

**Offices (or Authorities) which have Notified WIPO of
Waiver(s) of the Power of Attorney Requirement
under PCT Rule 90.4(b) and/or 90.5(a)(ii)
(status on 17 January 2007)**

Abbreviations used in table: P/A = power of attorney; RO = receiving Office; ISA = International Searching Authority; IPEA = International Preliminary Examining Authority; for two-letter codes, see last page of *PCT Newsletter*

Two-letter code of Office	Capacity of Office in which waiver was made	Waiver of separate P/A (PCT Rule 90.4(d))?	Waiver of copy of general P/A (PCT Rule 90.5(c))?	Particular instances in which a separate P/A and/or a copy of a general P/A is required¹
AT	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	None.
AU	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s).
BY	RO	Yes	Yes	Where there is a change in representation, that is, where any action before the Office is performed by an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
CA	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
CH	RO	Yes	Yes	None.
DE	RO	Yes	Yes	If the agent is not a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law resident in Germany, or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany). In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act. Also, a separate power of attorney is required in the case of a common representative.
DK	RO	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
EA	RO	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
EP	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

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FI	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing.
GB	RO	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or common representative, who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing, performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
IB	IB	Yes	n.a.	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
	RO	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
IL	RO	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing.
IS	RO	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
JP	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing.
KG	RO	No	Yes	None.
LT	RO	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
MD	RO	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
NL	RO	Yes	Yes	None.
NZ	RO	Yes	Yes	Where there is a change in representation, that is, where an applicant is represented by a new agent or representative.
PH	RO	Yes	Yes	Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent or common representative; or the Office receives notices or communications from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of, or in addition to the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

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PT	RO	Yes	Yes	If the applicant is not represented by an official industrial property agent.
SE	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing.
SG	RO	Yes ²	Yes ²	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.
TR	RO	Yes	Yes	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.
US	RO, ISA, IPEA	Yes	Yes	Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule 92 <i>bis</i> .

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1. Other than where the agent or the common representative submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in PCT Rules 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4.
 2. For international applications filed on or after 1 December 2004.