ²	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Eswatini (AP) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NE Niger (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TG Togo (OA) ²
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	KW Kuwait	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway (EP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NZ New Zealand	TN Tunisia ⁴
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libya	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	ME Montenegro ⁵	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MG Madagascar	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)		SC Seychelles	
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SE Sweden (EP)	
	IL Israel			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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