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Collaborative Search and Examination Pilot News

It is recalled that *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2018 contained details of a Collaborative Search and Examination (CS&E) pilot, whereby the IP5 Offices¹, upon the applicant's specific request to participate, all contribute towards the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) for a particular international application. Each participating Office planned to process around 50 international applications as main ISA during the first year (July 2018 to June 2019) and a similar quantity in the second year (July 2019 to June 2020).

News about participating Offices

Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2019 that KIPO and the USPTO had started accepting new international applications into the CS&E pilot from 1 July 2019, please note that those Offices have now reached their limit for international applications to be accepted by them as main ISA for the second year of operation. They are therefore no longer accepting requests to participate in the pilot.

Information about the USPTO's participation was published on the USPTO website at:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USPTO/bulletins/27230c8>

Note that interested applicants are still able to request to participate in the pilot through another International Searching Authority (ISA) that is still accepting to carry out main international searches within the framework of the pilot, provided that the ISA concerned is competent to carry out the main search for the application concerned.

Further general information on the CS&E pilot is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/cse.html

¹ The China National Intellectual Property Administration, the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New one-way PCT PPH pilot program (Peru and the European Patent Office)

On 2 January 2020, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru) (INDECOPi) and the European Patent Office (EPO). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase before INDECOPi is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II), issued by the EPO in its capacity as ISA/IPEA. Note that the program is also available on the basis of national work products.

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

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2019/12/a107.html

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on this new pilot (www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html).

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the national/regional office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

International Bureau

As from 15 January 2020, the IB, in its role as depositing Office, will accept requests from applicants to register certified copies of international applications for industrial designs under the Hague Agreement as priority documents in DAS.

For further information, see:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=10589

Japan Patent Office

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) has extended the scope of the DAS digital library to include JPO industrial designs, with effect from 1 January 2020.

For further information, see:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=10496

A list of the DAS participating Offices is available at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

PCT Information Update

BY Belarus (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The telephone and fax numbers and the Internet and e-mail addresses of the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) have changed, as follows:

Telephone:	(375-17) 272 46 96
Fax:	(375-17) 272 98 34
E-mail:	icd@ncip.by ncip@ncip.by
Internet:	www.ncip.by

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

CR Costa Rica (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 18 December 2019:

Transmittal fee:		
– online	USD	212
– on paper	USD	289
Fee for priority document:	USD	29
Fee for restoration of the right of priority	USD	144

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) as designated (or elected) Office, has changed with effect from 1 April 2019 (other fees not indicated have not changed):

Filing fee:		
– online filings:	[No change]	
– non-online filings	EUR	250

There have also been changes to footnotes 3 (concerning the filing fee) and 13 (concerning exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees) in the National Chapter, Summary (EP), which indicate the references to the relevant EPO publications relating to those matters.

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

TN Tunisia (fees)

The National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia) as receiving Office has notified the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to it with effect from 25 December 2019. The amount of the fee is TND 100.

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

Search fee and other fees related to the international search (Israel Patent Office)

As from 1 March 2020, there will be a change in the amount payable in ILS for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office. The new amount, as well as the equivalent amounts in CHF and EUR, are indicated in Fee Table I(b) (the equivalent amounts in USD have not yet been established). The amounts of other fees will also change, as follows:

Additional search fee:	ILS	3,582
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	460

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Israel Patent Office)

As from 1 March 2020, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable in ILS to the Israel Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,535
Additional preliminary examination fee:	ILS	1,535
Late furnishing fee:	ILS	460

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

New/Updated PCT Resources**Report of the PCT Working Group**

The report (document PCT/WG/12/25) of the twelfth session of the PCT Working Group, which took place from 11 to 14 June 2019, has been adopted by correspondence and is now available, along with the other documents for the session, at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=50410

Modifications to Certain PCT Forms

Most of the PCT Forms for use by the International Bureau (IB), as well as the following forms:

- PCT/RO/130 and 156
- PCT/ROIB/198 and 199
- PCT/ISA/215 and 220 and
- PCT/SISA/512

have been revised with effect from 1 January 2020. The revision consists of the deletion of the fax number of the IB following the decision to limit the fax services at the IB. The Forms are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.html.

For further information on the background to this decision, please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2019. It is recalled that the IB highly recommends that PCT applicants (and PCT Offices and Authorities) use ePCT (<https://pct.wipo.int>) to communicate with the IB or, in the rare cases where ePCT is unavailable, the Contingency Upload Service (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/UploadDocument.xhtml>). In urgent and exceptional cases, when fax transmission is considered to be indispensable, faxes can still be sent to the IB at the numbers which can be found on the PCT website (please refer to “Contacts” at the bottom of the page at: www.wipo.int/pct/en).

PCT Information Service: Information in Korean and Arabic

Information on the PCT Information Service, including the contact details and opening hours, are now available in Arabic and Korean, in addition to Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ar/infoline.html

www.wipo.int/pct/ko/infoline.html

FAQs in Korean: Guidance on how to file amendments under PCT Articles 19 and 34

Frequently asked questions on how to file amendments under PCT Articles 19 and 34 are now available in Korean, in addition to English and French, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ko/faqs/amendments_19_and_34.html

Practical Advice

Signatures in the case where no agent has been appointed and there is more than one applicant; appointment of a common representative

Q: I am going to file an international application together with another applicant. For financial reasons, we prefer not to use the services of an agent at this stage, and to deal with all the necessary formalities for the filing of the application ourselves. Is this possible, and if so, do we both need to sign all the documents in connection with the application, or can one of us do so on behalf of the other?

*A: In the majority of cases, the receiving Office does not require the appointment of an agent, or it requires the appointment of an agent only if the applicant is not resident in the country of filing of the international application. There are, however, a few Offices that require the appointment of an agent in all cases, so please check this before filing. The requirements for each receiving Office regarding the appointment of agents, where they have been furnished to the International Bureau, are indicated at or near the end of Annex C (for each Office concerned) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html). Note that if you use ePCT to prepare your application, the ePCT-Filing software provides a validation message if the appointment of an agent is required by the selected receiving Office, but an agent has not already been added.*

For the purposes of this Practical Advice, we will presume that the competent receiving Office with which you intend to file the international application does not require the appointment of an agent. Even though you are permitted to file with that receiving Office without appointing an agent, it would, however, be very prudent to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of a patent attorney who is experienced in the filing of patent applications, in particular PCT applications, as well as in the drafting of patent claims. We highly recommend that you request assistance from such an agent in order to avoid any possible loss of rights. The PCT procedure can be fairly complex for anyone who is not an experienced user, even though there are many safeguards when filing and managing the international application using an electronic filing system such as ePCT. You should bear in mind that you would not be able to make certain modifications to the application, such as adding new matter, after the international filing date. This means that you need to ensure that, upon filing, your application contains all the information necessary to properly disclose your invention. A patent attorney can also give you strategic advice, taking into account the specificities of the invention.

Furthermore, please be aware that, for the purposes of entering the national phase in the countries which are of interest to you, many designated (or elected) Offices will, in any case, require the appointment of an agent who practices in the country concerned, and in any case, the national phase procedure requires a good knowledge of the applicable national law. For further information on national phase requirements regarding the appointment of agents, please refer to the National Chapters (Summaries) in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* for each country where you seek protection.

If you decide to proceed with the application without appointing an agent in the international phase, either you or your co-applicant can act as common representative (provided that whoever acts as common representative is a national and/or resident of a PCT Contracting State) and carry out all the necessary steps on behalf of the other applicant during the international phase. The common representative should preferably be indicated in Box No. IV of the request form or, if filing electronically using ePCT-Filing, by entering the relevant information after clicking on the button to add "Agent/Common representative/Address for correspondence". Note that if no indication of an agent or common representative is given in the request form, one of you will be deemed to be the common representative. In accordance with PCT Rule 90.2(b), the "deemed" common representative would be the first-named applicant in the request who is entitled, according to PCT Rule 19.1, to file an international application with the selected receiving Office.

If you are the person who will act as common representative, the other applicant can appoint you as such by:

- signing the request form in which you are named specifically as common representative (or in which you, presuming that you are entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office, are the first-named applicant in the request form); or
- signing and submitting to the receiving Office a separate or general power of attorney appointing you as a common representative (models of those forms are available at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/pa/index.htm).

As a duly appointed common representative (as opposed to a "deemed" common representative), you would then be able to carry out all actions in respect of the international application on behalf of your co-applicant, including the submission of requests for changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*, amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, the filing of a demand

for international preliminary examination, as well as the withdrawal of the international application, any designations, any priority claims, a demand or any elections.

If you have signed the request form (in which you are either indicated as common representative or you are the “deemed” common representative) but the other applicant has not signed it, and a power of attorney appointing you as common representative has not been submitted by the other applicant, the lack of signature of the request form will not be considered a defect, given that PCT Rule 26.2*bis* states that it is sufficient if it is signed by at least one applicant. In fact most actions that you, as deemed common representative, take regarding the international application would have the effect of an act by both applicants. You would not, however, be entitled to withdraw the international application, any designations, any priority claims, a demand or any elections without the signature of your co-applicant (PCT Rule 90*bis*.5). This is because any notice of withdrawal requires the signature of all applicants, unless it has been signed on behalf of the other applicant(s) by a duly appointed agent, a duly appointed common representative, or the agent of the latter.

Before you file your international application, please ensure that you are fully aware of all the costs involved in filing an international application, entering the national phase in the various countries in which you might wish to have protection, and in maintaining the patent, if granted. These can be found in the various annexes of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*.

For further information on common representatives, please refer to paragraph 11.005 to 11.007 and 11.10 to 11.14 of the *PCT Applicants Guide* – International Phase.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf>)
(situation on 16 January 2020)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25-26 March 2020 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
30 April 2020 Birmingham (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the CIPA Student Conference 2020 WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
4 May 2020 Istanbul (TR) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr ; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr
15-16 June 2020 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl Other speaker: to be announced	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-703) 622 23 18 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
18-19 June 2020 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pablo Calvo Ramón and Ms. Ruth Sánchez Sánchez) E-mail: pcalvo@abg-ip.com ; RSS@elzaburu.es
9 July 2020 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
18 February 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 20 February 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: PATENTSCOPE for beginners WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/3103569885139805708
10 March 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 12 March 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: PATENTSCOPE for experts WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2679514638585844748

Other IP events

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 25-29 March 2020

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 25 to 29 March 2020. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/

World IP Day, 26 April 2020

Celebrations of World IP Day will take place in various places. For further information is available at:

www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/

International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020

The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at:

www.iena.de/en/home.html

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 January 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 January 2020, 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 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,984	22	–	298	448	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 89.25	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,779	20	–	268	401	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,337	eq USD ⁹ 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none ¹⁰	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: USD 212 on paper: USD 289	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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

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						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP
	or eq DJF								
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	406,200	4,600	–	61,100	91,600	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹³	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³	92	or EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	
	or USD ¹³	101	or USD	1,337	15	101	201	302	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
	No fee for e-filings								
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)							
IS	ISK	17,300	ISK	166,200	1,900	–	25,000	37,500	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁶	JPY	143,200	1,600	–	–	32,300	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	None		USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US

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(amounts on 1 January 2020, 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	
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 ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹⁸	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD – ¹⁸	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD 600 ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²⁰	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CLEPESKRSESG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 12,210	140	–	1,840	2,750	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,126	24	–	320	479	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ¹⁸	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	ATAUEGEPUS
PA	USD 240	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	ATBRCLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR 10.77 (online filing) EUR 21.53 (paper filing)	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON 466	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,700 ²²	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD – ¹⁸	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,847	21	–	278	417	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²³	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV	None ²⁴	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD – ¹⁸	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US

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

(amounts on 1 January 2020, 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	
TJ	TJS — ¹⁸	USD 1,337	15	—	—	—	EP RU
TM	USD — ¹⁸	USD 1,337	15	—	—	—	EP RU
TN	TND 100	CHF 1,330	15	—	200	300	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	—	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,337	15	—	—	—	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,337	15	—	—	—	EP RU UA
UG	UGX — ¹⁸	UGX eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	—	—	—	EP SG
US	USD 240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD 1,337	15	101	201	—	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁸	USD 1,337	15	—	—	—	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	—	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,250	230	—	3,050	4,570	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,337	15	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	KRW 2,334,000	SGD 2,693	USD 1,950	ZAR 29,530		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,483	CHF 1,475 ZAR 22,460	EUR 1,350	KRW 1,775,000	NZD 2,357	SGD 2,048		
BR ⁸	Online: On paper:	BRL 1,685 BRL 2,525	CHF 410 CHF 615	EUR 376 EUR 563	USD 413 USD 618			
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,196	EUR 1,095	USD 1,203				
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,989	EUR 1,820					
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :	USD 400	CHF 398	EUR 364				
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :	USD 300	CHF 298	EUR 273				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 292	EUR 267	USD 294				
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 244	EUR 223	USD 245				
EP ³²	EUR 1,775 JPY 208,800 ZAR 29,530	CHF 1,939 NOK 17,800	DKK 13,260 NZD 3,099	GBP 1,583 SEK 19,300	HUF 592,200 SGD 2,693	ISK 242,300 USD 1,950		
ES ³²	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
IL	ILS* 3,567 *(from 1.3.20:	CHF* 1,011 ILS 3,582	EUR* 925 CHF 1,009	USD* 1,016 EUR 932		USD (amount not yet established)		
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 140 CHF 35	EUR 128 EUR 32	USD 141 USD 35				
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 650 CHF 1,449	EUR 595 EUR 1,326	KRW 783,000 SGD 2,012	USD 654 USD 1,457			
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean: SGD 519 For IAs in English: SGD 1,385	KRW 450,000 USD 376 KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,003	AUD 558 AUD 1,487	CHF 374 CHF 997	EUR 342 EUR 913	NZD 598 NZD 1,594		

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

ISA	Search fee ¹												
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	994	EUR	910							
	Small entity or government ³⁵ :			USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364				
RU	For IAs in Russian:												
	RUB	8,500	CHF	130	EUR	119	USD	131					
For IAs in English:													
	RUB	40,000	CHF	613	EUR	561	USD	616					
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800	
	USD	1,950											
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,613	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600	USD	1,622			
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950					
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:												
					EUR	100	CHF	109	USD	110			
For IAs in English, French or German:													
					EUR	300	CHF	328	USD	330			
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD	3,306	ZAR	31,500			
	For small entity ²⁷ :			USD	1,040	CHF	1,034	EUR	947	NZD	1,653	ZAR	15,750
	For micro entity ²⁷ :			USD	520	CHF	517	EUR	473	NZD	826	ZAR	7,870
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800	SEK	19,300	
	USD	1,950											
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF	592,200	USD	1,950					

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 181	CHF 200
	CHF 289 ³⁷	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,613	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
		CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 January 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

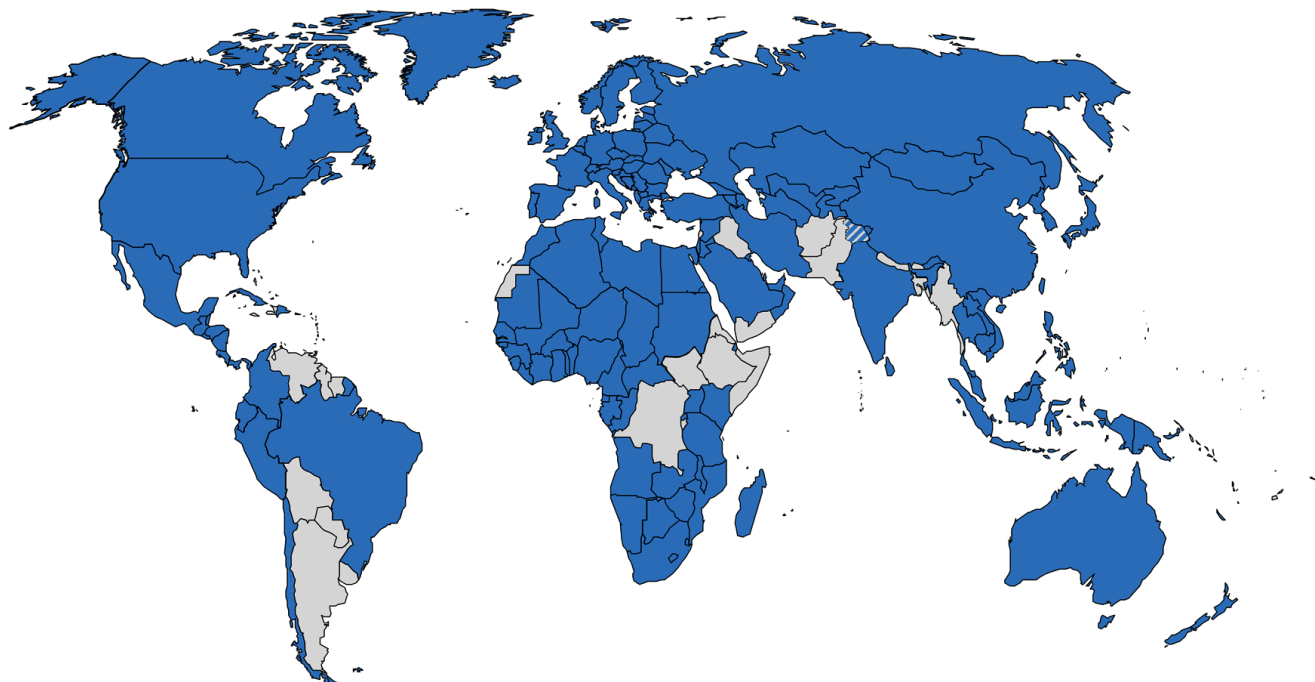
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁸		Handling fee^{2,38} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR²⁹	1,749	EUR	183
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁹	AUD	298
BR	Online: BRL⁸	630	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL⁸	945		
CA	CAD	800	CAD	268
CL	USD	1,500	USD	201
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :	USD 400		
	in case of filing by a university ³⁰ :	USD 300		
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	201
EP	EUR³²	1,830	EUR	183
ES	EUR³²	583.65	EUR	183
FI	EUR	600	EUR	183
IL	ILS	1,529 (from 1.3.20: ILS 1,535)	ILS	706
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN:		USD	201
	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			
JP³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY	21,500
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	241,000
PH	USD	500	USD	201
	Small entity or government: ³⁵	USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴⁰ 6,750 ⁴¹	USD	201
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴⁰ 24,000 ⁴¹		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,990
SG	SGD	830	SGD	278
TR	TRY	1,000	CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA:		EUR	183
	– 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		
US	USD	600 760 ⁴²	USD	201
	For small entity ²⁷ :	USD 300 380 ⁴²		
	For micro entity ²⁷ :	USD 150 190 ⁴²		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,370
XV	EUR	900	EUR	183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The collection of the CNY 500 transmittal fee was suspended by the Office as from 1 August 2018 and the applicant is not required to pay this fee from that date.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 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
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 18 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the IA is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees).
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 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.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 24 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.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_pages.pdf
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 29 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).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 31 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".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnote 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
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 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.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 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).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (153 on 2 January 2020)



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) ²	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 ³	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 ⁶
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	LT Lithuania (EP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LK Sri Lanka	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LR Liberia (AP)	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LS Lesotho (AP)	PT Portugal (EP)	
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	QA Qatar	UZ Uzbekistan
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CL Chile	GU Guam	LV Latvia (EP) ²	RS Serbia (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	LY Libya	RU Russian Federation (EA)	WS Samoa
CN China	HN Honduras	MA Morocco ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZA South Africa
CO Colombia	HR Croatia (EP)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SA Saudi Arabia	ZM Zambia (AP)
CR Costa Rica	HU Hungary (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	ID Indonesia	ME Montenegro ⁵	SD Sudan (AP)	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2018.

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.

⁶ Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2017.

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

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

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

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Meeting of International Authorities

The 27th session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Gatineau, Canada, on 6 and 7 February 2020. The Summary by the Chair and working documents can be found on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55009

The topics discussed included:

- the results of the meeting of the Quality Subgroup, including agreement to incorporate modified examples on unity of invention into the next version of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, expected to be promulgated on 1 July 2020, and recommendations for further work on quality management; for further details, please refer to the Summary by the Chair (Annex II to document PCT/MIA/27/16);
- status reports on the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force led by the European Patent Office (documents PCT/MIA/27/11 and 12), where the Meeting recommended convening a further physical meeting of the Task Force to develop criteria and standards for inclusion of patent collections and non-patent literature in the PCT minimum documentation;
- proposals to amend the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines made by the Japan Patent Office with the aim of strengthening links between the international and national phases of the PCT procedure (document PCT/MIA/27/10);
- a report on a pilot where the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office as a designated Office has provided feedback to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, IP Australia and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore on international search reports established by them as an International Searching Authority (ISA) (document PCT/MIA/27/3);
- a report on the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, where search fees are transferred to the ISA via the International Bureau (IB), with the possibility of “netting” of different amounts to be transferred between Offices and the IB (document PCT/MIA/27/7);
- the transition from WIPO Standard ST.25 to the XML-based WIPO Standard ST.26 for the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings and the implementation of ST.26 in the PCT (documents PCT/MIA/27/8 and 9);
- the operational phase of a third pilot on collaborative search and examination between the IP5 Offices that began in July 2018 – from July 1, 2020, no new files will be accepted into the pilot and Authorities will begin evaluating the pilot, including the outcome of cases in the national phase that were part of the pilot (document PCT/MIA/27/13);

- the supplementary international search system, which the PCT Assembly will review at its session in September 2020 (document PCT/MIA/27/5);
- a proposal made by the United States Patent and Trademark Office to improve the handling of formal defects in drawings in international applications (document PCT/MIA/27/14);
- a proposal made by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore for the transmission to the IB of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report as separate documents (document PCT/MIA/27/4);
- a proposal made by the China National Intellectual Property Administration to promote the improvement of the international search report and written opinion by seeking views through a survey of providers and users of these work products, including examiners, applicants and third parties (document PCT/MIA/27/15); and
- a proposal made by the Indian Patent Office to encourage International Authorities to state that they are willing to act as a competent ISA and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed at the receiving Office of any PCT Contracting State, and for receiving Offices to specify all such Authorities as competent for the searching and international preliminary examination of international applications filed at their Offices (document PCT/MIA/27/6).

Authorities expressed appreciation for the recent developments of the various electronic services offered by the IB for use by applicants, receiving Offices, International Authorities and third parties (document PCT/MIA/27/2). Authorities agreed with the priorities identified by the IB to improve PCT online services to achieve greater efficiency and increased automation, involving the generation and electronic exchange of more information in XML format for direct importation into different stages of the application process. Authorities also agreed with the need for better coordination between the IB and Offices in their various roles in the PCT in the development of systems and technology standards to deliver improvements in services.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 April 2020.

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

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 13 February 2020 at:

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

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

EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees

On 12 December 2019, the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation made a decision concerning the reduction of the fees for international search and preliminary examination carried out on international applications filed by nationals of certain States. That decision supersedes the decision of 21 October 2008 which was published in the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 10/2008 (see also *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2008, page 7).

As a result of that decision, there will be a change, as from 1 April 2020, in the conditions for a 75% reduction in the search fee and the preliminary examination fee payable to the European Patent Office (EPO), in the form of a new category of States whose nationals and/or residents can benefit from the fee reduction, as indicated under (b), below. Furthermore, the 75% reduction will also apply to the supplementary search fee.

As from 1 April 2020, the above-mentioned fees will be reduced by 75% if the international application, the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination, as the case may be, is filed:

- (a) by a natural person who is a national of and resident in a State which is not a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention, and which, on the date of filing of the application or on the date of payment of the supplementary search fee or of the preliminary examination fee, is classed by the World Bank as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy¹; or
- (b) by a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of PCT Rule 18, is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force².

If there are several applicants, each must satisfy one of these criteria.

The reduction in the search fee will apply to all international applications filed on or after 1 April 2020, and the reduction in the supplementary search fee or in the preliminary examination fee will apply in respect of payments made on or after 1 April 2020.

Further information is available in the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 01/2020 at:

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP), SISA (EP) and E (EP))

¹ The States which currently meet the criteria are as follows (PCT Contracting States are in bold print): Afghanistan, **Angola**, Bangladesh, **Benin**, Bhutan, Bolivia, **Burkina Faso**, Burundi, **Cambodia**, **Cameroon**, Cape Verde, **Central African Republic**, **Chad**, **Comoros**, **Congo**, **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**, Democratic Republic of the Congo, **Djibouti**, **Egypt**, **El Salvador**, Eritrea, **Eswatini**, Ethiopia, **Gambia**, **Ghana**, **Guinea**, **Guinea-Bissau**, Haiti, **Honduras**, **India**, **Indonesia**, **Kenya**, Kiribati, **Kyrgyzstan**, **Lao People's Democratic Republic**, **Lesotho**, **Liberia**, **Madagascar**, **Malawi**, **Mali**, **Mauritania**, Micronesia (Federated States of), **Mongolia**, **Morocco**, **Mozambique**, Myanmar, Nepal, **Nicaragua**, **Niger**, **Nigeria**, Pakistan, **Papua New Guinea**, **Philippines**, **Republic of Moldova**, **Rwanda**, **Sao Tome and Principe**, **Senegal**, **Sierra Leone**, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, **Sudan**, **Syrian Arab Republic**, **Tajikistan**, Timor-Leste, **Togo**, **Tunisia**, **Uganda**, **Ukraine**, **United Republic of Tanzania**, **Uzbekistan**, Vanuatu, **Viet Nam**, Yemen, **Zambia**, **Zimbabwe**.

² The States in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is currently in force are as follows: Cambodia, Morocco, Republic of Moldova and Tunisia.

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the Office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

Norwegian Industrial Property Office

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 January 2020, it commenced operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of DAS.

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

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11037

United Kingdom: Information Regarding the Status of the UK's Membership in the European Patent Organisation following the withdrawal from the European Union

In view of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom (UK) from the European Union (EU) on 31 January 2020, the following information has been issued by the European Patent Office (EPO) regarding the UK's membership in the European Patent Organisation, as well as the status of UK professional representatives and legal practitioners before the EPO.

The UK's membership of the European Patent Organisation

The UK's withdrawal from the EU has no impact on its status within the European Patent Organisation, an international organization independent from the EU, with 38 contracting states established on the basis of the European Patent Convention (EPC). Equally, the procedures under the EPC and the PCT remain unaffected. Consequently, the EP designation in the request form (Form PCT/RO/101) continues to include GB. Furthermore, applicants who are nationals and/or residents of the UK continue to be entitled to file international applications with the EPO as receiving Office (in addition to the UK Intellectual Property Office³ and the International Bureau).

Status of UK professional representatives and legal practitioners

The principles governing representation before the EPO also remain unaffected by the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

In particular, UK European patent attorneys who have been entered on the list of professional representatives before the EPO in accordance with Article 134(2) EPC remain fully entitled to represent their clients in proceedings before the EPO, including oral proceedings, without the need for a work permit in either of the states in which proceedings established by the EPC may be conducted, that is, Germany or the Netherlands. The UK's withdrawal from the EU also has no implications on any future requests for entry of UK candidates on this list of professional

³ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

representatives before the EPO. Similarly, legal practitioners qualified and having their place of business in the UK who are entitled to act as professional representatives in patent matters there, such as barristers and solicitors, may represent parties in proceedings before the EPO (Article 134(8) EPC).

Furthermore, UK professional representatives remain entitled, pursuant to Article 134(6) EPC, to establish a place of business in any contracting state of the EPC in which proceedings under the EPC may be conducted, but should bear in mind that any regulations governing entry to and residence in the territory of a given EU member state, such as regulations on visa requirements, will apply.

For further information, please refer to the Notice from the European Patent Office dated 29 January 2020, to be published in the February issue of the *Official Journal of the EPO*. An advance publication of the notice is available at:

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal.html

Ireland: New Legislation Concerning the Treatment of PCT Applications as National Patent Applications

The Intellectual Property Office of Ireland has notified the International Bureau (IB) that new legislation, effective from 2 December 2019, has been enacted to allow the applicant(s) of an international application designating Ireland to request that it be treated as an application for a patent in Ireland under Part II of the Patents Act 1992, under certain conditions. These conditions include circumstances where an international application designating Ireland:

- is refused an international filing date under the PCT, or
- is withdrawn or deemed withdrawn, or
- has ceased to be deemed to be an application for a European patent designating Ireland.

Where no PCT filing date was accorded, the applicant(s) must first petition the Controller for a filing date for the application. Such a request should be made within three months of the date of withdrawal of the international application or the date of the notification by the IB or receiving Office that the application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, where applicable, and no later than 31 months from the filing date or the priority date of the international application, whichever is earlier. The request must state the name and address of the applicant and be accompanied by:

- a copy of the international application as filed;
- a statement of the reasons for the request, if petitioning for a filing date;
- any document, information or evidence verifying the said statement, or verifying the withdrawal or deemed withdrawal of a duly filed PCT application; and
- the prescribed fee, if any.

Should the applicant, nevertheless, eventually succeed in obtaining a European Patent designating Ireland by the parallel Euro PCT route, then such a patent, when granted, would supersede the Irish patent granted via this new route.

For further details, please consult the legislation under Section 127A of the Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019 and Rule 87A of the Patents (Amendment) Rules 2019, S.I 589/2019 at, respectively:

www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2019/act/19/enacted/en/pdf

www.ipoi.gov.ie/en/law-practice/legislation/patents-and-spcs/rules-regulations/s-i-no-589-of-2019.pdf

PCT Information Update

AZ Azerbaijan (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees have changed with effect from 27 May 2019:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	[no change]	
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	7
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	AZN	7
Annual fee for the 3 rd year:	AZN	50
- or where all applicants are natural persons:	AZN	10

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

CR Costa Rica (fee reduction)

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of changes to the conditions for reduction of the filing fee component of the national fee, applicable since 18 December 2019, as follows:

The filing fee is reduced by 70% where the international application has been filed by natural persons, micro or small enterprises, as defined in Law No. 8262 of Costa Rica, public institutions of higher education or public institutes for scientific or technology research.

For further information, including details about how to request the fee reduction, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CR), footnote 3.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CR), footnote 3)

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2020, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the EPO as designated (or elected) Office (other fees not indicated will not change):

Filing fee:		
- for online filings:	EUR	125

– for non-online filings:	EUR	260
Additional fee for pages in excess of 35 for the 36 th and each subsequent page:	EUR	16
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:	EUR	610
Claims fee:		
– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR	245
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	610
Search fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	920
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,350
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:	[No change]	
– other cases:	EUR	265
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	240
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,900
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,900
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,700
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR	490

There will also be a change in the amount of the reduction in the search fee payable in the following situation (other reductions not indicated will not change):

The search fee is reduced by EUR 1,150 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 Centralization by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute.

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

ID Indonesia (means of telecommunication; fees)

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

The amounts of two components of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have changed. The new amounts, applicable since 3 May 2019, are as follows:

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	IDR	75,000
Substantive examination fee:	IDR	3,000,000

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

IT Italy (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name of the Advanced Biotechnology Center (ABC), an International Depository Authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed to IRCCS Ospedale Policlinico San Martino.

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

KG Kyrgyzstan (fees)

The State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has notified the IB of the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount payable is KGS 4,000. Please note the following:

- the 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 (for example, DHL); and
- 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.

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

MA Morocco (fees)

The transmittal fee is no longer payable to the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) with effect from 1 October 2017, and the fee for priority document is no longer payable to the Office with effect from 1 January 2018.

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

NL Netherlands (fax number)

The Netherlands Patent Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

RO Romania (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2020:

Transmittal fee:.....	RON	475
Fee for priority document:.....	RON	95

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

SA Saudi Arabia (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name, location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail and Internet addresses of the Saudi Patent Office (SPO) have changed, as follows:

Name of Office:	Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)
Location and mailing address:	As Sahafah, Olaya St. 6531, 3059 Riyadh 13321 Saudi Arabia
Telephone:	(966-11) 280 59 76, 280 60 09
Fax:	(966-11) 280 60 02
E-mail:	pct@saip.gov.sa
Internet:	https://www.saip.gov.sa/

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

TN Tunisia (date of effect of fee – corrigendum)

The transmittal fee payable to the National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia) as receiving Office entered into effect on 2 January 2020, and not 25 December 2019, as was indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2020.

UG Uganda (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 April 2020, by the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) 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, see “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

Search fee (European Patent Office, Israel Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 March 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Israel Patent Office (changes in the equivalent amounts in other currencies were announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2020), and as from 1 April 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in NZD for an international search

carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

For information about the reduction applicable, with effect from 1 April 2020, in respect of fees payable to the European Patent Office for an international search, see “EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees”, above.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex D (EP, IL and US))

Supplementary search fee (European Patent Office)

For information about the reduction applicable, with effect from 1 April 2020, in respect of fees payable to the European Patent Office for a supplementary international search, see “EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees”, above.

Preliminary examination fee (European Patent Office)

For information about the reduction applicable, with effect from 1 April 2020, in respect of fees payable to the European Patent Office for an international preliminary examination, see “EPO: Change in the Conditions for Entitlement to the 75% Reduction in the PCT Search and Preliminary Examination Fees”, above.

New/Updated PCT Resources

Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States

With the aim of harmonizing the tables of information on the PCT website, the above-mentioned table, which was available in PDF format, has been prepared in HTML format in order to make it more user-friendly. Furthermore, the table has been updated with effect from 2 January 2020. The new link to this resource in English is:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/typesprotection.html

PCT Applicant’s Guide (English, French and Russian versions)

The English, French and Russian versions of the “Introduction to the International Phase” of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, which contains detailed information on the international phase of the PCT, were updated on 13 January 2020, and have been published at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/guide/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/guide/index.html

The updated Spanish version is under preparation.

More resources available in Korean

A PowerPoint presentation and recording of a webinar in Korean on recent PCT developments and changes in 2020, which aired on 31 January 2020, is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ko/seminar/webinars/index.html

Practical advice index in Japanese

An index of the Practical Advice segments of the *PCT Newsletter* from January 2007 to December 2019 is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/newslett/practical_advice/pa_2007_2019.pdf

This index sets forth, on the left-hand side, the English version of each Practical Advice, and on the right-hand side, the Japanese translation thereof.

PATENTSCOPE News

PCT patent families

You can now find information related to patent families for PCT applications in PATENTSCOPE. A new option, under “Refine Options”, will give access to family members and the indication “PCT family” will appear in the documents in question.

Each of the more than 2.7 million unique PCT patent families available in PATENTSCOPE includes:

- a PCT member considered to be the main representative of the family;
- national applications that have specified a prior PCT application;
- national phase entry records; and
- the priority application of the PCT application when it is a unique and first publication.

New searchable CPC field

Also new in PATENTSCOPE is the searchable CPC (Cooperative Patent Classification⁴) field. PATENTSCOPE now contains more than 200 million CPC entries corresponding to more than 40 million distinct filings, under which 99% of PCT applications are classified.

National collection of Japan

The national collection of Japan has been expanded to include data as of 1964 (it previously held data published as of 1993), and is available in the PATENTSCOPE search system at:

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

Furthermore, filing and publication numbers have been harmonized, thus removing any ambiguity in the identification of filing and application numbers that had previously been encountered with different representations of the year according to the Gregorian and Japanese calendars.

Improvement in search results

The stemming for many languages, including Arabic, Bulgarian, Danish, Estonian, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Romanian, Spanish, Swedish, has been improved and leads to more

⁴ A patent classification jointly developed by the European Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

relevant search results. It is recalled that stemming uses the root form of a keyword in order to find a word with the same root. For example, using the keyword “electrical” finds documents containing “electricity”, “electric”, etc.

These new features were described in a webinar, the recording of which is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=312&items=20

Survey on WIPO’s New Digital IP Service

WIPO will launch a new digital IP service later this year and would welcome your feedback in order to meet your needs more effectively.

The new service will help inventors and creators, individuals and businesses add an additional layer of safekeeping for their valuable digital IP assets. It will complement any existing IP strategy for your PCT applications, as well as your trademark applications (under the Madrid System) or design applications (under the Hague System).

The pre-launch survey, which is available in English only, takes about 10 minutes to complete. It seeks your opinion about the application of this type of IP service in your area, the main features of the service, and some marketing elements.

By completing the survey you will have a chance to help shape this new service. Thank you in advance for participating – your views are very important to us.

The survey is available at:

<https://surveys.ipsosinteractive.com/surveys/?pid=S20001884&Qsource=1&id=>

Practical Advice

Meeting the requirements for restoration of the right of priority under the “due care” criterion

Q: For reasons beyond my control, I failed to file an international application within the 12-month priority period, and was only able to file it two days after the expiration of that period. The designated Offices where I intend to enter the national phase require, in order to restore the right of priority, that the applicant’s failure to file within the priority period occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken. I would like to know what I need to submit to maximize the likelihood that the receiving Office, which checks that criterion, makes a positive finding as to the due care criterion. Also, could you give me some idea of the kind of circumstances in which due care could be considered to have been taken?

A: Full details on how to make a request for restoration of the right of priority were given in the Practical Advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2015 at:

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

It is recalled that, in addition to requesting restoration of the right of priority, either under Box No. VI of the request form (PCT/RO/101) or by way of a letter to the receiving Office submitted

within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e)⁵, you must also furnish within that same time limit a “statement of reasons” explaining why you failed to file the international application within the priority period (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(ii)). The statement of reasons should take into consideration the restoration criterion which you seek to satisfy, and it should preferably be accompanied by a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(b)(iii)).

In order to meet the “due care” criterion (as opposed to the less stringent criterion of “unintentionality”, for which a simple declaration is generally sufficient), the statement of reasons should describe in detail the specific facts and circumstances that led to the late filing, as well as any remedial or alternative steps taken to attempt a timely filing of the international application. Generally, the standard of having exercised “due care” within the meaning of PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(a)(i) can only be met if the applicant has taken all measures which a reasonably prudent applicant would have taken.

In determining whether the applicant exercised the “due care” of a reasonably prudent person, the receiving Office considers the facts and circumstances of each particular case. It is not sufficient for an applicant to demonstrate that, in general, he/she has taken all precautions to adhere to time limits for filing international applications. Instead, the applicant must show that he/she exercised all “due care” for the particular application in question. The receiving Office will engage in a factual analysis of the applicant’s specific acts related to the filing of the international application up to the expiration of the priority period.

Where the applicant is represented by an agent, both the applicant and the agent must show that they exercised “due care” in order to satisfy that criterion. As far as the applicant is concerned, the appointment of a qualified representative would, under normal circumstances, generally be sufficient to satisfy the criterion of “due care”.

While each receiving Office engages in its own case-by-case analysis, the *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines* (www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro.pdf) contain examples of circumstances where a receiving Office may find the “due care” criterion to be satisfied. The examples in the *Guidelines* will give you an idea of how detailed, in your situation, the statement of reasons would need to be and help you determine what, if any, evidence should be submitted to support your statement.

For example, in the case where the failure to meet the priority period was due to human error by the agent’s or applicant’s administrative staff (non-attorneys such as assistants or paralegals) who has been entrusted with the performance of certain administrative tasks:

“A prudent applicant or agent carefully chooses, trains and monitors the work of a reliable, experienced, adequately trained and supervised employee. A human error by an assistant in the docketing, monitoring, preparation or filing of the international application is not attributed to the applicant or agent if the applicant or agent can show that “due care” was exercised in the management of the assistant and the failure to file within the priority period in this particular case was an isolated human error. In the statement of reasons, the applicant or agent should usually outline the number of years the assistant has been entrusted with the particular task, the level of training and supervision provided to the

⁵ The time limit under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e) is two months from the expiration of the priority period, unless early international publication has been requested earlier than this, in which case it is prior to the completion of technical preparations for international publication.

assistant and whether the assistant has performed all his [or her] duties diligently in the past.” [*PCT Receiving Office Guidelines*, paragraph 166M(f)]

Further examples of common reasons for failure to file the international application within the priority period can be found at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ro/ro166a_166t.html#_166m

It should be noted that, while the same standard cannot be expected from an individual inventor or a small or medium-sized enterprise, any applicant or agent is expected to set up an efficient and reliable reminder, supervision and back-up system which corresponds to best practices in the field.

If the receiving Office finds that the statement of reasons and any evidence provided by the applicant is not sufficient to make a determination as to whether the relevant criterion would be fulfilled, it will, before refusing the request for restoration, inform the applicant of its intention to refuse restoration of the right of priority and give the applicant the opportunity to provide any observations, evidence or declarations within a (further) time limit set by the Office by issuing Form PCT/RO/158 (Notification of Intended Refusal of Request to Restore Right of Priority and/or Invitation to Furnish Declaration or Other Evidence). After the expiration of the applicable time limit, the Office will make a determination as to whether the criterion in question has been met or not, based on any reply received, and notify the applicant by issuing Form PCT/RO/159 (Notification of Decision on Request to Restore Priority).

Where a statement of reasons is not sufficient, it may be supplemented as described above, but if no statement of reasons was provided at all during the time limit indicated in PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(e), please be aware that ***the receiving Office will normally refuse the request to restore the right of priority, indicating that the refusal is because the statement of reasons was missing.***

If you are concerned about any possible publication by the IB of confidential documents submitted to the receiving Office as evidence relating to your request for restoration, the receiving Office may, upon receipt of a reasoned request by the applicant, or on its own decision, not transmit to the IB such evidence where it is considered confidential, and that information would consequently not be made publicly available (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(h-*bis*)). Examples of information which might qualify under that Rule are private details of persons involved in the late filing of the international application, such as the name of a paralegal, or medical certificates stating the nature of an illness. You may even decide to already expunge from the document from the start such confidential information which is not necessary for the receiving Office to decide on the request for restoration.

For information on which Offices accept requests for restoration of the right of priority and which criterion (if they only apply one criterion) they apply, as well as information on any fees payable to the Office for making such a request, please refer to the table at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html

Please note that applicants may also request restoration of priority rights in the national phase (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2), to the extent that the designated Office accepts such a request and applies the criterion concerned. Any such request must be filed with each designated Office concerned within one month from the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22. More information can be found in the restoration table at the above-mentioned link.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 18 February 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25-26 March 2020 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
21 April 2020 Bolzano (IT)	Italian/ English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Grazioli, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Cocorocchia	WIPO in cooperation with the Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Simona Marzetti) Tel: (39-06) 4705 5678 E-mail: simona.marzetti@mise.gov.it Internet: www.mise.gov.it www.uibm.gov.it/
29 April 2020 Nantes (FR)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Zikova, Mr. Germeil	WIPO in cooperation with the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Mr. Fabrice Perrono) Tel: (33-01) 71 08 71 63 E-mail: fperrono@inpi.fr Internet: http://www.inpi.fr
30 April 2020 Birmingham (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the CIPA Student Conference 2020 WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
4 May 2020 Istanbul (TR) <i>(a limited number of places are available to the public)</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr
5 May 2020 Monaco (MC)	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Zikova, Mr. Germeil	WIPO in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco) Tel: (377) 98 98 98 01 E-mail: mcipo@gouv.mc Internet: https://mcipo.gouv.mc/
15-16 June 2020 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl Other speaker: to be announced	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-703) 622 23 18 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
18-19 June 2020 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pablo Calvo Ramón and Ms. Ruth Sánchez Sánchez) E-mail: pcalvo@abg-ip.com; RSS@elzaburu.es
9 July 2020 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
24-25 September 2020 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
28 September 2020 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
10 March 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 12 March 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: PATENTSCOPE for experts WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2679514638585844748
21 April 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 23 April 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5651077853559297291
5 May 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 7 May 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Translation tools available in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/3224228092150857995
16 June 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 18 June 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: The result list in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4079833956025738763

Other IP events**International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 25-29 March 2020 [POSTPONED until 16-20 September 2020]**

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 25 to 29 March 2020 [POSTPONED until 16-20 September 2020]. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/

World IP Day, 26 April 2020

Celebrations of World IP Day will take place in various places. Further information is available at:

www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/

International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020

The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at:

www.iena.de/en/home.html

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 February 2020, 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 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,984	22	–	298	448	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 89.25	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,779	20	–	268	401	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,337	eq USD ⁹ 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none ¹⁰	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: USD 212 on paper: USD 289	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 February 2020, 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	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	406,200	4,600	–	61,100	91,600	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹³	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³	92	or EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	
	or USD ¹³	101	or USD	1,337	15	101	201	302	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	No fee for e-filings		IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)							
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)							
IS	ISK	17,300	ISK	166,200	1,900	–	25,000	37,500	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁶	JPY	143,200	1,600	–	–	32,300	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁷	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US

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

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				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
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 ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹⁹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD – ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²⁰	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CLEPESKRSESG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 12,210	140	–	1,840	2,750	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,126	24	–	320	479	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ¹⁹	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	ATAUEGEPUS
PA	USD 240	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	ATBRCLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR 10.77 (online filing) EUR 21.53 (paper filing)	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON 475	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,700 ²²	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD – ¹⁹	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,847	21	–	278	417	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²³	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV	None ²⁴	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD – ¹⁹	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
TJ	TJS	— ¹⁹	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	EP RU
TM	USD	— ¹⁹	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330		15	—	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330		15	—	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵	2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR)	1,337		15	—	—	—	EP RU UA
UG	UGX	— ¹⁹	UGX eq USD	1,337	eq USD	15	—	—	—	EP SG
US	USD	240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD	1,337		15	101	201	—	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS	306,830 ²⁸	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	EP RU
VN	VND	300,000	CHF	1,330		15	—	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available									
ZA	ZAR	525	ZAR	20,250		230	—	3,050	4,570	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD	50	USD	1,337		15	—	—	—	AT SE
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	1,337	eq USD	15	—	—	—	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	KRW	2,334,000	SGD	2,693	USD	1,950	ZAR	29,530
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,475	EUR	1,350	KRW	1,775,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	2,048
	USD	1,483	ZAR	22,460								
BR ⁸	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	410	EUR	376	USD	413		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	615	EUR	563	USD	618		
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,196	EUR	1,095	USD	1,203				
CL	USD	2,000	CHF	1,989	EUR	1,820						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :				USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364		
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :				USD	300	CHF	298	EUR	273		
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	292	EUR	267	USD	294				
EG ³¹	EGP	4,000	CHF	244	EUR	223	USD	245				
EP ³²	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	GBP	1,583	HUF	592,200	ISK	242,300
	JPY	208,800	NOK	17,800	NZD	3,099	SEK	19,300	SGD	2,693	USD	1,950
	ZAR	29,530										
ES ³²	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	USD	1,950						
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	USD	1,950						
IL	ILS*	3,567	CHF*	1,011	EUR*	925	USD*	1,016				
	*(from 1.3.20:		ILS	3,582	CHF	1,009	EUR	932	USD	1,036)		
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	140	EUR	128	USD	141				
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	35	EUR	32	USD	35				
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	70,000	CHF	650	EUR	595	KRW	783,000	USD	654		
	For IAs in English:											
	JPY	156,000	CHF	1,449	EUR	1,326	SGD	2,012	USD	1,457		
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean:											
	SGD	519	KRW	450,000	AUD	558	CHF	374	EUR	342	NZD	598
			USD	376								
	For IAs in English:											
	SGD	1,385	KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,487	CHF	997	EUR	913	NZD	1,594
			USD	1,003								

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

ISA	Search fee ¹													
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	994	EUR	910								
	Small entity or government ³⁵ :			USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364					
RU	For IAs in Russian:													
	RUB	8,500	CHF	130	EUR	119	USD	131						
For IAs in English:														
	RUB	40,000	CHF	613	EUR	561	USD	616						
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800		
	USD	1,950												
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,613	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600	USD	1,622				
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950						
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	109	USD	110				
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	328	USD	330				
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD*	3,306	ZAR	31,500				
	*(from 1.4.20:		NZD	3,135)										
	For small entity ²⁷ :				USD	1,040	CHF	1,034	EUR	947	NZD*	1,653	ZAR	15,750
	*(from 1.4.20:		NZD	1,567)										
For micro entity ²⁷ :				USD	520	CHF	517	EUR	473	NZD*	826	ZAR	7,870	
*(from 1.4.20:		NZD	784)											
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800	SEK	19,300		
	USD	1,950												
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF	592,200	USD	1,950						

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939 ³²	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 181	CHF 200
	CHF 289 ³⁷	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,613	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 February 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

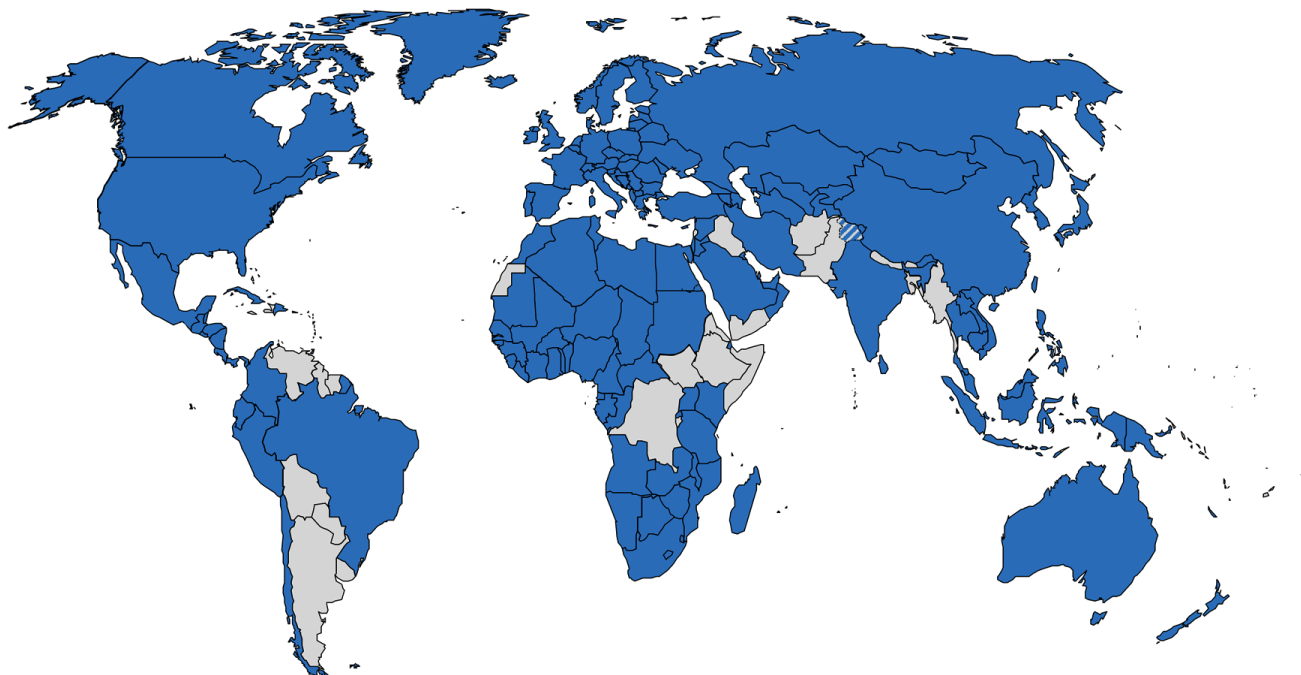
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁸		Handling fee^{2,38} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁹	EUR	183	
AU	AUD	590	820 ³⁹	AUD 298	
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
CA	CAD	800	CAD	268	
CL	USD	1,500	USD 201		
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400				
	in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300				
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200	
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	201	
EP	EUR	1,830 ³²	EUR	183	
ES	EUR	583.65 ³²	EUR	183	
FI	EUR	600	EUR	183	
IL	ILS	1,529	(from 1.3.20: ILS 1,535)	ILS 706	
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 201	
JP³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 26,000 For IAs in English: JPY 58,000			JPY 21,500	
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	241,000	
PH	USD	500	Small entity or government: ³⁵ USD 200	USD 201	
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB 4,500 ⁴⁰ 6,750 ⁴¹ For IAs in English: RUB 16,000 ⁴⁰ 24,000 ⁴¹			USD 201	
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,990	
SG	SGD	830	SGD	278	
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 183	
US	USD	600	760 ⁴²	USD 201	
	For small entity ²⁷ : USD 300		380 ⁴²		
	For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 150		190 ⁴²		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,370	
XV	EUR	900	EUR	183	

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The collection of the CNY 500 transmittal fee was suspended by the Office as from 1 August 2018 and the applicant is not required to pay this fee from that date.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 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
- 17 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.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 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.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 24 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.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 29 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).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 31 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".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, (and with effect from 1 April 2020, the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO), are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 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.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 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).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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



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) ²	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 Dominican Republic	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 ³	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 ⁶
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (AP)	ME Montenegro ⁵	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2018.

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.

⁶ Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2017.

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

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

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

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Covid-19 Pandemic: International Bureau and International Bureau as Receiving Office Remain Open for the Purposes of Filing and Processing of PCT Applications

As from 17 March 2020, WIPO put in place remote working arrangements for most of its staff. As a result, the International Bureau (IB) and the IB as receiving Office remain open for the purposes of filing and processing PCT applications. For further information, please refer to Press Release PR/847/2020 at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2020/article_0004.html

If you have not already done so, you are advised to check with other Offices with which you conduct PCT-related business to see if they have published any notices relevant to Covid-19.

In addition, please refer to the “Practical Advice” in this issue for information about possible remedies in the case of missed time limits where the PCT Office with which an action needs to be taken is exceptionally closed, or if the applicant’s or agent’s company/firm is forced to close temporarily.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Offices which no longer accept PCT-SAFE filings

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) (which already accepts international applications filed using CEPCT) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 March 2020, it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (CN).

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The Australian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office has changed one of its requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* for entry into the national phase – the address for service that is required by the Office can now be in Australia or New Zealand (no representation by an agent is required). The Office has also clarified its requirement concerning the verification of the translation, which is now only required upon request by the Commissioner.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (AU))

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2020, there will be a change in the following fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	EUR	135
Fee for priority document:	EUR	105
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	665

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

See also below for changes to the fees relating to the international search, the supplementary international search and the international preliminary examination. For further information about the changes that will enter into force on 1 April 2020 in respect of fees payable to the EPO, including any applicable transitional provisions, please refer to the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 at:

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a3.html

GB (location and mailing address; who can act as agent)

The address where filings by hand may additionally be made at the Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom) has changed, as follows:

3rd Floor, 10 Victoria Street
London SW1H 0NB
United Kingdom

The above-mentioned address should be used for hand filings only. All postal correspondence must be sent to the Office's Newport address (Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales NP10 8QQ, United Kingdom).

It is recalled that any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or another Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA) can act as agent before the Office. The address to which requests for a list of registered patent attorneys should be sent has changed, as follows:

The Registrar
c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
2nd Floor Halton House
20-23 Holborn
London EC1N 2JD
United Kingdom

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (GB) and Annex C (GB))

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 May 2020, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable to the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:	ISK	17,800
Fee for priority document:	ISK	4,800
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	ISK	42,500

As from the same date, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to ISIPO as designated (or elected) Office:

Application fee:	ISK	66,100
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK	4,300
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK	17,800
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK	33,900

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

MA Morocco (fees)

The Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) has notified changes to the conditions of eligibility for the reduction in the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected Office): since 2 September 2019, public establishments, foundations, research centers and associations with a research and development mission, whether foreign or national, have been entitled to pay the reduced amount of the national fee. This is in addition to very small enterprises, small or medium enterprises (in accordance with the criteria of the SME charter), natural persons, self-entrepreneurs, craftsmen, universities and educational establishments, whether foreign or national, which were previously eligible for the reduction.

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

NZ New Zealand (special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) as designated (or elected) Office has changed one of its requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* for entry into the national phase – the address for service that is required by the Office can now be in New Zealand or Australia (no representation by an agent is required).

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

SA Saudi Arabia (telephone numbers)

The telephone numbers of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) have changed. The numbers to be used are as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 98; (966-11) 280 59 76

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 April 2020, there will be a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable (by all applicants) to the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa):

Filing fee:	ZAR	590
First annual fee:	ZAR	130

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil))

As from 1 April 2020, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the EPO as International Searching Authority:

Protest fee:	EUR	910
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	240

As from 1 May 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in GBP for an international search carried out by the EPO, and there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF and USD for an international search carried out by the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (BR and EP))

Fees relating to the supplementary international search (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2020, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the EPO as Authority specified for supplementary search:

Review fee:	EUR	910
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	240

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

Fees relating to international preliminary examination (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2020, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees payable to the EPO as International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Protest fee:	EUR	910
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	240

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

PCT Applicant's Guide (Spanish version)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2020, the Spanish version of the "Introduction to the International Phase" of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contains detailed information on the international phase of the PCT, has been updated and is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/es/guide/index.html

Quality reports

It is recalled that the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities submit annual reports on the quality management systems which they have implemented for their work as International Authorities². The reports for 2019 are now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/quality/authorities.html

PCT Yearly Review 2019 – Executive Summary

The PCT Yearly Review 2019 – Executive Summary, which outlines the key trends in the use of the PCT and a summary of the statistics reported in the PCT Yearly Review 2019, is now available in all 10 publication languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish) at:

www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4430

For languages other than English, please select the language on the right-hand side of the page.

World Intellectual Property Day, April 26, 2020: Innovate for a Green Future

The 2020 World Intellectual Property Day campaign, "Innovate for a Green Future", puts innovation - and the intellectual property (IP) rights that support it - at the heart of efforts to create a green future.

For further information on World IP Day, visit the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/

Please send details of any ground-breaking eco-friendly innovations you may have developed by e-mail to: WorldIPDay@wipo.int, but only if you have already taken steps to protect them.

Join us in exploring the role that innovation and IP rights play in opening a pathway to a green future.

It is recalled that in 2000, WIPO Member States designated 26 April – the day on which the WIPO Convention came into force in 1970 – as World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day), with the aim of increasing general understanding of IP. Since then, World IP Day has offered a unique opportunity each year to join with others around the globe to learn about the role that intellectual property rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity.

² In accordance with the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, paragraphs 21.26 and 21.27.

Practical Advice

Possible remedies where time limits under the PCT have been missed due to unforeseen events

Q: I am a patent attorney working for a law firm, and have a number of pending PCT applications, as well as applications that I am planning to file in the near future. I am concerned about the effects of the current novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, and what will happen regarding our pending PCT applications, as well as applications yet to be filed, if certain PCT deadlines are not met in the following situations:

- if the PCT Office with which an action needs to be taken is exceptionally closed; or*
- if our firm is forced to close temporarily.*

Please could you explain what remedies might apply in case of any delay that occurs as a result of these circumstances?

A: This Practical Advice will take a look at the above-mentioned scenarios separately, and suggest possible remedies that may be applicable in the circumstances.

The Receiving Office or other PCT Authority or the International Bureau, with which a particular action needs to be taken, is closed

PCT Rule 80.5(i): If a national office or intergovernmental organization acting as a receiving Office (RO), International Searching Authority (ISA), Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA), International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), the International Bureau (IB) or a designated/elected Office were to exceptionally not be open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on a particular day, all PCT time limits (including the time limits under PCT Articles 22 and 39 to enter the national phase) expiring on that day would be extended, under PCT Rule 80.5(i), to the next subsequent day on which that Office or authority is open for business.

Note that PCT Rule 80.5(i) applies to any time limit in the PCT and an equivalent provision in the Paris Convention applies to the priority period (see Article 4(C)3, below).

PCT Article 8; Article 4(C)(3) of the Paris Convention: As far as the failure to file any new international application within 12 months from the filing date of an earlier application (the priority of which you wish to claim in the international application) is concerned, this is governed by Article 4(C)(3) of the Paris Convention. Unfortunately, if the international application is received after the expiration of the 12-month time limit, you would only have protection in the case where the receiving Office is not open for the filing of applications, and not where the applicant or agent's Office is closed for business.

Temporary closure of the agent or applicant's place of work

PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2: One possible remedy in case of failure to file the international application within the 12-month priority period, however, would be to attempt to make use of the provisions concerning "restoration of the right of priority", which give applicants who have missed the 12-month Paris Convention priority period the possibility of restoring their priority claim (see PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2). The decision on a request for restoration would be taken on a case-by-case basis by either the receiving Office or the designated Office in the national phase, and a detailed explanation would need to be provided, in particular, if the applicant wishes to show that the "due care" standard has been met. Please note, however,

that some Offices have submitted a notification of incompatibility in respect of these Rules (please refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html)

PCT Rule 82^{quater}. For missed time limits applicable for performing an action before the RO, ISA, SISA, IPEA or the IB, PCT Rule 82^{quater} may apply in circumstances such as the one you describe. This Rule provides for excuse of delays in meeting time limits due to *force majeure* reasons set out in the Rule. To benefit from this Rule, the applicant would need to present evidence to that effect to the Office concerned, not later than six months after the expiration of the applicable time limit, in addition to having taken the relevant action as soon as reasonably possible. It would be up to the Office, Authority or the IB, as the case may be, to decide whether the failure to meet the time limit could be excused according to the Rule. Please note, however, that this Rule does not apply to the priority period and the time limit for entering the national phase.

PCT Rule 49.6: If a PCT applicant were to fail, within the applicable time limit, to enter the national phase due to the reason mentioned above, he/she may request the reinstatement of rights before the relevant designated Offices under PCT Rule 49.6. This would again be a case-by-case decision to be taken by the designated Offices and may depend on whether the Office in question applies the due care or the unintentional standard. Please note, however, that some Offices have submitted a notification of incompatibility in respect of this Rule (please refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html).

If the time limit missed relates to an action to be performed in the national phase before a designated or elected Office, possible remedies may also be available under the relevant national laws (see PCT Rule 82^{bis}.2 and, as an example of such a national/regional law, the request for “further processing” at the European Patent Office (Rule 135 EPC)). In this regard, please consult the respective National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* and the national Offices for further information.

Note also that if any submission of document or payment of fee is delayed due to irregularities in the mail service, please consult PCT Rules 80.5(ii), 80.6 and 82.1.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 10 March 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
29 April 2020 Nantes (FR) <i>[postponed]</i>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Zikova, Mr. Germeil	WIPO in cooperation with the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Mr. Fabrice Perrono) Tel: (33-01) 71 08 71 63 E-mail: fperrono@inpi.fr Internet: http://www.inpi.fr
30 April 2020 Birmingham (GB) <i>[postponed]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the CIPA Student Conference 2020 WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
4 May 2020 Istanbul (TR) <i>[cancelled]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr ; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr
5 May 2020 Monaco (MC) <i>[postponed]</i>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Zikova, Mr. Germeil	WIPO in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco) Tel: (377) 98 98 98 01 E-mail: mcipo@gouv.mc Internet: https://mcipo.gouv.mc/
12 May 2020 On-line, web delivered <i>[previously indicated to take place in Austin, TX (US)]</i>	English	ePCT/DAS Full Day Training Seminar" WIPO speakers: Mr. Martin and Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-571) 888 34 05 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
14 May 2020 On-line, web delivered <i>[previously indicated to take place in Dallas, TX (US)]</i>	English	ePCT training seminar within the framework of the "ePCT and Hague Training Seminars" WIPO speakers: Mr. Martin and Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-571) 888 34 05 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
10 June 2020 Bolzano (IT) <i>[previously announced as 21 April 2020]</i>	Italian/ English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Grazioli, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Cocorocchia	WIPO in cooperation with the Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Simona Marzetti) Tel: (39-06) 4705 5678 E-mail: simona.marzetti@mise.gov.it Internet: www.mise.gov.it www.uibm.gov.it/
15-16 June 2020 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-571) 888 34 05 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
18-19 June 2020 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pablo Calvo Ramón and Ms. Ruth Sánchez Sánchez) E-mail: pcalvo@abg-ip.com; RSS@elzaburu.es
9 July 2020 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
15-16 September 2020 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar: "Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation" WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
24-25 September 2020 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
28 September 2020 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
29-30 September 2020 Stockholm (SE) <i>[previously announced as 25-26 March 2020]</i>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademien.se Internet: www.ipakademien.se
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
27 November 2020 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

PCT Events Without WIPO speakers¹

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of seminar; Speakers	Organizer and contact numbers
27 March 2020 Concord, NH (US) <i>[cancelled]</i>	English	22 nd comprehensive PCT Seminar Speakers: Ms. Lauchmann and Mr. Kim (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law (Ms. Lauri Connolly) E-mail: Lauri.connolly@law.unh.edu Online registration: http://bit.ly/2uDE0UU

1. Views and opinions of speakers at these events do not necessarily represent the views of WIPO.

PCT Webinars			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html) (http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
21 April 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 23 April 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5651077853559297291
5 May 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 7 May 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Translation tools available in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/3224228092150857995
16 June 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 18 June 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: The result list in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4079833956025738763

Other IP events
<p>World IP Day, 26 April 2020</p> <p>Celebrations of World IP Day will take place in various places. Further information is available at: www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/</p>
<p>Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival (SVIIF), Santa Clara, California (USA), 23-25 June 2020</p> <p>The 3rd edition of the Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival (SVIIF) will take place in Santa Clara, California from 23 to 25 June 2020. Further information is available at: https://sviif.com/</p>
<p>International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 16-20 September 2020 [previously announced as 25-29 March 2020]</p> <p>The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 16-20 September 2020. Further information is available at: www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/</p>
<p>International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020</p> <p>The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at: www.iena.de/en/home.html</p>

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 March 2020, 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	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	1,984	22	–	298	448	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN	80	BGN	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND	150	BND	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸	online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN	89.25	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,779	20	–	268	401	CA
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP	eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP	eq USD ⁹ 1,337	eq USD ⁹ 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	none ¹⁰	CNY	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP	online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD	online: USD 212 on paper: USD 289	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 March 2020, 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	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU		
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP		
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV		
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP		
DJ	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP		
	or eq DJF										
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN		
DM	Information not yet available										
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US		
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP		
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU		
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES		
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP		
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US		
EP	EUR	130	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP		
	(from 1.4.20:	135)									
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES		
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE		
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP		
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP		
GD	Information not yet available										
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US		
GH	GHS ¹²	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE		
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP		
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US		
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP ES		
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP		
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	406,200	4,600	–	61,100	91,600	EP XV		
IB	CHF ¹³	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14		
	or EUR ¹³	92	or EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275			
	or USD ¹³	101	or USD	1,337	15	101	201	302			
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG		
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP		
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US		
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US		
	No fee for e-filings										
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU		
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)									
IS	ISK	17,300 (from 1.5.20: 17,800)	ISK	166,200	1,900	–	25,000	37,500	EP SE XN		
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP		
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US		
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁶	JPY	143,200	1,600	–	–	32,300	EP JP SG		
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE		
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁷	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU		
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG		
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US		

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

(amounts on 1 March 2020, 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	
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 ¹⁸ KR
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹⁹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD – ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²⁰	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 12,210	140	–	1,840	2,750	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,126	24	–	320	479	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF – ¹⁹	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR 10.77 (online filing) EUR 21.53 (paper filing)	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON 475	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,700 ²²	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD – ¹⁹	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,847	21	–	278	417	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²³	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV	None ²⁴	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD – ¹⁹	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US

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

(amounts on 1 March 2020, 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	
TJ	TJS – ¹⁹	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD – ¹⁹	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX – ¹⁹	UGX eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	–	–	EP SG
US	USD 240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD 1,337	15	101	201	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁸	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,250	230	–	3,050	4,570	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 March 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	KRW 2,334,000	SGD 2,693	USD 1,950	ZAR 29,530			
AU	AUD 2,200	CHF 1,475	EUR 1,350	KRW 1,775,000	NZD 2,357	SGD 2,048			
	USD 1,483	ZAR 22,460							
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.5.20:	BRL 1,685 CHF 375	CHF* 410 USD 376)	EUR 376	USD* 413				
	On paper: *(from 1.5.20:	BRL 2,525 CHF 562	CHF* 615 USD 564)	EUR 563	USD* 618				
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,196	EUR 1,095	USD 1,203					
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,989	EUR 1,820						
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD 400	CHF 398	EUR 364				
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :		USD 300	CHF 298	EUR 273				
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 292	EUR 267	USD 294					
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 244	EUR 223	USD 245					
EP ³²	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	DKK 13,260	GBP* 1,583	HUF 592,200	ISK 242,300			
	JPY 208,800	NOK 17,800	NZD 3,099	SEK 19,300	SGD 2,693	USD 1,950			
	ZAR 29,530	*(from 1.5.20:	GBP 1,479)						
ES ³²	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950						
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950						
IL	ILS 3,582	CHF 1,009	EUR 932	USD 1,036					
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 140	EUR 128	USD 141					
	In case of filing by an individual:								
	INR 2,500	CHF 35	EUR 32	USD 35					
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000	CHF 650	EUR 595	KRW 783,000	USD 654				
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 1,449	EUR 1,326	SGD 2,012	USD 1,457				
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean: SGD 519	KRW 450,000 USD 376	AUD 558	CHF 374	EUR 342	NZD 598			
	For IAs in English: SGD 1,385	KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,003	AUD 1,487	CHF 997	EUR 913	NZD 1,594			

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	994	EUR	910						
	Small entity or government ³⁵ :			USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364			
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF	130	EUR	119	USD	131				
For IAs in English:												
	RUB	40,000	CHF	613	EUR	561	USD	616				
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800
	USD	1,950										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,613	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600	USD	1,622		
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	109	USD	110		
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	328	USD	330		
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD*	3,306	ZAR	31,500		
	*(from 1.4.20:		NZD	3,135)								
	For small entity ²⁷ :											
		USD	1,040	CHF	1,034	EUR	947	NZD*	1,653	ZAR	15,750	
*(from 1.4.20:		NZD	1,567)									
For micro entity ²⁷ :												
	USD	520	CHF	517	EUR	473	NZD*	826	ZAR	7,870		
*(from 1.4.20:		NZD	784)									
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800	SEK	19,300
	USD	1,950										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF	592,200	USD	1,950				

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939 ³²	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 181	CHF 200
	CHF 289 ³⁷	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,613	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 March 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

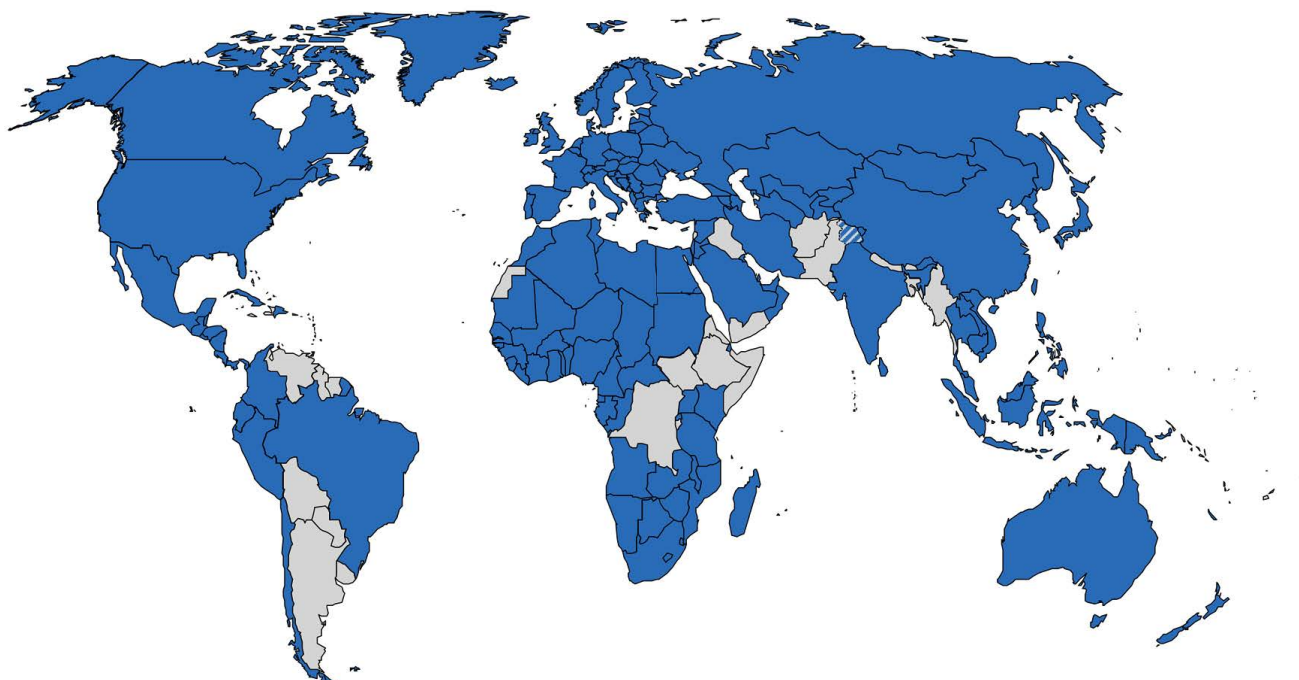
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁸		Handling fee^{2,38} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁹	EUR 183
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁹	AUD 298
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸	
CA	CAD	800	CAD 268
CL	USD	1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300	USD 201
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD 201
EP	EUR	1,830 ³²	EUR 183
ES	EUR	583.65 ³²	EUR 183
FI	EUR	600	EUR 183
IL	ILS	1,535	ILS 706
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 201
JP³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY 21,500
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000	
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW 241,000
PH	USD	500 Small entity or government: ³⁵ USD 200	USD 201
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴⁰ 6,750 ⁴¹	USD 201
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴⁰ 24,000 ⁴¹	
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,990
SG	SGD	830	SGD 278
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 183
US	USD	600 760 ⁴² For small entity ²⁷ : USD 300 380 ⁴² For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 150 190 ⁴²	USD 201
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 1,370
XV	EUR	900	EUR 183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The collection of the CNY 500 transmittal fee was suspended by the Office as from 1 August 2018 and the applicant is not required to pay this fee from that date.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 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
- 17 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.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 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.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 24 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.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 29 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).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 31 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".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, (and with effect from 1 April 2020, the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO), are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 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.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 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).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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



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) ²	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 ³	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 ⁶
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	SA Saudi Arabia	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro ⁵	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	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 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2018.

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.

⁶ Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2017.

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

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

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

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International Bureau Interprets COVID-19 Pandemic as Falling under PCT Excuse of Delays Provision

The International Bureau (IB) has published an interpretative statement and recommended changes in PCT practice in light of the COVID-19 pandemic at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0009.html

The statement confirms that the IB is interpreting the COVID-19 pandemic as falling under the excuse of delay provision under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1. It is recalled that PCT Rule 82*quater*.1 provides for excuse of delay in meeting PCT time limits (which may relate to the submission of documents and/or the payment of fees) due to reasons of *force majeure* (“war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity...or other like reason”).

The position of the IB is that the current global pandemic should be considered to be a “natural calamity...or other like reason”. The IB, including in its role as receiving Office (RO/IB), will treat favorably any PCT Rule 82*quater* request made which cites COVID-19 related issues, and will not require evidence to be provided that the virus affected the locality in which the interested party resides, has a place of business, or is staying. The IB is also encouraging PCT Offices and Authorities to do likewise.

One acknowledged limitation of PCT Rule 82*quater*.1 is that it would not be an effective remedy in a situation in which an international application had lost its legal effect as a result of having been declared to be considered withdrawn (for example, for having failed to pay the appropriate fees within the prescribed time limit (PCT Article 14(3)(a)). As a result, the RO/IB has decided to delay the issuance of any such notifications (Form PCT/RO/117) until 31 May 2020, and is encouraging all PCT receiving Offices to adopt the same practice. Furthermore, the IB recommends that:

- for at least one further month (potentially to be further extended), such notifications should be issued only in relation to deadlines which have expired over two months previously; and
- receiving Offices waive the charging of late payment fees under PCT Rule 16*bis*.2.

Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Processing of PCT Applications at the International Bureau

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2020, the International Bureau (IB) (including as receiving Office) remains in full operation. Please note however that, given the unreliability of postal systems worldwide due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the IB has suspended all communication by postal mail until further notice. The IB is transmitting all PCT-related documents only via e-mail to the e-mail address provided in relation to each international

application. It is recalled that, in addition to e-mail, PCT-related documents are also available through ePCT. Furthermore, once an international application has been published, notifications relating to it are also available on PATENTSCOPE.

For PCT applications in which the applicant or agent has not provided a contact e-mail address, the IB advises PCT users to urgently provide the contact e-mail address in relation to their pending international applications. The IB has published detailed instructions on how to submit the contact e-mail address in relevant cases – please refer to:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0008.html

All PCT users are strongly encouraged to avoid PCT-related submissions by postal mail, and to communicate with the IB exclusively by appropriate electronic means.

Please also refer to the “Practical Advice” in this issue for further information on alternatives to paper transmittal and receipt of PCT-related documents, and the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2020 for information about possible remedies where time limits under the PCT have been missed due to unforeseen events.

For information on the IB’s interpretation of the COVID-19 pandemic as falling under the excuse of delays provision under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1, please refer to the separate article, above.

For information on IP Offices that are closing exceptionally due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please refer to “Exceptional IP Office Closed Dates”, below.

PCT Filings in 2019

In 2019, use of the PCT continued to grow, with a record-breaking, estimated 265,800¹ PCT applications, representing a 5.2% increase over 2018. For the first time, China surpassed the United States of America (U.S.) as the country with the most filings, with 58,990 applications filed. The US had been the largest user of the PCT System since the PCT began operations in 1978, but this year it ranked second, with 57,840 applications.

WIPO’s Director General, Mr. Francis Gurry, upon the release of the PCT statistics for 2019, remarked:

“China’s rapid growth to become the top filer of international patent applications via WIPO underlines a long-term shift in the locus of innovation towards the East, with Asia-based applicants now accounting for more than half of all PCT applications. In 1999, WIPO received 276 applications from China. By 2019, that number rose to 58,990 - a 200-fold increase in only twenty years.” (Press Release PR/2020/848)

As was the case in 2018, Japan (with 52,660 applications), Germany (19,353) and the Republic of Korea (19,085) held the third, fourth and fifth rankings. Asia-based applicants accounted for 52.4% of all PCT applications filed in 2019, while Europe accounted for 23.2% and North America accounted for 22.8%.

¹ It is important to note that this total, as well as the filing figures which follow, are provisional because not all PCT applications that were filed with national and regional Offices in 2019 have been received at the International Bureau, and the final figures will only be available later in the year.

The total for each country in the top 10, followed by that country's percentage share of all filings, were as follows:

1. China	58,990	22.2%
2. United States of America	57,840	21.8%
3. Japan	52,660	19.8%
4. Germany	19,353	7.3%
5. Republic of Korea	19,085	7.2%
6. France	7,934	3.0%
7. United Kingdom	5,786	2.2%
8. Switzerland	4,610	1.7%
9. Sweden	4,185	1.6%
10. Netherlands	4,011	1.5%

Among the top 15 origins, double-digit annual growth was recorded by Turkey (+46.7%), the Republic of Korea (+12.8%), Canada (+12.2%) and China (+10.6%) in 2019. The strong growth in Turkey moved it up to the top 15 rank for the first time. Among the top 15 origins, the only two countries to report a decrease in filings were Germany (-2%) and the Netherlands (-3%).

For information on the number of filings from all countries, as well as a comparison with filings in 2018, please refer to Annex 1 of WIPO Press Release PR/2020/848 at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2020/article_0005.html

Chinese telecommunications company, Huawei Technologies was the top PCT applicant for the third year running, with 4,411 applications published in 2019. It was followed by Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (Japan), Samsung Electronics (Republic of Korea), Qualcomm (U.S.) and Guang Dong Oppo Mobile Telecommunications (China). The top ten applicants are listed below, with the number of PCT applications that were published in their names in 2019:

1. Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd (CN)	4,411
2. Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (JP)	2,661
3. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd (KR)	2,334
4. Qualcomm Incorporated (US)	2,127
5. Guang Dong Oppo Mobile Telecommunications Corp., Ltd (CN)	1,927
6. BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd (CN)	1,864
7. Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (Publ) (SE)	1,698
8. Ping An Technology (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd (CN)	1,691
9. Robert Bosch Corporation (DE)	1,687
10. LG Electronics Inc. (KR)	1,646

Of the top 10 applicants, six filed mainly in the field of digital communication, namely, Ericsson, Guang Dong Oppo Mobile Telecommunications, Huawei Technologies, LG Electronics, Samsung Electronics and Qualcomm. A list of the top 50 PCT applicants is available in the press release (Annex 2). As far as filings by educational institutions are concerned, the University of California maintained its position held since 1993 as the largest user of the PCT System with 470 published applications. The top 10 list consists of five institutions from the U.S., four from China and one from the Republic of Korea. For more detailed information on filings by educational institutions, please refer to the press release (Annex 3).

As far as PCT filings by field of technology are concerned, computer technology accounted for 8.7% of all published PCT applications, followed by digital communication (7.7%) electrical machinery (7%), medical technology (6.9%) and measurement (4.7%). Among the top 10 technologies, semiconductors (+12%) and computer technology (+11.9%) were the fields with the highest rates of growth in 2019. For detailed information regarding the distribution of fields of technology of published applications, please refer to the press release (Annex 4).

The publication of the final figures for 2019 filings (in the form of the Yearly Review of the PCT) will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter* later in the year.

Notifications of Incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis) and (b-bis)

It is recalled that in October 2019, the PCT Assembly adopted a number of new rules which will enter into force on 1 July 2020. New PCT Rule 20.5bis was adopted to deal with the furnishing of a correct element or part of an international application in the case of erroneously filed elements or parts (as opposed to PCT Rule 20.5, which covers the case of furnishing of a missing part of the application). New PCT Rule 20.5bis “Erroneously Filed Elements and Parts” will permit the exchange of the erroneously filed element or part with the correct one, or, through incorporation by reference, will permit the addition of the correct element or part. It will cover the following scenarios:

- the furnishing of a correct element or part on or before the date on which all filing date requirements are fulfilled (new PCT Rule 20.5bis(b));
- the furnishing of a correct element or part after the date on which all filing requirements were fulfilled (new PCT Rule 20.5bis(c));
- the valid incorporation by reference of a correct element or part as contained in an earlier application (new PCT Rule 20.5bis(d))

Furthermore, new PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis) was adopted concerning the possible incompatibility of PCT Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and 20.5bis(d) with the national law applied by receiving Offices, as follows:

“If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020...”

New PCT Rule 20.8(b-bis) was also adopted concerning the possible incompatibility of PCT Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and 20.5bis(d) with the national law applied by national Offices, as follows:

“If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020...”

Notification under PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis)

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau (IB) that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible and/or cannot be considered to be compatible with the national law applied by the Office, or are deemed to have notified the IB of this incompatibility on the basis of a notification made under PCT Rule 20.8(a) that remains in effect:

- CL Chile
- CU Cuba
- CZ Czech Republic
- DE Germany
- FR France
- ID Indonesia
- IT Italy
- KR Republic of Korea
- MX Mexico

In addition, the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the IB that those rules cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).

Notification under PCT Rule 20.8(b-bis)

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the IB that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office, or are deemed to have notified the IB of this incompatibility on the basis of a notification made under PCT Rule 20.8(b) that remains in effect:

- CL Chile
- CN China
- CU Cuba
- CZ Czech Republic
- DE Germany
- ID Indonesia
- KR Republic of Korea
- MX Mexico
- TR Turkey

In addition, the EPO has notified the IB that those rules cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the EPC.

Exceptional IP Office Closed Dates

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Bureau (IB) has been notified that a number of PCT Offices are closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business. Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach an Office falls on one of those days, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the respective Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

To find out whether an Office has been exceptionally closed, please refer to the “IPO Closed Dates” page at:

www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/faces/page/index.xhtml

Please be aware that the above-mentioned list includes information only where the IB has been notified of the closed dates by the Offices concerned. In case of doubt, please refer to the website of the Office of interest to you.

Collaborative Search and Examination Pilot News

It is recalled that *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2018 contained details of a Collaborative Search and Examination (CS&E) pilot, whereby the IP5 Offices, upon the applicant’s specific request to participate, all contribute towards the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) for a particular international application. Each participating Office planned to process around 50 international applications as main ISA during the first year (July 2018 to June 2019) and a similar quantity in the second year (July 2019 to June 2020). In *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2020, it was announced that the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office had reached their limit for international applications to be accepted by them as main ISA for the second year of operation, and were therefore no longer accepting requests to participate in the pilot.

News about participating Offices

European Patent Office (EPO)

Further to the announcement in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2019 that the EPO had started accepting new international applications into the CS&E pilot as from 1 July 2019, please note that the quota of international applications to be accepted by this Office as main ISA for the second year of operation has now been reached. The EPO is therefore no longer accepting requests to participate in the pilot.

Note that interested applicants are still able to request to participate in the pilot through another ISA that is still accepting to carry out main international searches within the framework of the pilot, provided that the ISA concerned is competent to carry out the main search for the application concerned.

Further general information on the CS&E pilot is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/cse.html

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New one-way PCT PPH pilot program (Norway and China)

On 1 April 2020, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Norwegian Industrial Property Office and the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase before the Norwegian Industrial Property Office is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II), issued by the CNIPA in its capacity as ISA/IPEA. Note that the Norwegian Industrial Property Office already takes part in the Global Patent Prosecution Highway pilot.

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

www.patentstyret.no/en/services/patents/applying-for-a-patent-in-other-countries/patent-prosecution-highway-pph/

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on this new pilot (www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html).

PCT Information Update

Various fee changes (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (South Africa), Icelandic Intellectual Property Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Norwegian Industrial Property Office)

As from 1 June 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the following Offices as receiving Offices in the currencies shown, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in those currencies of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

Australian Patent Office	AUD
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	CAD
Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (South Africa)	ZAR
Icelandic Intellectual Property Office	ISK
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	SGD
Norwegian Industrial Property Office	NOK

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AU, CA, IS, NO, SG, ZA))

BR Brazil (telephone numbers; Internet address)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) has deleted two of its telephone numbers. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (55-21) 3037 36 86, 3037 37 42

The Internet address of the Office's contact page has changed, as follows (the main Internet address has not changed):

Internet: <http://faleconosco.inpi.gov.br/faleconosco/> (contact)

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

DK Denmark (national security provisions; provisional protection; requirements concerning agent; deposits of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has provided additional information to the International Bureau (IB) concerning restrictions in its national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices, and has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent – please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (DK).

Although the Office as receiving Office does not require the appointment of an agent, it has clarified that it will invite the applicant to appoint an agent if it finds that it is necessary in the interest of the applicant (Patents Act, Section 12).

Furthermore, the Office has provided additional information with regard to its requirements regarding the making of deposits of microorganisms and other biological material. For further information, please consult Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (DK), C (DK) and Annex L)

IN India (telephone numbers; fees)

One of the telephone numbers of the New Delhi Office of the Indian Patent Office has been deleted. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (91-11) 25 30 02 00
(91-11) 25 30 03 35 (PCT Section)

The Indian Patent Office has notified the following national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

	<i>Natural person</i>	<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Others</i>
Filing fee:			
For each page of sequence listing of nucleotides and/or amino acid sequences under Rule 9(3):			
- electronic filing:	160 ²	400 ²	800 ³
- paper filing: not allowed			

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

² Subject to a maximum of INR 24,000.

³ Subject to a maximum of INR 120,000.

PL Poland (e-mail address; number of copies required)

The e-mail address of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland has changed, as follows:

E-mail: plpctteam@uprp.pl

The Office as receiving Office has notified the IB that it now requires two copies of the international application on paper, instead of three.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 (PL) and C (PL))

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

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

Australian Patent Office	CHF
Austrian Patent Office.....	ZAR
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	CHF
European Patent Office	ZAR
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	CHF, EUR, USD
Indian Patent Office	CHF, EUR
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	CHF
Korean Intellectual Property Office	CHF
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	CHF, EUR

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

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

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore)

As from 1 June 2020, there will be changes in the amounts payable in CHF for supplementary international searches carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as indicated in Fee Table I(c).

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

Fees relating to international preliminary examination (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Israel Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 June 2020, there will be changes in the amounts of the handling fee payable in the currencies specified below to the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	AUD
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	CAD
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	SGD
Israel Patent Office	ILS
Korean Intellectual Property Office	KRW

The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Fee Table II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex E (AU, CA, IL, KR, SG))

New/Updated PCT Resources

COVID-19 update: PCT System

A new dedicated webpage on the measures taken by the International Bureau (IB) in the light of the COVID-19 situation is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/covid_19/covid_update.html

This page includes links to information on:

- the WIPO’s continuation of operations under the PCT, as well as under other WIPO-administered IP systems;
- the suspension of the transmission of paper documents from the IB and the need to transmit information electronically;
- possible remedies for the excuse of time limits under the PCT; and
- closed dates of intellectual property Offices.

New links will be added in the future as further relevant information is published.

Transmission of paper documents to and from the International Bureau during the COVID-19 pandemic

Information on the suspension of the transmission of paper documents from the International Bureau (IB) during the COVID-19 pandemic is now available in all 10 PCT publication languages (the language can be selected at the top right-hand side of the page) at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0008.html

Please also refer to “Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Processing of PCT Applications,” above.

PATENTSCOPE News

WIPO contributes millions of searchable chemical formulas to database at U.S. National Institutes of Health

By contributing 16 million chemical formulas to PubChem, an open chemistry database at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), WIPO helps prioritize hit compounds for further screening. A direct access from PubChem to WIPO's free of charge PATENTSCOPE database serves as a key resource for many research fields, such as cheminformatics, chemical biology, medicinal chemistry and drug discovery. Further information on the way in which PATENTSCOPE, in collaboration with the software company InfoChem, assists the NIH in its search for chemical compounds has been published at:

www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/news/pctdb/2020/news_0002.html

World Intellectual Property Day, April 26, 2020: Innovate for a Green Future

As we already mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2020, the World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day) will be held, as usual, on 26 April. This year's campaign, "Innovate for a Green Future", puts innovation - and the IP rights that support it - at the heart of efforts to create a green future.

You are invited to send details of any ground-breaking eco-friendly innovations you may have developed by e-mail to: WorldIPDay@wipo.int, but only if you have already taken steps to protect them. Please join us in exploring the role that innovation and IP rights play in opening a pathway to a green future.

For further information on World IP Day, visit the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/



PCT in the News

A link to the following article in the *WIPO Magazine* (No. 1/2020) has been added to the “PCT in the News” page of the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/pct_news.html

Patenting trends in renewable energy

The development of renewable sources of energy, such as solar, wind and tidal, is essential to tackling the climate crisis. James Nurton (freelance writer) looks at what we can learn about them from looking at trends in the number of published PCT applications relating to the four main sectors of renewable energy technology, namely solar power, electricity generated through chemical reactions (fuel cells), wind energy and geothermal energy, since 2002.

The *WIPO Magazine* is available at

www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/index.html

and issue No. 1/2020 is available at:

www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/2020/01/

Practical Advice

Alternatives to paper transmittal and receipt of PCT-related documents

Q: I have up until now only filed PCT applications on paper with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB), or with my national receiving Office using an electronic filing system that does not require an e-mail address to be provided. I have received PCT-related correspondence on paper by postal mail only and have never included my e-mail address on the request form. Given that the IB has announced that it has suspended all communication by postal mail until further notice, what are the options for sending and receiving documents relating to my current applications electronically in a secure manner?

A: Due to the effects of the current COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of the IB and on postal systems worldwide, applicants (or their agents) are strongly discouraged from sending PCT-related documents by postal mail since their delivery cannot be guaranteed at this time. Similarly, the IB itself (including in its role as receiving Office) will no longer transmit PCT-related documents by postal mail and so you are advised to communicate with the IB exclusively by appropriate electronic means.

In order to continue to receive PCT notifications from the IB, you must take urgent steps to provide the IB with an e-mail address to which outgoing notifications can be sent in respect of your pending international applications. The information that follows explains the different measures that you can take to do this.

Upload a document to the IB using ePCT

If you have not already done so, you should create a WIPO account so that you can log in to WIPO's ePCT system and upload documents to the IB in electronic form. For further details, please refer to:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=690 and

www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=820

You should then upload a single letter for one of your pending international applications, requesting the recording under PCT Rule 92*bis* of an e-mail address for sending PCT notifications and include a list of all the other applications to which this change should also apply. Please select the document type "Request Change under PCT Rule 92*bis* for multiple applications".

Use the Contingency Upload Service

If you have not yet created a WIPO Account in order to log in to the ePCT system, or are not in a position to do so immediately, you can nevertheless submit documents to the IB in electronic (PDF) format by using the Contingency Upload Service at:

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

As mentioned above for ePCT, when using the Contingency Upload Service you can similarly upload a single letter for one of your pending international applications that includes a list of all the other applications to which the recording of the e-mail address should also apply. Note that, while the Contingency Upload Service provides a practical electronic alternative to sending paper documents, it is intended rather as a back-up service only in the unlikely event that the ePCT system is not available. The use of the Contingency Upload Service does not provide the facilities of ePCT and is therefore not considered best practice.

If you encounter difficulties with either of the above methods for communicating your e-mail address to the IB, given the urgency of the situation you can also:

- send an email to one of the following addresses: pct.eservices@wipo.int or pct.infoline@wipo.int; or
- use the WIPO (PCT) customer "Contact Us" page at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=pct>

If you are planning to file any new international applications in the future, you are strongly advised to ensure that you include your e-mail address in the request form, and check the box to authorize the IB, receiving Office and International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority to send notifications issued in respect of the international application to that e-mail address if those offices are willing to do so (Box No. IV of the request form).

However, the best practice would be to file your international application using ePCT-Filing when filing with RO/IB, or with any other competent participating receiving Office⁴, so that your application is received immediately by the Office concerned, and will not be subject to any delay due to problems with the postal service. It is recalled that if an applicant's national or regional receiving Office does not accept ePCT-filings, any applicant can file with the RO/IB, which is a

⁴ The list of participating Offices can be found at: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/EFilingServers.xhtml>

competent receiving Office for any resident or national of a PCT Contracting State (PCT Rule 19.1(a)(iii)), subject to any national security issues. ePCT-Filing does not require the download of any software, and contains a large number of built-in validations based on the most up-to-date reference data held by the IB that will help you avoid making errors when filing the international application or in post-filing actions. Alternatively, you could also use any other electronic filing method accepted by your competent receiving Office. For further information on filing international applications using ePCT-Filing, please refer to the ePCT Help page at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=169

In addition to e-mail transmission of documents, PCT-related documents are also available through ePCT. In order to access those documents, **once an e-mail address for the application has been recorded by the International Bureau**⁵ you would need to set up strong authentication and request ePCT access rights (eOwnership) to your application.

If you require assistance with any aspect of creating a WIPO account and starting to use ePCT, please contact the PCT eServices Help Desk at: pct.eservices@wipo.int

After international publication of the international application, notifications relating to the application are also available on PATENTSCOPE.

In your own interest, you are also advised, whenever possible, to:

- make use of WIPO’s Digital Access Service (DAS) as this enables you to furnish priority documents electronically in an easy way (as well as being free of charge) (for further information, please refer to *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 11 and 12/2019);
- obtain electronic signatures rather than hand-written signatures (one of the advantages of using ePCT is that it enables you to obtain signatures electronically using the external signature function, which could be very useful if you are not in direct contact with someone whose signature you require – for further information, please refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=992); and
- make payments electronically (it is recalled that WIPO only accepts fees paid by: requests to debit a WIPO Current Account, credit card (under certain circumstances), bank transfer or (within Europe only) postal transfer);

For further information on receiving notifications from the IB, please refer to “Electronic communication methods with the International Bureau” at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/covid_19/communication.html

Note that the IB is also recommending that PCT national and regional Offices, including International Authorities under the PCT, use electronic means for communication with the IB, such as ePCT or Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), whenever possible.

It is recalled that the “Practical Advice” in the March 2020 issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 03/2020) dealt with possible remedies where time limits under the PCT have been missed due to unforeseen events (in the specific example, due to the effects of the current COVID-19 pandemic).

⁵ Requesting eOwnership will in most cases require a confirmation code to be sent via Form PCT/IB/345, and therefore it is necessary for an e-mail address to have already been recorded for the sending of notifications by e-mail.

PCT Seminar Calendar (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 16 April 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
29 April 2020 Nantes (FR) <i>[postponed]</i>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Zikova, Mr. Germeil	WIPO in cooperation with the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Mr. Fabrice Perrono) Tel: (33-01) 71 08 71 63 E-mail: fperrono@inpi.fr Internet: http://www.inpi.fr
30 April 2020 Birmingham (GB) <i>[postponed]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the CIPA Student Conference 2020 WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
4 May 2020 Istanbul (TR) <i>[cancelled]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: Mr. Yu	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Selda Arkan) Tel: (90-212) 293 32 42 Fax: (90-212) 244 51 21 E-mail: selda.arkan@alfapatent.com.tr ; alfa@alfapatent.com.tr
5 May 2020 Monaco (MC) <i>[postponed]</i>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Bonvallet Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Mazenc, Ms. Zikova, Mr. Germeil	WIPO in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco) Tel: (377) 98 98 98 01 E-mail: mcipo@gouv.mc Internet: https://mcipo.gouv.mc/
12 May 2020 On-line, web delivered <i>[previously indicated to take place in Austin, TX (US)]</i>	English	ePCT/DAS Full Day Training Seminar" WIPO speakers: Mr. Martin and Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-571) 888 34 05 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
14 May 2020 On-line, web delivered <i>[previously indicated to take place in Dallas, TX (US)]</i>	English	ePCT training seminar within the framework of the "ePCT and Hague Training Seminars" WIPO speakers: Mr. Martin and Mr. Piriou Other speaker: Mr. Smith (PCT Learning Center)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-571) 888 34 05 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
10 June 2020 Bolzano (IT) <i>[previously announced as 21 April 2020]</i>	Italian/ English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Grazioli, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Cocorocchia	WIPO in cooperation with the Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Simona Marzetti) Tel: (39-06) 4705 5678 E-mail: simona.marzetti@mise.gov.it Internet: www.mise.gov.it www.uibm.gov.it/
15-16 June 2020 Chicago, IL (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-571) 888 34 05 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
18-19 June 2020 Madrid (ES)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pablo Calvo Ramón and Ms. Ruth Sánchez Sánchez) E-mail: pcalvo@abg-ip.com ; RSS@elzaburu.es

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9 July 2020 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
15-16 September 2020 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar: "Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation" WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
24-25 September 2020 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
28 September 2020 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
29-30 September 2020 Stockholm (SE) <i>[previously announced as 25-26 March 2020]</i>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
27 November 2020 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
21 April 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 23 April 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5651077853559297291
27 April 2020 11.00–12.00 (Moscow time)	Russian	Introduction to the PCT System and advantages of patenting abroad using the PCT System WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova and Ms Morgulova	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/147678012030737678
5 May 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 7 May 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: Translation tools available in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/3224228092150857995
16 June 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 18 June 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: The result list in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4079833956025738763

Other IP events
World IP Day, 26 April 2020 Celebrations of World IP Day will take place in various places. Further information is available at: www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/
Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival (SVIIF), Santa Clara, California (USA), 23-25 June 2020 The 3 rd edition of the Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival (SVIIF) will take place in Santa Clara, California from 23 to 25 June 2020. Further information is available at: https://sviif.com/
International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 16-20 September 2020 The 48 th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 16 to 20 September 2020. Further information is available at: www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/
International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020 The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at: www.iena.de/en/home.html

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 April 2020, 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 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,984 (from 1.6.20: 2,356)	22 (27)	– (–)	298 (354)	448 (531)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 89.25	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,779 (from 1.6.20: 1,961)	20 (22)	– (–)	268 (295)	401 (442)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,337	eq USD ⁹ 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none ¹⁰	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: USD 212 on paper: USD 289	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU	
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP	
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV	
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP	
DJ	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP	
	or eq DJF									
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN	
DM	Information not yet available									
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US	
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP	
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU	
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES	
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP	
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US	
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP	
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES	
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE	
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP	
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP	
GD	Information not yet available									
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US	
GH	GHS ¹²	500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP	
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US	
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP ES	
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP	
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	406,200	4,600	–	61,100	91,600	EP XV	
IB	CHF ¹³	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14	
	or EUR ¹³	92	or EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275		
	or USD ¹³	101	or USD	1,337	15	101	201	302		
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG	
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP	
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US	
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US	
	No fee for e-filings									
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU	
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)								
IS	ISK	17,300 (from 1.5.20: 17,800)	ISK	166,200 (from 1.6.20: 195,100)	1,900 (2,200)	– (–)	25,000 (29,300)	37,500 (44,000)	EP SE XN	
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP	
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US	
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁶	JPY	143,200	1,600	–	–	32,300	EP JP SG	
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE	
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁷	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU	
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG	
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US	
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU	
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR	
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU	
LR	USD	45	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE	
LS	LSL	– ¹⁹	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP	

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ¹⁹	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ²⁰	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CLEPESKR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,210 (from 1.6.20: 15,300)	140 (170)	– (–)	1,840 (2,300)	2,750 (3,450)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,126	24	–	320	479	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹⁹	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT AU EGPUS
PA	USD	240	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT BR CLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.77 (online filing) EUR 21.53 (paper filing)	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON	475	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,700 ²²	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,847 (from 1.6.20: 1,974)	21 (22)	– (–)	278 (297)	417 (445)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²³	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV		None ²⁴	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹⁹	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹⁹	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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

(amounts on 1 April 2020, 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	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	–	–	EP SG
US	USD 240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶	USD 1,337	15	101	201	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁸	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,250 (from 1.6.20: 24,090)	230 (270)	– (–)	3,050 (3,620)	4,570 (5,430)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 April 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹						
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.6.20: –)	CHF 1,939 ZAR 35,130	KRW 2,334,000	SGD 2,693	USD 1,950	ZAR* 29,530	
AU	AUD 2,200 USD 1,483	CHF* 1,475 ZAR 22,460	EUR 1,350 *(from 1.6.20: –)	KRW 1,775,000 CHF 1,242	NZD 2,357	SGD 2,048	
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.5.20: –) **(from 1.6.20: –)	BRL 1,685 CHF 375 CHF 374	CHF**,** 410 USD 376 EUR 304	EUR** 376	USD* 413		
	On paper: *(from 1.5.20: –) **(from 1.6.20: –)	BRL 2,525 CHF 562 CHF 470	CHF**,** 615 USD 564 EUR 455	EUR** 563	USD* 618		
CA	CAD 1,600 *(from 1.6.20: –)	CHF* 1,196 CHF 1,085	EUR 1,095	USD 1,203			
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,989	EUR 1,820				
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD 400	CHF 398	EUR 364		
	In case of filing by a university ³⁰ :		USD 300	CHF 298	EUR 273		
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 292	EUR 267	USD 294			
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000	CHF 244	EUR 223	USD 245			
EP ³²	EUR 1,775 JPY 208,800 ZAR** 29,530	CHF 1,939 NOK 17,800 *(from 1.5.20: –)	DKK 13,260 NZD 3,099 GBP 1,479	GBP* 1,583 SEK 19,300 **(from 1.6.20: –)	HUF 592,200 SGD 2,693 ZAR 35,130	ISK 242,300 USD 1,950	
ES ³²	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950				
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950				
IL	ILS 3,582	CHF 1,009	EUR 932	USD 1,036			
IN	INR 10,000 *(from 1.6.20: –)	CHF* 140 CHF 128	EUR* 128 EUR 120	USD 141			
	In case of filing by an individual: *(from 1.6.20: –)	INR 2,500 CHF* 35 CHF 32	EUR* 32 EUR 30	USD 35			
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000	CHF 650	EUR 595	KRW 783,000	USD 654		
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000	CHF 1,449	EUR 1,326	SGD 2,012	USD 1,457		
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean: SGD 519	KRW 450,000 USD 376	AUD 558 *(from 1.6.20: –)	CHF* 374 CHF 353	EUR 342	NZD 598	
	For IAs in English: SGD 1,385	KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,003	AUD 1,487 *(from 1.6.20: –)	CHF* 997 CHF 941	EUR 913	NZD 1,594	

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	994	EUR	910						
	Small entity or government ³⁵ :			USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364			
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	130	EUR*	119	USD*	131				
	*(from 1.6.20: CHF 104 EUR 97 USD 106)											
	For IAs in English:											
RUB	40,000	CHF*	613	EUR*	561	USD*	616					
*(from 1.6.20: CHF 489 EUR 455 USD 501)												
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800
	USD	1,950										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,613	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600	USD	1,622		
	*(from 1.6.20: CHF 1,509)											
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	109	USD	110		
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	328	USD	330		
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD	3,135	ZAR	31,500		
	For small entity ²⁷ : USD 1,040 CHF 1,034 EUR 947 NZD 1,567 ZAR 15,750											
	For micro entity ²⁷ : USD 520 CHF 517 EUR 473 NZD 784 ZAR 7,870											
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK	242,300	NOK	17,800	SEK	19,300
	USD	1,950										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF	592,200	USD	1,950				

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939 ³²	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 181 *(from 1.6.20: CHF 144)	CHF 200
	CHF 289 ³⁷ *(from 1.6.20: CHF 231 ³⁷)	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,613 *(from 1.6.20: CHF 1,509)	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 April 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

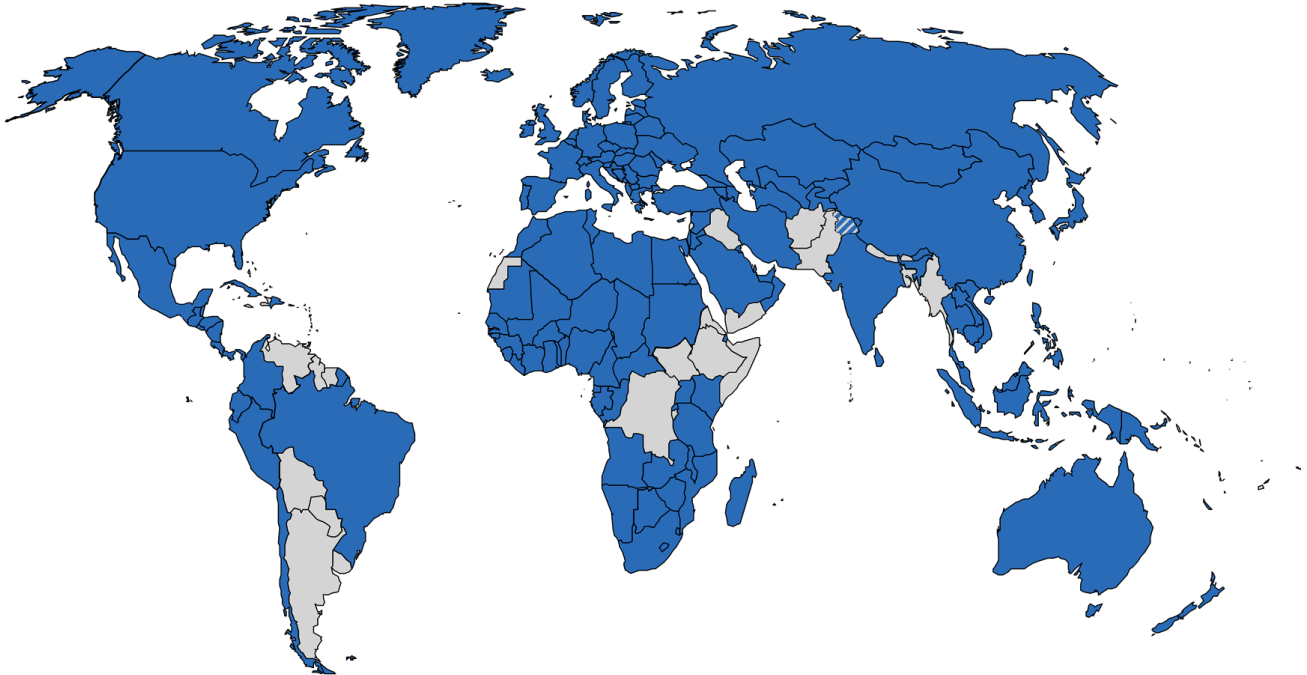
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁸		Handling fee ^{2,38} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁹	EUR	183
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁹	AUD	298 (from 1.6.20: 354)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	800	CAD	268 (from 1.6.20: 295)
CL	USD	1,500	USD	201
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400			
	in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300			
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	201
EP	EUR	1,830 ³²	EUR	183
ES	EUR	583.65 ³²	EUR	183
FI	EUR	600	EUR	183
IL	ILS	1,535	ILS	706 (from 1.6.20: 743)
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500		USD	201
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY	21,500
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	241,000 (from 1.6.20: 255,000)
PH	USD	500	USD	201
	Small entity or government: ³⁵	USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴⁰ 6,750 ⁴¹	USD	201
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴⁰ 24,000 ⁴¹		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,990
SG	SGD	830	SGD	278 (from 1.6.20: 297)
TR	TRY	1,000	CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50		EUR	183
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			
US	USD	600 760 ⁴²	USD	201
	For small entity ²⁷ :	USD 300 380 ⁴²		
	For micro entity ²⁷ :	USD 150 190 ⁴²		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,370
XV	EUR	900	EUR	183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The collection of the CNY 500 transmittal fee was suspended by the Office as from 1 August 2018 and the applicant is not required to pay this fee from that date.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 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
- 17 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.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 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.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 24 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.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (Sections R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 29 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).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 31 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".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 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.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 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).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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



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) ²	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 ³	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 ⁶
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PA Panama	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro ⁵	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	

- 1 Extension of European patent possible.
- 2 May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).
- 3 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2018.
- 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.
- 6 Validation of European patent possible for international applications filed on or after 1 December 2017.

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

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

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

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Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on the PCT

Webinars entitled “Impact of COVID-19 Health Crisis on the PCT” have recently been recorded by staff members of WIPO’s PCT Legal and User Relations Division. The webinars cover the issues that are being encountered by users of the PCT System during the COVID-19 pandemic, and explain the various recommended procedures, as well as the possible safeguards that are available to protect the rights of PCT applicants.

You can listen to the 25-minute recordings of the webinars in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish by registering simply with your name and e-mail address. Links to the registration page and the presentations are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html

For languages other than English, the language can be selected at the top of the page.

COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, many national and regional intellectual property (IP) offices are implementing measures to assist applicants and owners of IP rights, for example, by providing extensions of time limits, including those applicable for the payment of fees. On 5 May 2020, WIPO launched a new tool, the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, in order to track COVID-19 related IP policy changes or other measures that are being implemented by WIPO member states. The tracker is available at:

www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/#

The main page “IPO Operations” contains a table which provides a brief overview of operational changes and measures taken by certain national and regional IP Offices; further details are provided by country or Office by clicking on the “view more” link at the right-hand side of the table. The tracker also includes information on WIPO’s status and measures taken, with specific information about various WIPO services (the PCT System, Hague System, Madrid System and Arbitration and Mediation).

Many organizations, corporations and other rights holders in the private sector are implementing voluntary measures to help ease the crisis. Such information is also available on the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker via the tabs “Legislative and reg. measures” and “Voluntary Actions”, respectively.

The COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker is based on information from IP Offices and other relevant parties, and will be updated regularly.

Exceptional Non-working Days due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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

- AG Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO) (14 May 2020)
- CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) (2 April 2020)
- CU Cuban Industrial Property Office (23 April 2020)
- IN Indian Patent Office (2 April 2020)
- MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) (7 May 2020)
- MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (30 April 2020)
- PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) (2 April 2020)
- RO State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) (14 May 2020)
- ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) (2 April 2020)

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

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

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

Reminder of the Advice by the International Bureau to Provide an E-mail Address in Respect of all Pending International Applications

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020, given the unreliability of postal systems worldwide due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Bureau (IB) has suspended all communication by postal mail until further notice. It is transmitting all PCT-related documents only via e-mail to the e-mail address provided in relation to each international application (although it is recalled that PCT-related documents are also available through ePCT and, once an international application has been published, they are also available on PATENTSCOPE).

PCT applicants or their agents are therefore reminded of the IB's advice to urgently provide the contact e-mail address in relation to their pending international applications, if they have not already done so. The IB has published detailed instructions on how to submit the contact e-mail address in relevant cases – please refer to:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0008.html

Furthermore, it is recalled that all PCT users are strongly encouraged to avoid PCT-related submissions by postal mail, and to communicate with the IB exclusively by appropriate electronic means.

Change to the PCT Publication Schedule

Publication of 22 May 2020

Please note that, for exceptional reasons, the PCT applications (as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*) which would normally have been published on Thursday, 21 May 2020 will be published on Friday, 22 May 2020.

Italian Patent and Trademark Office: Opening of National Route

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it will open the national route for obtaining patent protection via the PCT on 1 July 2020. Therefore, any designation or election of Italy in an international application filed on or after 1 July 2020 will constitute an indication under PCT Rule 4.9(iii) that the international application is for the grant of a regional (European) patent and also a national patent in Italy.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that, under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a), for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020:

- the time limit for entry into the national phase in Italy will be 30 months from the priority date; and
- a translation of the international application into Italian will be required

Further information about the requirements for entry into the national phase in Italy will be published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* after 1 July 2020.

Withdrawal of Notification of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Rules with National Laws

Italian Patent and Trademark Office

In conjunction with the opening of the national route in Italy for obtaining patent protection via the PCT on 1 July 2020, the Italian Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/IT) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the withdrawal, with effect from 1 July 2020, of the following notifications of incompatibility with its national law:

- the notification under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(j) (*PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006, page 2);
- the notification under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (*PCT Newsletter* No. 07/2006, page 1).

As a consequence, the following PCT Rules are applied, respectively, by RO/IT with effect from 1 July 2020, in respect of international applications filed on or after that date:

- PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(a) to (i) (concerning restoration of right of priority by receiving Offices);
- PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 (concerning defects under PCT Article 11(1), missing parts, and incorporation by reference of elements of parts)

Furthermore, the Office in its capacity as designated Office has notified the IB that, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, its national law is compatible with:

- PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office); and
- PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office).

In addition, the Office has notified the IB that, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office, it will apply both the “due care” and the “unintentional” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020. There will be no fee payable for making such requests, however, they will be subject to a stamp duty (*imposta di bollo*) of EUR 15.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (IT), as well as the tables of “Restoration of the right of priority” and “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/restoration.html

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

Notification of Incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis) and (b-bis)

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

Reference is made to new PCT Rule 20.5*bis* concerning the furnishing of a correct element or part of an international application in the case of erroneously filed elements or parts, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020. It is recalled that certain Offices have notified the International Bureau (IB) that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by them in their capacity as receiving Office and/or designated Office. Please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020 for further information.

In addition to the Offices listed in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB, in accordance with PCT Rules 20.8(a-bis) and 20.8(b-bis), respectively, that the above-mentioned new Rules are not compatible with the national law applied by it in its capacity as receiving Office and as designated Office.

This information updates the table of “PCT Reservations, Declarations, Notifications and Incompatibilities” at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, during its fifty-first session which was held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, amendments to the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on 1 July 2020. Information about the amendments was published in *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 10/2019 and 04/2020, but as a reminder, the amendments consist of the following:

- PCT Rule 82*quater*: providing a legal basis in the PCT for an Office to excuse delays in meeting a time limit due to the unavailability of any permitted electronic means of communication at that Office, such as unforeseen outages or scheduled maintenance;
- PCT Rule 26*quater*: providing a legal basis in the PCT for the correction or addition of indications in the request provided for in PCT Rule 4.11 during the international phase;

- PCT Rules 4, 12, 20 (new PCT Rule 20.5*bis*), 40*bis*, 48, 51*bis*, 55 and 82*ter*: in the case of erroneously filed elements and parts in an international application, permitting the exchange of the erroneously filed element or part with the correct one, or, through incorporation by reference, permitting the addition of the correct element or part;
- PCT Rules 15, 16, 57 and 96: providing a legal basis in the PCT for the transfer via the IB of fees collected by one Office for the benefit of another Office; and
- PCT Rules 71 and 94: introducing a basis for requiring the International Preliminary Examining Authority to copy certain documents from its file to the IB, which the IB would make available to the public on behalf of the elected Office.

Please refer to “New/updated PCT Resources” for information on the availability of a PowerPoint presentation describing these amendments.

The consolidated versions of the modified PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 July 2020, are available in Arabic and English at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html

Other languages will follow shortly.

Modified PCT Forms

The request form (PCT/RO/101) and the following forms have been modified with effect from 1 July 2020:

- PCT/RO/107 (Invitation Relating to Missing Parts or Erroneously Filed Elements or Parts);
- PCT/RO/114 (Notification on Decision of Confirmation of Incorporation by Reference of Element or Part);
- PCT/RO/118 (Notification Concerning Documents Transmitted);
- PCT/RO/126 (Notification Concerning Later Submitted Sheets Not for Incorporation by Reference);
- PCT/IB/310 (Notification Concerning Documents Transmitted);
- PCT/IPEA/415 (Notification Concerning Documents Transmitted);

And the following new forms have been created:

- PCT/RO/129 (Notification Concerning Request to Restore the International Filing Date);
- PCT/ISA/208 (Invitation to Pay Additional Fees in Case of Later Submitted Sheets); and
- PCT/IB/324 (Notification Concerning Request for Addition or Correction of Indications Under Rule 4.11)

The modified and new forms are available under “Forms in force from 1 July 2020” at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/

For further information on the above-mentioned modifications, please refer to PCT Circular PCT 1599 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/

Modified PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 July 2020, to paragraphs 2.12, 3.25 to 3.28, 6.01, 15.11, 15.11A to C, 17.13, 17.16A and B, 18.07, 19.50, 22.27, 22.52A to D and 22.58A and B of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination (ISPE) Guidelines. Modifications have also been made to Chapter 10 relating to unity of invention. In addition, a new paragraph 15.11D has been added.

Revised consolidated versions of the ISPE Guidelines are available on the PCT website in English, French and Spanish at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/gdlines.html

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/gdlines.html

For further information on all the above-mentioned modifications, please refer to PCT Circulars C. PCT 1573 and C. PCT 1599 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/circulars/

ePCT Update

A new release of the ePCT system (ePCT 4.7) was deployed on 23 April 2020. For full details on the new features of ePCT for applicants, and ePCT for receiving Offices, designated Offices and International Authorities, please refer, respectively, to:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1081 and

www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/pdf/epct_office_whats_new.pdf

A summary of the main new features follows.

ePCT update for applicants

- title of invention: although in ePCT the text of the title of invention defaults to upper case, by selecting a new checkbox “Allow lower case” it is possible to add certain characters that require the use of lower case;
- payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/(IB): the various methods of online payment of fees to RO/IB have been combined into one payment method, “online payment”, and the selection of the specific payment method is now made at the time of payment when using WIPO’s online payment platform;
- reductions in the search fee: recent changes regarding reductions in the search fee which are applicable to certain applicants have been taken into account;

- new ePCT Timeline item and ePCT notification: a new item has been added to the ePCT Timeline to indicate when priority documents are due for a given international application. A corresponding new ePCT Notification is available as a preference under “Notifications” so that the recipient is notified when the 16-month time limit is reached for furnishing a certified copy to the IB; and
- applicants can now perform some ePCT Actions before the international application has been transmitted to the IB (for example, submission of translations, declarations or powers of attorney to the receiving Office).

ePCT for Authorities and Offices

- improvements to Office Actions: the ePCT Actions to create the following Forms have been improved:
 - PCT/ISA/203 (Declaration of non-establishment of international search report);
 - PCT/ISA/206 (Invitation to pay additional fees and, where applicable, protest fee);
 - PCT/ISA/210 (International search report); and
 - PCT/ISA/237 (Written opinion of the International Searching Authority);
- addition of a new ePCT Action to create the following Form:
 - PCT/ISA/212 (Notification of decision on protest or declaration that protest considered not to have been made);
- updates to certain existing reports, and the introduction of four new reports that offer both a view of currently pending items for processing and quarterly processing performance information;
- a new Office Action “Document request from Authorities” allowing designated Offices to request copies of documents in relation to international applications for which requests for national phase entry or early processing have been received; and
- a new Office Action to generate a monthly transfer of fee information to the IB for selected applications.

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications: European Patent Office (EPO)

No longer accepting PCT-SAFE filings

The EPO (which already accepts international applications filed using ePCT, EPO Online Filing, the EPO web-form filing service and the EPO case management system (CMS)) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 July 2020, it will no longer accept international applications filed in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

This information updates the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (EP).

Commencement of pilot project for EPO Online filing version 2.0

The EPO has announced that, on 4 May 2020, it started a pilot project for EPO Online filing version 2.0. In addition to enabling the online filing of documents under the EPC, the pilot also

enables the filing of PCT applications with the EPO as receiving Office. Preparation of the PCT request form is done through embedding the International Bureau's ePCT-Filing engine within the system, ensuring that applicants have the benefits of the same checks performed by ePCT.

For further information, including the technical requirements for filing documents under the pilot, and the types of documents that may be filed under the pilot, please refer to the following articles in the April 2020 issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO at:

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/04/a44.html

www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/04/a45.html

PCT Information Update

Various fee changes (Hungarian Intellectual Property Office, Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand and Norwegian Industrial Property Office)

As from 1 July 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the following Offices as receiving Offices in the currencies shown, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in those currencies of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

Hungarian Intellectual Property Office	HUF
Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand	NZD
Norwegian Industrial Property Office	NOK

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (HU, NO and NZ))

CN China (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The following depositary institution acquired the status of International Depositary Authority (IDA) 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, with effect from 1 January 2016:

Guangdong Microbial Culture Collection Center (GDMCC)
Guangdong Institute of Microbiology
No.59 Building, No.100 Xianliezhong Road
Guangzhou 510075
China

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

EP European Patent Office (electronic filing)

For information on the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office no longer accepting international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software, as well as information on a new pilot project for online filing at the EPO, please refer to "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications," above.

IT Italy (time limits for entering the national phase; requirements concerning the translation of the international application, acceptance of requests for restoration of the right of priority)

For information on the opening of the national route in Italy with effect from 1 July 2020, the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase in Italy and the requirements concerning translation of the international application, please refer to “Italian Patent and Trademark Office: Opening of National Route”, above. For information on the acceptance by the Office of requests for restoration of the right of priority, please refer to “Withdrawal of Notification of Incompatibility of Certain PCT Rules with National Laws”, above.

SE Sweden (name of Office)

The name of the Swedish Patent and Registration Office in English has changed to Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Indian Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Intellectual Property Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Visegrad Patent Institute)

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

Australian Patent Office	EUR, KRW, SGD, USD, ZAR
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	USD
European Patent Office	GBP, HUF, ISK, NOK
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	EUR
Indian Patent Office	USD
Korean Intellectual Property Office	AUD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil).....	USD
Nordic Patent Institute	ISK, NOK
Swedish Intellectual Property Office	ISK, NOK
United States Patent and Trademark Office	NZD, ZAR
Visegrad Patent Institute	HUF

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

Furthermore, the European Patent Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the IB of the establishment of a new additional fee under new PCT Rule 40bis,

applicable in conjunction with new PCT Rule 20.5*bis* when it enters into force on 1 July 2020. This new fee, which will be applicable from 1 July 2020, is EUR 1,775.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, BR, CA, EP, IN, KR, RU, SE, US, XN, XV))

Corrigendum: In the PCT Fee Tables included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020, the equivalent amount in CHF of the search fee payable with effect from 1 June 2020 to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) when filing online was incorrectly indicated as CHF 374. The correct amount is CHF 314.

New/Updated PCT Resources

New webinars on the Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on the PCT

For further information, please refer to “Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on the PCT”, above.

PowerPoint presentations

A PowerPoint presentation describing the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2020 is now available in English and Spanish at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

Other languages will be available shortly.

PATENTSCOPE News

WIPO Launches New Search Facility for PATENTSCOPE Database to Support COVID-19 Innovation Efforts

On 20 April 2020, WIPO launched a new search functionality in PATENTSCOPE to facilitate the location and retrieval of information contained in published patent documents that may be useful for innovators developing new technologies to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The WIPO COVID-19 search facility of PATENTSCOPE will provide scientists, engineers, public health policymakers, industry actors and members of the general public with an easily accessible source of intelligence for improving the detection, prevention, and treatment of diseases such as the novel coronavirus.

At the time of release, the new PATENTSCOPE search facility provided dozens of search queries specially curated by patent information experts who have identified technological areas relevant to the detection, prevention and treatment of COVID-19. It is recalled that PATENTSCOPE contains over 83 million patent and related documents, provides comprehensive searching of patent information with multi-lingual search capabilities and an automatic translation system that uses artificial intelligence technologies for highly accurate results. Via the new COVID-19 functionality, thousands of documents deemed of potential use to innovators working on COVID-19 mitigation efforts would be returned.

The WIPO COVID-19 search facility of PATENTSCOPE is available at:

<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/covid19.jsf>

The recording of a webinar entitled “Special Covid-19 in PATENTSCOPE” that was given on 7 May 2020, as well as the PowerPoint presentation used for the webinar, are available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=312

Distance Learning Course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

It is recalled that the online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction and general overview of the PCT System, and is entirely self-study, with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. If you are interested in taking the course, which is free of charge and is available in all ten PCT publication languages, simply register on the WIPO Academy page at:

<https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf>

Practical Advice

Excuse of delay in meeting time limits – an example of a missed time limit for filing amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19

Q: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our client was in quarantine and not equipped to provide instructions in time regarding the filing of amendments under PCT Article 19 with the International Bureau. As a result, we have not been able to draft and file those amendments within the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1. Is it possible to request an excuse of the delay of filing those amendments, and if so, what is the procedure for making that request?

*A: PCT Rule 82quater.1 provides for excuse of delay in meeting a PCT time limit for actions such as the submission of documents and payment of fees – including the filing of amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19. The provision under PCT Rule 82quater.1 refers to reasons of *force majeure* (“war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity... or other like reason”).*

The International Bureau (IB) has clarified that its position is that the current global pandemic should be considered to be a “natural calamity ... or other like reason” – please refer to the IB’s interpretative statement at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0009.html

In order to have your amendments under PCT Article 19 accepted by the IB, you should:

- submit the amendments under PCT Article 19 to the IB in electronic form¹ as soon as is reasonably possible; and

¹ It is recalled that the IB strongly discourages the transmittal of documents relating to an international application by postal mail during this period of pandemic. In the case of PCT Article 19 amendments, you are advised to file them by using the dedicated Action in ePCT (www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=840). However, use of the Action is not possible if the time limit has already expired, in which case you should use the document upload feature in ePCT, including for submitting other types of document for which there is no dedicated ePCT Action available (such as the request under PCT Rule 82quater) (www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=820). If you have not yet created a WIPO account in order to log in to the ePCT system and are not in a position to do so immediately, you can submit documents in PDF format using the Contingency Upload Service at: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/UploadDocument.xhtml>

- make a request under PCT Rule 82*quater* for an excuse of the delay in meeting the applicable time limit by submitting, in electronic form¹, a statement to the IB not later than six months after the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1², citing “COVID-19 related issues” as the reason for the delay.

Normally, under PCT Rule 82*quater* you would be required to present evidence to the Office, Authority or the IB, as the case may be, that the time limit concerned was not met due to the reason given. However, the IB will treat favorably any PCT Rule 82*quater* request made which cites COVID-19 related issues, and will not require you to provide evidence that the virus affected the locality in which you (or the applicant), reside, have a place of business, or are staying (please refer to the IB’s interpretative statement mentioned above).

Please note however, that the PCT System has many interdependent processes and an excused delay in one action may have repercussions elsewhere, which you would need to take into account where an action is delayed. For example, if PCT Article 19 amendments are filed late, the application may need to be republished, with a corresponding delay in provisional protection. Furthermore, if you wish to consider requesting international preliminary examination and would like the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to take into account the PCT Article 19 amendments for the purposes of international preliminary examination, the amendments may not be available by the time you have to file the demand for international preliminary examination (that is, before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 54*bis*). You may of course, after filing the demand, request the IPEA to wait until the amendments have been prepared and filed and/or, if necessary, request the IPEA to excuse any delay in meeting the time limit to file the demand. However, that may delay issuance of the international preliminary examination report, which you would normally wish to receive before deciding on any national phase entry.

Therefore, despite the generally favorable treatment of any requests under PCT Rule 82*quater* to excuse delays in meeting time limits, it is in the applicant’s interest to avoid delaying any actions to the extent possible, even where the circumstances make it difficult.

Please note that PCT Rule 82*quater* is applicable for performing actions before the receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, IPEA or the IB, however it is not applicable in the following circumstances:

- in the case of the priority period which, according to PCT Article 8, is governed by Article 4 of the Paris Convention (the PCT Regulations, however, provide for the possibility of requesting restoration of the right of priority, either during the international phase or in the national phase, provided that the Offices concerned have not made any reservations in this respect); and
- if a time limit missed relates to an action to be performed in the national phase before a designated or elected Office. Possible remedies before those Offices may be available under the relevant national laws (PCT Article 48(2), PCT Rule 82*bis*.2), and designated and elected Offices are required under PCT Rule 49.6 to provide for the possibility to reinstate rights with respect to an application, unless a designated State has made a

² The time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 is two months from the date of transmittal by the International Searching Authority of the international search report to the IB and to the applicant, or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later, provided that any amendment made under PCT Article 19 which is received by the IB after the expiration of the applicable time limit shall be considered to have been received by the IB on the last day of that time limit if it reaches it before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

reservation according to PCT Rule 49.6(f)³. For further information, please refer to the relevant National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html, or contact the national Offices concerned directly.

For further information on other possible remedies that might be available where time limits under the PCT have been missed due to unforeseen events, please refer to the “Practical Advice” in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2020.

³ For information on which States have made a reservation under PCT Rule 49.6(f), please refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

PCT Seminar Calendar			
(http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)			
(situation on 15 May 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
28 and 29 May 2020 and 2 June 2020 Online seminar	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
10 June 2020 Bolzano (IT) <i>[postponed]</i>	Italian/ English	PCT presentation within the framework of the Roving Seminars on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker: Ms. Mohri Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Grazioli, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Cocorocchia	WIPO in cooperation with the Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Simona Marzetti) Tel: (39-06) 4705 5678 E-mail: simona.marzetti@mise.gov.it Internet: www.mise.gov.it www.uibm.gov.it/
15-16 June 2020 Chicago, IL (US) <i>[cancelled]</i>	English	Comprehensive PCT Seminar Speaker on behalf of WIPO: Mr. Oppedahl Other speaker: Mr. Neas (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	PCT Learning Center (Ms. Tamara Fischer-White) Tel: (1-571) 888 34 05 E-mail: contact@pctlearningcenter.org Internet: pctlearningcenter.org
18-19 June 2020 Online seminar	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI training course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pablo Calvo Ramón and Ms. Ruth Sánchez Sánchez) E-mail: pcalvo@abg-ip.com; RSS@elzaburu.es
9 July 2020 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
15-16 September 2020 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar: "Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation" WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
24-25 September 2020 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
28 September 2020 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
29-30 September 2020 Stockholm (SE) <i>[previously announced as 25-26 March 2020]</i>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademien.se Internet: www.ipakademien.se
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
27 November 2020 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

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PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
15 May 2020 11.00–12.00 Moscow time	Russian	The PCT System: International Search, Supplementary International Search and International Preliminary Examination WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova and Ms Morgulova	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2188160487390845197
21 May 2020 11.00–12.00 Moscow time	Russian	The PCT System: Demonstration of the electronic filing of a PCT application via the ePCT portal WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova and Ms Morgulova	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1343461779041167887
26 May 2020 17:00–18:30 CET	English	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Kang Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Honculada, Mr. Rattray, Mr. Savu, Ms. Zikova, Ms. Ammann, Mr. Apercé	Registration: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6187422926709210126 Further information: https://www.wipo.int/dcea/en/news/2020/news_0001.html
16 June 2020 17:30–18:30 CET or 18 June 2020 8:30–9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE webinar: The result list in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4079833956025738763

Other IP events

Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival (SVIIF), Santa Clara, California (USA), 23-25 June 2020

The 3rd edition of the Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival (SVIIF) will take place in Santa Clara, California from 23 to 25 June 2020. Further information is available at:

<https://sviif.com/>

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 16-20 September 2020

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 16 to 20 September 2020. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/

International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020

The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at:

www.iena.de/en/home.html

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 May 2020, 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 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 1,984 (from 1.6.20: 2,356)	22 (27)	– (–)	298 (354)	448 (531)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 89.25	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,779 (from 1.6.20: 1,961)	20 (22)	– (–)	268 (295)	401 (442)	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,337	eq USD ⁹ 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: USD 212 on paper: USD 289	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1, 2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹⁰	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	406,200 (from 1.7.20: 458,300)	4,600 (5,200)	– (–)	61,100 (68,900)	91,600 (103,400)	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹² or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 92 101	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,217 1,337	15 14 15	100 92 101	200 183 201	300 275 302	See footnote 13
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁴	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons) 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK	17,800	ISK	166,200 (from 1.6.20: 195,100)	1,900 (2,200)	– (–)	25,000 (29,300)	37,500 (44,000)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁵	JPY	143,200	1,600	–	–	32,300	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁶	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– ¹⁸	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP

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

(amounts on 1 May 2020, 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	
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ¹⁸	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ¹⁹	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CLEPESKRSESG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²⁰ 550 (paper filing) ²⁰	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	12,210 (from 1.6.20: 15,300) (from 1.7.20: 14,420)	140 (170) (160)	– (–) (–)	1,840 (2,300) (2,170)	2,750 (3,450) (3,250)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,126 (from 1.7.20: 2,288)	24 (26)	– (–)	320 (344)	479 (516)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹⁸	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT AUEGEPUS
PA	USD	240	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT BR CLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.77 (online filing) EUR 21.53 (paper filing)	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON	475	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,700 ²¹	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,847 (from 1.6.20: 1,974)	21 (22)	– (–)	278 (297)	417 (445)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²²	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV		None ²³	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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

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				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁴ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	201	302	EP SG
US	USD 240 ²⁵ small entity ²⁶ : 120 ²⁵ micro entity ²⁶ : 60 ²⁵	USD 1,337	15	101	201	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁷	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 20,250 (from 1.6.20: 24,090)	230 (270)	– (–)	3,050 (3,620)	4,570 (5,430)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.6.20:	CHF 1,939 ZAR 35,130)	KRW 2,334,000	SGD 2,693	USD 1,950	ZAR*	29,530	
AU	AUD 2,200 USD** 1,483 **(from 1.7.20:	CHF* 1,475 ZAR** 22,460 EUR 1,241	EUR** 1,350 *(from 1.6.20: KRW 1,643,000	KRW** 1,775,000 CHF 1,242) SGD 1,920	NZD 2,357 USD 1,341	SGD** 2,048 ZAR 26,420)		
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.6.20:	BRL 1,685 CHF 314	CHF* 375 EUR 304)	EUR* 376 **(from 1.7.20:	USD** 376 USD 322)			
	On paper: *(from 1.6.20:	BRL 2,525 CHF 470	CHF* 562 EUR 455)	EUR* 563 **(from 1.7.20:	USD** 564 USD 483)			
CA	CAD 1,600 *(from 1.6.20:	CHF* 1,196 CHF 1,085)	EUR 1,095 **(from 1.7.20:	USD** 1,203 USD 1,132)				
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,989	EUR 1,820	USD 400	CHF 398	EUR 364		
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :			USD 298	CHF 273			
	In case of filing by a university ²⁹ :			USD 300	CHF 273			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 292	EUR 267	USD 294				
EG ³⁰	EGP 4,000	CHF 244	EUR 223	USD 245				
EP ³¹	EUR 1,775 JPY 208,800 ZAR* 29,530 **(from 1.7.20:	CHF 1,939 NOK** 17,800 *(from 1.6.20: GBP 1,560	DKK 13,260 NZD 3,099 ZAR 35,130) HUF 626,100	GBP** 1,479 SEK 19,300	HUF** 592,200 SGD 2,693 NOK 20,010)	ISK** 242,300 USD 1,950		
ES ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
IL	ILS 3,582	CHF 1,009	EUR 932	USD 1,036				
IN	INR 10,000 *(from 1.6.20:	CHF* 140 CHF 128	EUR* 128 EUR 120)	USD** 141 **(from 1.7.20:	USD 131)			
	In case of filing by an individual:			USD** 35	USD 33)			
	INR 2,500 *(from 1.6.20:	CHF* 35 CHF 32	EUR* 32 EUR 30)	USD** 35 **(from 1.7.20:	USD 33)			
JP ³²	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 CHF 650 EUR 595 KRW 783,000 USD 654							
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000 CHF 1,449 EUR 1,326 SGD 2,012 USD 1,457							
KR ³³	For IAs in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD** 558 CHF* 374 EUR 342 NZD 598							
	SGD 519 USD 376 *(from 1.6.20: CHF 353) ***(from 1.7.20: AUD 603)							
	For IAs in English: KRW 1,200,000 AUD** 1,487 CHF* 997 EUR 913 NZD 1,594							
	SGD 1,385 USD 1,003 *(from 1.6.20: CHF 941) ***(from 1.7.20: AUD 1,607)							

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

ISA	Search fee ¹								
PH	USD	1,000	CHF	994	EUR	910			
	Small entity or government ³⁴ :		USD	400	CHF	398	EUR	364	
RU	For IAs in Russian:								
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	130	EUR*: **	119	USD*	131	
	*(from 1.6.20:		CHF	104	EUR	97	USD	106)	** (from 1.7.20: EUR 105)
	For IAs in English:								
RUB	40,000	CHF*	613	EUR*: **	561	USD*	616		
*(from 1.6.20:		CHF	489	EUR	455	USD	501)	** (from 1.7.20: EUR 495)	
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.7.20:		ISK	276,000	NOK	242,300	
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,613	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600	
	*(from 1.6.20:		CHF	1,509)	USD	1,622			
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950	
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	109	
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	328	
US	USD	2,080	CHF	2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD*	3,135	
	(from 1.7.20:		NZD	3,496	ZAR	38,860)	ZAR	31,500	
	For small entity ²⁶ :				USD	1,040	CHF	1,034	
	*(from 1.7.20:		NZD	1,748	ZAR	19,430)	EUR	947	
	For micro entity ²⁶ :				USD	520	CHF	517	
	*(from 1.7.20:		NZD	874	ZAR	9,710)	EUR	473	
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK*	242,300	
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.7.20:		ISK	276,000	NOK	20,010)	
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF*	592,200	USD	1,950	
	*(from 1.7.20:		HUF	626,100)					

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939 ³¹	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 181 (from 1.6.20: CHF 144)	CHF 200
	CHF 289 ³⁶ (from 1.6.20: CHF 231 ³⁶)	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,613 (from 1.6.20: CHF 1,509)	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 May 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

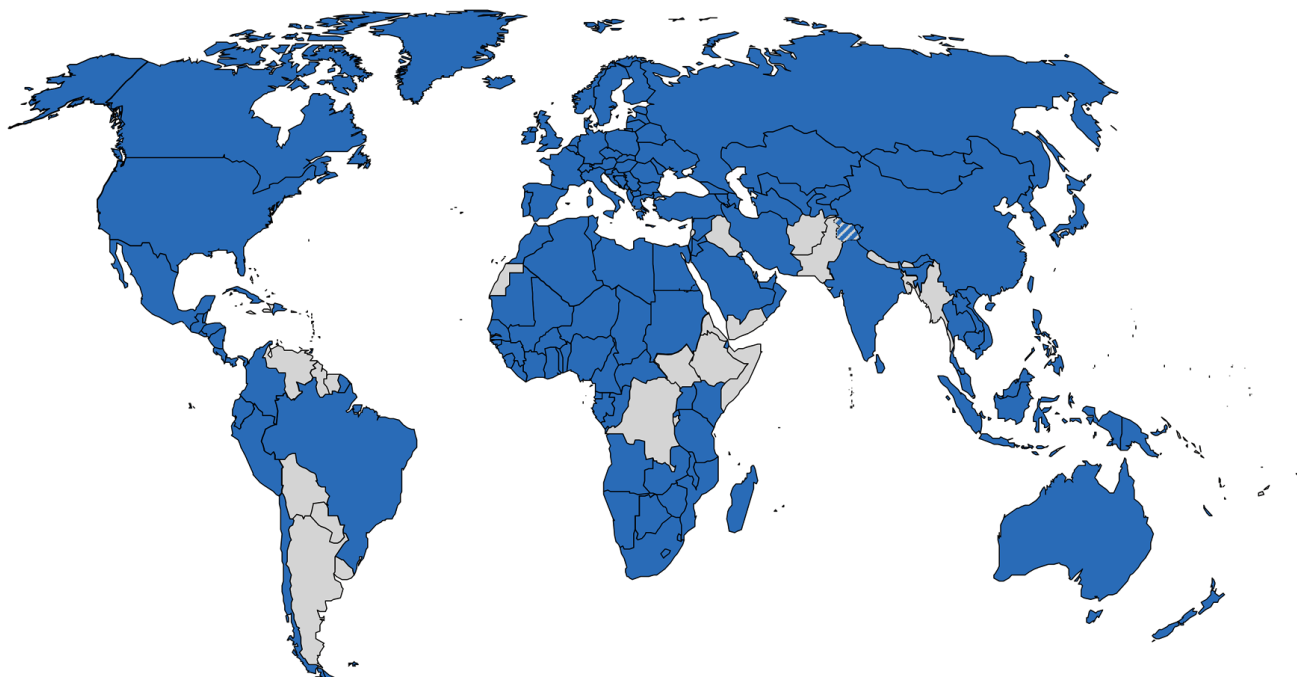
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷		Handling fee ^{2,37} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁸	EUR	183
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁸	AUD	298 (from 1.6.20: 354)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	800	CAD	268 (from 1.6.20: 295)
CL	USD	1,500	USD	201
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400			
	in case of filing by a university ²⁹ : USD 300			
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	201
EP	EUR	1,830 ³¹	EUR	183
ES	EUR	583.65 ³¹	EUR	183
FI	EUR	600	EUR	183
IL	ILS	1,535	ILS	706 (from 1.6.20: 743)
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500		USD	201
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
JP ³²	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY	21,500
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	241,000 (from 1.6.20: 255,000)
PH	USD	500	USD	201
	Small entity or government ³⁴	USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ³⁹ 6,750 ⁴⁰	USD	201
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ³⁹ 24,000 ⁴⁰		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,990
SG	SGD	830	SGD	278 (from 1.6.20: 297)
TR	TRY	1,000	CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50		EUR	183
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			
US	USD	600 760 ⁴¹	USD	201
	For small entity ²⁶ :	USD 300 380 ⁴¹		
	For micro entity ²⁶ :	USD 150 190 ⁴¹		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,370
XV	EUR	900	EUR	183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 15 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 16 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 18 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 19 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 20 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 23 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 25 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 26 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 27 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 28 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 30 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 31 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 32 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 33 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 34 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 35 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 36 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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



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) ^{2, 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)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia	ME Montenegro ⁵	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	
	IL Israel		SD Sudan (AP)	
			SE Sweden (EP)	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

3 Italy will open its national route on 1 July 2020. For international applications filed on or after that date, Italy will automatically be designated for a national patent as well as a European patent.

4 Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

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

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50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Cooperation Treaty

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

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

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

A presentation to mark the 50th anniversary of the Treaty is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/treaty/pdf/pct-diplomatic-conference1970.pdf

The presentation includes:

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

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

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/washington.html

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

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

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

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0014.html

WIPO PROOF: Trusted Digital Evidence for your Intellectual Assets

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

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

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

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

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

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

and Press Release PR/2020/855 at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2020/article_0012.html

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

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

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

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

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

www.ipos.gov.sg/docs/default-source/protecting-your-ideas/patent/ipos-inpi-pph-guideline_1-may-2020.pdf

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

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

Exceptional Non-working Days due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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

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

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

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

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

www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

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

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

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

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 22 May 2020, at:

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

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

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office Launches PCT Direct Service

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

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

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

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

www.oepm.es/export/sites/oepm/comun/documentos_relacionados/Noticias/2020/2020_05_25_ResolucionDirectorOEPM_PCT_Directo.pdf

Combined July-August Issue

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

https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/en/#pct_newsletter

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

www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.pdf

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (fees)

As from 1 August 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in AUD of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (AU))

BR Brazil (means of transmission)

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

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

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

CA Canada (means of telecommunication)

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

www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr01970.html

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

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

GT Guatemala (location and mailing address; fax numbers)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SV El Salvador (electronic filing)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office)

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

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

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

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

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_20add.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ro_18add.pdf

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

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html and

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html

Updated *PCT Applicant's Guide*

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

www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html

Other languages will be available shortly afterwards.

Webinar on the Amendments to the PCT Regulations

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

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

Registration is required to access the recording.

The PowerPoint presentation is also available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html

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

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the national/regional office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

Israel Patent Office

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

For further information, please refer to:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=10740

A list of the DAS participating Offices is available at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

New/Updated PCT Resources

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

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

www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/de/texts/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/index.html

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

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html

PowerPoint presentations

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

www.wipo.int/pct/ar/texts/ppt/2020changes.pptx

www.wipo.int/pct/zh/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

www.wipo.int/pct/ko/texts/ppt/2020changes.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/pt/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/texts/ppt/rule_changes_archive.html

Webinar: Protecting your inventions internationally with the PCT

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

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=323

Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

New invitation

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

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.html

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

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

Telephone: (+41-22) 338 83 38

Fax: (+41-22) 338 83 39

E-mail: pct.legal@wipo.int

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

Practical Advice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/filing.html

PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 22 June 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9 September 2020 Lisbon (PT) <i>[previously announced as 9 July 2020]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
15-16 September 2020 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar: "Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation" WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
24-25 September 2020 Online seminar	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
28 September 2020 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
29-30 September 2020 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
30 September 2020 Online seminar	English	Formalities update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
16 October 2020 Online presentation	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speakers: to be announced	The UIC John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property, Information and Privacy Law E-mail: daryllim@uic.edu
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
27 November 2020 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de

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

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

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 June 2020, 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 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 2,356 (from 1.8.20: 2,150)	27 (24)	– (–)	354 (323)	531 (485)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 89.25	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,961	22	–	295	442	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,337	eq USD ⁹ 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: USD 212 on paper: USD 289	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 June 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

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						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹⁰	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	406,200 (from 1.7.20: 458,300)	4,600 (5,200)	– (–)	61,100 (68,900)	91,600 (103,400)	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹² or EUR ¹² or USD ¹²	100 92 101	CHF or EUR or USD	1,330 1,217 1,337	15 14 15	100 92 101	200 183 201	300 275 302	See footnote 13
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁴	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK	17,800	ISK	195,100	2,200	–	29,300	44,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁵	JPY	143,200	1,600	–	–	32,300	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁶	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR (from 1.7.20: SG)
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– ¹⁸	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP

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

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						Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ¹⁸	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ¹⁹	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CLEPESKR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²⁰ 550 (paper filing) ²⁰	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	15,300 (from 1.7.20: 14,420)	170 (160)	– (–)	2,300 (2,170)	3,450 (3,250)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,126 (from 1.7.20: 2,288)	24 (26)	– (–)	320 (344)	479 (516)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹⁸	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT AU EGPUS
PA	USD	240	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT BR CLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.77 (online filing) EUR 21.53 (paper filing)	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON	475	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,700 ²¹	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,974	22	–	297	445	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²²	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV		None ²³	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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

(amounts on 1 June 2020, 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	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁴ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	201	302	EP SG
US	USD 240 ²⁵ small entity ²⁶ : 120 ²⁵ micro entity ²⁶ : 60 ²⁵	USD 1,337	15	101	201	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁷	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 24,090	270	–	3,620	5,430	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

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

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

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

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939 ³¹	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 144 (from 1.8.20: 163)	CHF 200
	CHF 231 ³⁶ (from 1.8.20: 261)	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,509	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 June 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

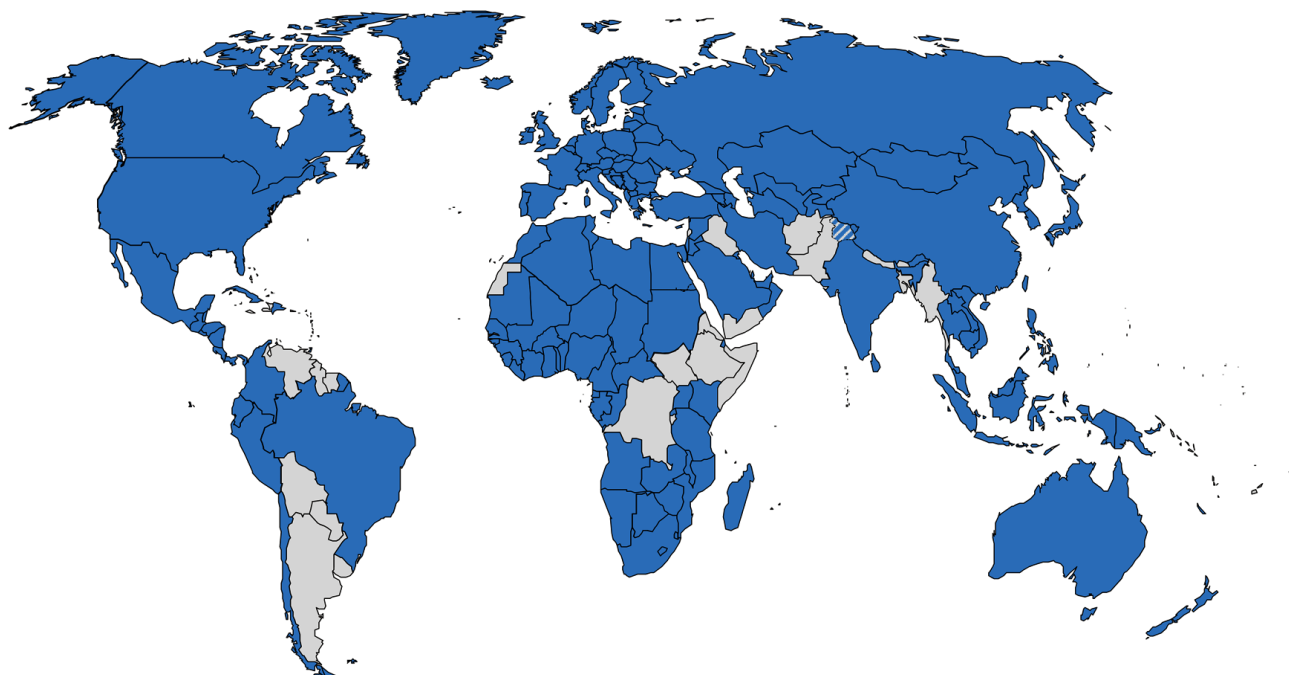
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁷		Handling fee^{2,37} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁸		EUR 183
AU	AUD	590	820 ³⁸	AUD 354 (from 1.8.20: 323)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸		BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	800		CAD 295
CL	USD	1,500		USD 201
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400			
	in case of filing by a university ²⁹ : USD 300			
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP	3,000		USD 201
EP	EUR	1,830 ³¹		EUR 183
ES	EUR	583.65 ³¹		EUR 183
FI	EUR	600		EUR 183
IL	ILS	1,535		ILS 743
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500			USD 201
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
JP³²	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000		JPY 21,500
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000		KRW 255,000
PH	USD	500		USD 201
	Small entity or government: ³⁴ USD	200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ³⁹	6,750 ⁴⁰	USD 201
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ³⁹	24,000 ⁴⁰	
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,990
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			EUR 183
	– 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			
US	USD	600	760 ⁴¹	USD 201
	For small entity ²⁶ : USD	300	380 ⁴¹	
	For micro entity ²⁶ : USD	150	190 ⁴¹	
XN	DKK	5,000		DKK 1,370
XV	EUR	900		EUR 183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 15 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 16 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 18 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 19 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 20 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 23 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 25 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 26 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 27 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 28 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 30 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 31 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 32 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 33 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 34 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 35 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 36 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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



AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) 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) ^{2,3}	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)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia	ME Montenegro ⁵	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	
	IL Israel		SD Sudan (AP)	
			SE Sweden (EP)	

1 Extension of European patent possible.

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

3 Italy will open its national route on 1 July 2020. For international applications filed on or after that date, Italy will automatically be designated for a national patent as well as a European patent.

4 Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

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

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End of COVID-19-related RO/IB Extended Period for Considering PCT Applications as Withdrawn for Failure to Pay Fees

In its announcement published on 9 April 2020 (www.wipo.int/pct/en/covid_19/82quater.pdf), the International Bureau, in its role as receiving Office (RO/IB), indicated that it would defer the issuance of notifications declaring international applications as considered withdrawn for having failed to pay the appropriate fees within the prescribed time limit (Form PCT/RO/117) until 31 May 2020. This action was taken as a measure to assist PCT applicants whose financial situations may have been impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In its further announcement published on 27 May 2020 (www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0014.html), the RO/IB stated that it would further extend that period until 30 June 2020.

While continuing to apply PCT Rule 82*quater*.1 to excuse delays in meeting certain PCT time limits when requested (as indicated in the 9 April announcement), the RO/IB restarted on 1 July 2020 the issuance of Form PCT/RO/117 for failure to pay the required PCT fees. The RO/IB will nevertheless continue to waive the payment of any applicable late payment fees under PCT Rule 16*bis*.2 until further notice.

Information about this was published on the PCT website on 3 July 2020 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0017.html

Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits Due to Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication (PCT Rule 82*quater*.2)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union, during its fifty-first session which was held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, adopted, in addition to other rule changes, new PCT Rule 82*quater*.2 concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization. This rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

International Bureau

The International Bureau (IB), including as receiving Office, has issued a notification in which it states that, with effect from 1 July 2020, delays in meeting time limits may be excused under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) where the ePCT system (with or without strong authentication) or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was being used but was unavailable for a minimum of a continuous one-hour period on a specific working day at the IB.

This applies to all time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT and in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT within which an action is to be performed before the IB. It also applies to time limits fixed in invitations or notifications issued to the applicant by the IB. Please note, however, that it does not apply to the priority period.

An interested party who wishes to request excuse of delay in meeting a time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) before the IB should:

1. submit a request to the IB, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service on a specific date, and
2. perform the relevant action on the next working day at the IB on which the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was again available.

The IB will excuse a delay in meeting the time limits referred to above, if conditions 1 and 2, above, are met and if the IB acknowledges that the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was unavailable for at least a continuous one-hour period on the day in question. The IB will communicate its decision to the interested party by way of Form PCT/IB/345, or Form PCT/RO/132 when it acts as receiving Office.

The full notification by the IB was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 16 July 2020 at:

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

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (IB).

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a), the IB informs PCT users of the unavailability of the ePCT system during the following period:

- from 12 July 2020, 7:20 a.m., Central European Summer Time (CEST) to 13 July 2020, 7:52 a.m., CEST.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to this particular unavailability may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the above-mentioned conditions .

Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

The Swedish Intellectual Property Office has notified the IB that, pursuant to PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, it will excuse a delay in meeting a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it that is caused by the unavailability of permitted electronic means of communication at that Office, provided that the duration of such unavailability is at least 24 hours and that the respective action is performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication became available.

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

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Reminder about the importance of making e-filing data available to the International Bureau

When e-filing an international application, regardless of the receiving Office (RO) with which the application is filed and the software used, a number of files in .pdf and .xml format are automatically generated and grouped together as a filing package. In addition to the bibliographic data used to render the PDF files, such as the request form and fee calculation sheet, the XML files also contain important information that is used by the processing systems

at the International Bureau (IB). For example, when e-filing an international application using ePCT-compatible software that allows the user to copy and paste the WIPO Account Customer ID and eOwnership code during the signature process (PCT-SAFE, EPO Online Filing software, JPO-PAS), once the record copy has been subsequently received at the IB, access rights can be automatically assigned in ePCT to the holder of the corresponding WIPO Account based on the information contained in one of the XML files in the filing package.

For electronic filings submitted directly online to the RO, the XML files are automatically included in the electronic filing package.

For electronic filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as RO using ePCT-Filing or PCT-SAFE, or with the Israel Patent Office as RO using ePCT-Filing, the XML files will be included in a data package zip file produced by the e-filing software. It is important to upload the zip file to the RO e-filing system (for example, EFS-Web) so that it can subsequently be forwarded by the RO to the IB with the record copy.

If the IB does not receive the data package zip file, due either to the failure by the applicant to provide it, or to the omission by the RO to transmit it along with the record copy, manual processing will subsequently be required for certain processes. In the case of ePCT access rights, they cannot be assigned automatically by the IB's systems as the Customer ID and eOwnership code will be missing, and the applicant will have to submit a separate eOwnership request.

Fee-related processes designed to facilitate the payment and reimbursement of fees efficiently, in an automated manner, also rely on the XML data contained in the files generated by the e-filing software. For example, in the case of the European Patent Office as RO and/or International Searching Authority, any fee-related instructions provided at the time of filing are included in the electronic filing package, without which automated processing is not possible.

Information about setting up access rights in ePCT at the time of filing electronically is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=518

African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia), in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, with effect from 1 October 2020, they will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. Both Offices will accept international applications filed in electronic form using ePCT-Filing. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notifications containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 9 July 2020 and 23 July 2020, respectively, at:

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AP and ZM))

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New two-way PCT-PPH pilot program (Egyptian Patent Office – Japan Patent Office)

On 1 June 2020, a new two-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Egyptian Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office. Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase in one country is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II) (that is, where at least one of the claims has been determined as patentable), issued by the Office of the other country in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

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

www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/shinsa/soki/pph/japan_egypt_highway.html

www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/shinsa/soki/pph/document/guideline/egypt_egypt_en.pdf

www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/shinsa/soki/pph/document/guideline/egypt_jpo_en.pdf

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on this new pilot (www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html).

PCT Statistics 2019

The PCT Yearly Review, 2020 edition

The 2020 edition of the PCT Yearly Review summarizes PCT activities and developments in 2019. It contains a comprehensive set of statistics relating to PCT filings (including filings by top countries of origin, by top applicants and by technical field) and the performance of the international patent system in 2019, as well as statistics relating to national phase entries in 2018 (the latest available year).

The special theme in the PCT Yearly Review this year is “the top 50 PCT clusters” and provides a descriptive analysis of PCT filing activity at the subnational level, based on the location of inventors named in PCT applications. Identifying and analyzing clusters of PCT filings allows for a more detailed overview of where the innovations described in PCT applications took place globally.

The PCT Yearly Review is available in English at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/index.html

An Executive Summary of the PCT Yearly Review will be available shortly in the following nine languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish.

Japanese and Korean Excerpts from the PCT Newsletter: New E-mail Notifications

Excerpts from each issue of the *PCT Newsletter* have already been published in both Japanese and Korean on the PCT website for a number of years at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/newslett/index.html and

www.wipo.int/pct/ko/newslett/index.html

The excerpts usually contain most information that is published in the English version of the *PCT Newsletter*, apart from the PCT Seminar Calendar, the PCT Fee Tables, the PCT Contracting States and Two-Letter Codes, and certain parts of the “PCT Information Update”.

It is now possible for Japanese- and Korean-speaking PCT users to subscribe to e-mails that will notify them, respectively, when the Japanese and Korean excerpts from each issue of the *PCT Newsletter* become available. In order to subscribe, simply sign up at the WIPO central subscription page (where you can also select other WIPO e-mail and e-newsletter subscriptions in those languages) at:

https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/ja/#pct_newsletter

https://www3.wipo.int/newsletters/ko/#pct_newsletter

It is recalled that excerpts are also available in Chinese at:

www.wipo.int/pct/zh/newslett/index.html

and that subscriptions to the equivalent e-mail for the Chinese excerpts can be made at:

www3.wipo.int/newsletters/zh/#pct_newsletter

Collaborative Search and Examination Pilot News

It is recalled that *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2018 contained details of a Collaborative Search and Examination (CS&E) pilot, whereby the IP5 Offices¹, upon the applicant’s specific request to participate, all contribute towards the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) for a particular international application. Over the course of its operational phase, the International Authorities accepted around 460 applications into the pilot. The applications were filed in English, Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Korean and covered a wide range of technical fields and special cases, such as sequence listings and lack of unity of invention.

The operational phase of the CS&E pilot concluded on 30 June 2020, therefore as of 1 July 2020, the pilot is now closed to new applications. The applications accepted in the pilot will be followed through their national phase processing and the effects of the process will be evaluated.

¹ The China National Intellectual Property Administration, the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the national/regional office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

Austrian Patent Office

The Austrian Patent Office has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 October 2020, it will commence operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of DAS. As a depositing Office it will deposit certified copies of patent, utility model, industrial design and trademark applications as priority documents, including PCT applications filed with it on or after 1 October 2020. As an accessing Office, it will recognize priority documents available to it through the service for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document has not expired by 1 October 2020.

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

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11496

European Union Intellectual Property Office

As from 11 July 2020, the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) will start operating as a DAS depositing Office for industrial designs. It will deposit certified copies of industrial design applications as priority documents, filed at the EUIPO as from 11 July 2020, which the applicant specifically requests be made available to the service.

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

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11470

A list of the DAS participating Offices is available at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

Exceptional Non-working Days Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it was closed for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 20 to 24 July 2020 and will be closed from 6 to 18 August 2020 due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mexican Institute of Industrial Property

Further to the information published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 11 June 2020 (page 111) (www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf) concerning the closure of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19

pandemic, the Office has notified the IB that it reopened to the public on 13 July 2020 for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

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

www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

More detailed information is also available in the corresponding section of the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker at:

www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

PCT Information Update

Various fee changes (Australian Patent Office, Hungarian Intellectual Property Office, Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand, Japan Patent Office, Norwegian Industrial Property Office)

As from the dates indicated in parentheses, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the following Offices as receiving Offices in the currencies shown, as well as changes in the equivalent amounts in those currencies of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

Australian Patent Office (1 September 2020)	AUD
Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) (1 September 2020)	HUF
Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) (1 October 2020)	NZD
Japan Patent Office (1 October 2020)	JPY
Norwegian Industrial Property Office (1 September 2020)	NOK

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (AU, HU, JP, NO, NZ))

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 October 2020, by the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) 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.

AT Austrian Patent Office (location and mailing address; fax number)

The location and mailing address of the Austrian Patent Office has changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Dresdner Straße 87
A-1200 Wien
Austria

The Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect from 1 January 2020, it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

BY Belarus (means of telecommunication; number of copies required; fees)

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has informed the IB of changes concerning the filing of documents by fax – the original of the document must now be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission, instead of within 14 days.

Furthermore, the Office in its capacity as receiving Office has notified the IB that it now requires two copies of the international application on paper, instead of three.

The amounts of the following fees, payable² to the Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee:.....	BYN	94.50
Fee for priority document: ³		
for each copy of priority document up to 35 pages.....	BYN	36.00
plus, for each page of one copy in excess of 35 pages...	BYN	0.60
Fee for restoration of the right of priority:.....	BYN	81.00

There has also been a change in the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	94.50
- Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	40.50
Examination fee:	BYN	459.00
- Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	270.00
- Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:.....	BYN	40.50
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	94.50

² For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rouble in accordance with the rate of the base value. For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollar, euro, Swiss franc or Russian rouble, 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.

³ For further details please refer to the "Patent Information Services, Price List" (page 6, items 1.1 and 1.3) at www.ncip.by/en/uslugi-i-informaciya/patentno-informacionnye-uslugi/

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	189.00
- Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	94.50
- Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:.....	BYN	40.50

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B1 and C (BY) and National Chapter, Summary (BY))

IN India (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The following depositary institution acquired the status of International Depositary Authority (IDA) 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, with effect from 28 July 2020:

National Agriculturally Important Microbial Culture Collection (NAIMCC)
ICAR-National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms
Kushmaur
Maunath Bhanjan PIN 275 103
Uttar Pradesh
India

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

IT Italy (types of protection; time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided; provisional protection after international publication; who can act as agent; criterion applied in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority; fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority; requirements for deposits of microorganisms and other biological material; summary of requirements for entry into the national phase)

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB of the types of national protection available via the PCT where Italy is designated (or elected) – for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, protection by patent and utility model is available (utility models may be sought instead of national patents).

The Office has also notified the IB of the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Italy is designated (or elected): they may be in the request or may be furnished later. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit 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.

Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (IT) for information on provisional protection after international publication, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexb1/ax_b_it.pdf

The Office in its capacity as receiving Office has notified the IB of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, which are now as follows:

- Any patent attorney recorded in the official register established by the Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute (the list of patent attorneys can be obtained from the *Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale* (Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute) (at: www.ordine-brevetti.it).
- Citizens of the European Union qualified to practice as patent attorney in another member State, on a temporary basis, pursuant to the procedure under the legislative Decree No. 206/2007.
- Any Italian lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law (for further details, please refer to: www.consiglionazionaleforense.it).

Furthermore, the Office has notified the IB that, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, and for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, it applies only the “due care” criterion in respect of requests for restoration of the right of priority. Furthermore, with effect from the same date, a stamp fee (*imposta di bollo*) is payable for making such requests. This fee is EUR 15 when filing online and EUR 16 when filing on paper.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (IT) and Annex C (IT))

Information on the requirements of the Italian Patent and Trademark Office as designated (or elected) Office regarding deposits of microorganisms and other biological material, as well as a summary of its requirements for entry into the national phase, has been published in the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/annexes/it.pdf and

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/annexes/annexl/anx_l.pdf

KR Republic of Korea (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities – corrigendum)

Please note that in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2020, page 5, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) was inadvertently omitted from the list of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), or with the International Bureau (IB), as receiving Office.

LA Lao People’s Democratic Republic (telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses; competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The telephone number and the e-mail addresses of the Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People’s Democratic Republic) have changed, and the Office has notified its Internet address. The telephone number and the e-mail and Internet addresses to be used are as follows:

Telephone: (856-21) 213 470 ext. 154

E-mail: dip.laopdr@gmail.com
kkeobounphanh@yahoo.co.uk
saybandith30@gmail.com

Internet: <http://dip.gov.la/>

Furthermore, the Office has specified, with effect from 7 July 2020, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the China National Intellectual Property Administration, the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic with the IB as receiving Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (LA) and Annex C (IB))

PT Portugal (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2020:

Transmittal fee:

– where the international application is filed online	EUR	10.79
– where the international application is filed on paper	EUR	21.58
Fee for priority document:	EUR	43.14
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:		
– where the request is filed online	EUR	161.79
– where the request is filed on paper	EUR	323.58

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

RS Serbia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) has specified, with effect from 1 September 2020, the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Serbia with the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia), or with the IB, as receiving Office.

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

RU Russian Federation (Internet address)

There has been a change to one of the Internet addresses of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation). The Internet addresses to be used are now as follows:

Internet: www.rospatent.gov.ru
 www1.fips.ru

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

UG Uganda (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) has specified, with effect from 7 July 2020, the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as competent International Searching and International

Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Uganda with the URSB or with the IB, as receiving Office.

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

ZM Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia) (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 October 2020, by the Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia) as receiving Office of international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as information on the electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees that will be applicable, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Japan Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Nordic Patent Institute, Swedish Intellectual Property Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

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

Australian Patent Office	CHF, EUR, SGD, USD
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	USD
United States Patent and Trademark Office	NZD, ZAR

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

Canadian Intellectual Property Office	EUR
European Patent Office	NOK
Japan Patent Office	CHF
Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	CHF
National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	CHF
Nordic Patent Institute	NOK
Swedish Intellectual Property Office	NOK
United States Patent and Trademark Office	CHF

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, CA, CL, EP, JP, PH, RU, SE, US and XN))

Handling fee (Australian Patent Office, Japan Patent Office)

There will be changes in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) as from 1 September 2020, and in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as from 1 October 2020. The new amounts will be AUD 307 and JPY 22,900, respectively.

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

Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees

The lists of States discussed below, the nationals and/or residents of which are eligible for certain PCT fee reductions, have been updated with effect from 1 July 2020 and are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html

Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the European Patent Office

The following changes have been made to the list of States, the nationals and/or residents of which are eligible for a 75% reduction in certain fees payable to the European Patent Office (that is, States classified as low income and lower middle income economies by the World Bank and States in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force⁴).

The following State has been deleted from the list:

- Indonesia

and the following States have been added to the list:

- Algeria
- Sri Lanka

Applicability of 75% reduction in international search and preliminary examination fees at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office:

Mauritius and Nauru (which are not PCT Contracting States⁵) have been deleted from the list of States the nationals and/or residents of which are eligible for a 75% reduction in the international search and preliminary examination fees payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (that is, the States classified as low income, lower middle income and upper middle income economies by the World Bank which are not party to the European Patent Convention), as they are now classified as a high income economy.

⁴ It is recalled that, with effect from 1 April 2020, the 75% fee reduction also applies if the international application, the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination is filed by a natural or legal person who is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the EPO is in force (please refer to the decision of the Administrative Council CA/D 13/19, dated 12 December 2019 (www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/01/a4.html)). The four validation States concerned (Cambodia, Morocco, the Republic of Moldova and Tunisia) were already in the States listed as low-income and lower-middle-income economies by the World Bank last year.

⁵ It is recalled that, in order to file an international application, at least one applicant must be a national of, or a resident in, a PCT Contracting State (PCT Article 9(1)). Applicants from non-PCT Contracting States must therefore file a PCT application together with an applicant who is a national of and/or resides in a PCT Contracting State, and they may only benefit from a fee reduction if both (or all) applicants are entitled to the reduction.

New/Updated PCT Resources

PCT Applicant's Guide

The English version of the “Introduction to the National Phase” of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contains detailed information on the national phase of the PCT, has been updated to take into account the 1 July 2020 amendments to the PCT Regulations. It is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol2/pdf/gdvol2.pdf

It is recalled that the “Introduction to the International Phase” was also updated with effect from 1 July 2020 (as mentioned in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2020).

PCT frequently asked questions (FAQs)

The publication “Protecting your Inventions Abroad: FAQs about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”, dated April 2020, has been updated in all 10 publication languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish) to reflect some recent changes to the PCT system. It is available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/ar/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/zh/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/en/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/de/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/ja/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/ko/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/pt/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/docs/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/es/basic_facts/faqs_about_the_pct.pdf

Webinar on the Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The recording of a webinar entitled “PCT – July 2020 Rule Changes” is now available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, in addition to English. The webinar provides an overview of the upcoming changes and an explanation of why these may be important to PCT users.

The webinars and the PowerPoint presentations used during the webinars in languages other than Portuguese are available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=56968

The webinar and PowerPoint presentation in Portuguese are available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/pt/seminar/webinars/index.html

Registration is required to access the recordings.

PCT Working Group meeting documents

Documents which have been prepared for the upcoming thirteenth session of the PCT Working Group, to be held in Geneva from 5 to 8 October 2020, are available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55850

50th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2020 relating to the 50th anniversary of the Diplomatic Conference on the PCT, a video interview with a delegate who participated in the 1970 conference (Mr. Kiyoshi Asamura) is now available at:

www.wipo.int/multimedia-video/en/pct/video/asamura.mp4

Practical Advice

The furnishing of a correct element of an international application where the originally filed element was filed erroneously

Q: I filed an international application, claiming the priority of an earlier application filed on 16 July 2019, with the Intellectual Property Office⁶ (United Kingdom) as receiving Office (RO/GB) on 14 July 2020 (that is, two days before the expiration of the 12-month priority period). A week later, I realized that I had erroneously submitted the claims from a different application, together with the correct abstract, description and drawings. I would like to know whether I can replace the incorrect claims with the correct claims in the application in question, without being accorded a later international filing date and losing my right to claim priority of the earlier application. Please could you confirm whether this is possible, and if so, what do I need to do? Also, will the original (wrong) claims be made available to the public?

A: Note that, where an applicant claims priority of an earlier application and notices that he/she has filed the wrong set of claims (or description or drawings) before the expiration of the 12-month priority period, one option is to simply refile the international application with the correct claims immediately, and withdraw the original application. Alternatively, in accordance with new PCT Rule 20.5*bis*(b) and (c), for all international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, it is possible to request the receiving Office to exchange the claims with the correct ones. However, if the correct claims are received by the receiving Office on a later date, the international filing date would be changed to the date of receipt of the correct claims by the receiving Office. Since you only noticed the mistake after the expiration of the 12-month priority period, if you took either of the above actions, you would no longer be able to validly claim priority of the earlier application (without attempting to request restoration of the right of priority). In the first option, the date of receipt of the newly filed international application would fall outside the priority period, and in the second option, the date of receipt of the correct set of claims would become the international filing date, which would also fall outside the priority period.

If it is important to retain the originally accorded international filing date, new PCT Rule 20.5*bis*(d) enables you to request confirmation of incorporation by reference of elements and parts in the case of an erroneously filed element or part (as opposed to PCT Rule 20.5, which covers the case of furnishing of a *missing* part of the application), where that element or

⁶ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

part was completely contained in the earlier application concerned. This means that if the “correct claims” were in fact completely contained in the priority application, you will be able to add the correct set of claims to your application, provided that you submit to RO/GB, within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 20.7 (that is, two months from the date on which one or more elements referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office⁷), a written notice confirming that the new (correct) set of claims is incorporated by reference in the international application under PCT Rule 4.18. In accordance with PCT Rule 20.6, that notice should be accompanied by the following⁸:

- a sheet or sheets embodying the entire element as contained in the earlier application, the priority of which is being claimed, and
- if you have not yet furnished the priority document, a copy of the earlier application as filed.

Provided that the receiving Office determines that the correct set of claims is completely contained in the earlier application, those claims will, in accordance with PCT Rule 20.6(b), be considered to have been contained in the international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office. Therefore, the original international filing date will be retained.

In accordance with PCT Rule 40*bis*.1, the International Searching Authority (ISA) may invite the applicant to pay additional fees where a missing part or a correct element or part is furnished later under PCT Rules 20.5(c), 20.5*bis*(c), 20.5(d) or 20.5*bis*(d), and the ISA has been notified that it has been included in the international application or that it is considered to have been contained in the international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in PCT Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, as the case may be, only after the ISA has begun to draw up the international search report (ISR). Please note that the European Patent Office (EPO), which is the competent ISA for international applications filed with RO/GB, charges such an additional fee in respect of erroneously filed elements. Therefore, in your case, where all the claims were erroneously filed, if the EPO as ISA has already begun to draw up the ISR in respect of the original, erroneously filed claims by the time it has been notified that the correct claims have been incorporated by reference, you might be requested to pay that additional fee (please refer to the decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (*OJ EPO* 2020, A36) (www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2020/04/a36/2020-a36.pdf)).

In the situation where the correct set of claims has been incorporated by reference under PCT Rule 20.6(b), the erroneously filed set of claims will remain in the application (PCT Rule 20.5*bis*(d)). The receiving Office will mark those erroneously filed sheets as “ERRONEOUSLY FILED (RULE 20.5*bis*)”, move those sheets to the end of the claims (without repagination), and will transmit them to the International Bureau (IB). The IB will publish those sheets on PATENTSCOPE as part of the international application. This contrasts with the situation under PCT Rule 20.5*bis*(c), where the applicant requests the receiving Office to simply replace the erroneously filed element with the correct one (without requesting incorporation by reference), in which case the correct element will replace the erroneously filed element, which

⁷ Or, if you have received an invitation under PCT Rule 20.5*bis*(a) from the receiving Office, the time limit is two months from the date of that invitation.

⁸ If the earlier application is not in the language in which the international application was filed, or where a translation of the international application is required, please refer to PCT Rule 20.6(a)(iii).

will then be removed from the application and thus will not be published as part of the international application or made available on PATENTSCOPE⁹.

Please note that some Offices, in their capacities as receiving Office and/or designated (or elected) Office, have notified the IB under PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis) and (b-bis), respectively, that new Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with their applicable national law (for those Offices which have submitted to the IB a notice of incompatibility under PCT Rule 20.8(a) or (b), it is deemed that the notice of incompatibility also applies to PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis) or (b-bis), respectively). This means that not all receiving Offices would allow you to confirm incorporation by reference of an erroneously filed element, and not all designated Offices will take into account any decision made by a receiving Office to accept incorporation by reference of an erroneously filed element. The list of Offices which have made such a notification of incompatibility can be found at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

In the case where an applicant has filed an international application with a receiving Office that has made such a notification under PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis), the applicant may request the receiving Office to transmit the international application under PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii) to the IB as receiving Office, which does accept the incorporation by reference of correct elements or parts where erroneously filed elements or parts have been filed. Note also that if a particular designated Office has made such a reservation, this does not mean that that Office will not accept the corrected set of claims as you could still proceed with those claims before it, provided that you were prepared to accept the consequences of a later international filing date. In that case, you could still consider whether it would be worthwhile requesting restoration of the right of priority before that designated Office.

For further information on incorporation by reference, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Introduction to the International Phase, paragraphs 6.024 to 6.031 (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf)

⁹ It is recalled that if a request under PCT Rule 20.5bis(c) is made after the date on which all of the requirements of PCT Article 11(1) were fulfilled, the international filing date would be changed to the date on which that correct element is received by the receiving Office.

PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 6 August 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9 September 2020 Lisbon (PT)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: to be announced	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
15-16 September 2020 Lille (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar: "Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation" WIPO speaker: to be announced	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
24-25 September 2020 Online seminar <i>[cancelled]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
28 September 2020 Zurich (CH)	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
29-30 September 2020 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
30 September 2020 Online seminar	English	Formalities update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
7 October 2020 Online presentation	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 30 th K&W Annual European IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speakers from Kuhnen & Wacker	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Ms. Ingrid Jahr) E-mail: Ingrid.jahr@kuhnen-wacker.com
16 October 2020 Online presentation	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speakers: to be announced	The UIC John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property, Information and Privacy Law E-mail: daryllim@uic.edu
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
27 November 2020 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
8 April 2021 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96

PCT Webinars

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)
(www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
25 August 2020 17:30-18:30 CET 27 August 2020 8:30-9:30 CET	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/915962862199149840

Other IP events

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 10-14 March 2021

[previously indicated as 16-20 September 2020]

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place from 10 to 14 March 2021.

Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/

International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020

The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at:

www.iena.de/en/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 August 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 August 2020, 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 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 2,150 (from 1.9.20: 2,043)	24 (23)	– (–)	323 (307)	485 (461)	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EP US
BN	BND 150	BND eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	BRL ⁸ online: 175 on paper: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 94.50	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,961	22	–	295	442	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,337	eq USD ⁹ 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 1 August 2020, 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	CUC	200	CUC	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP
	or eq DJF								
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹⁰	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
HU	HUF	11,800	HUF	458,300 (from 1.9.20: 432,700)	5,200 (4,900)	– (–)	68,900 (65,100)	103,400 (97,600)	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹²	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR ¹²	92	or EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	
	or USD ¹²	101	or USD	1,337	15	101	201	302	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁴	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
	No fee for e-filings								
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)							
IS	ISK	17,800	ISK	195,100	2,200	–	29,300	44,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁵	JPY	143,200 (from 1.10.20: 152,100)	1,600 (1,700)	– (–)	– (–)	32,300 (34,300)	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁶	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
KN	XCD	50	XCD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF	50	KPW eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW	45,000	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP ¹⁷ KR SG
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– ¹⁸	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP

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

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RO	Transmittal fee 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	
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ¹⁸	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ¹⁹	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AT CLEPESKRSESG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²⁰ 550 (paper filing) ²⁰	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	14,420 (from 1.9.20: 13,450)	160 (150)	– (–)	2,170 (2,020)	3,250 (3,030)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,288 (from 1.10.20: 2,162)	26 (24)	– (–)	344 (325)	516 (488)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹⁸	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT AUEGEPUS
PA	USD	240	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	AT BR CLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN	300	PLN eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR	10.79 (online filing) EUR 21.58 (paper filing)	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,337	eq USD 15	–	eq USD 201	eq USD 302	EG EP US
RO	RON	475	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,700 ²¹	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP (from 1.9.20 : XV)
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,974	22	–	297	445	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²²	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV		None ²³	USD	1,337	15	–	201	302	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB	3,000	THB eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	TJS	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	TTD	750	USD	1,337	15	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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

(amounts on 1 August 2020, 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	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁴ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	201	302	AT EP SG
US	USD 240 ²⁵ small entity ²⁶ : 120 ²⁵ micro entity ²⁶ : 60 ²⁵	USD 1,337	15	101	201	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁷	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 24,090	270	–	3,620	5,430	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,337	15	–	–	–	AT SE
					(from 1.10.20: 201)	(from 1.10.20: 302)	
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,337	eq USD 15	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 August 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	KRW 2,334,000	SGD 2,693	USD 1,950	ZAR 35,130		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,341 *(from 1.9.20:)	CHF* 1,361 ZAR 26,420 CHF 1,432	EUR* 1,241 EUR 1,337	KRW 1,757,000 SGD 2,102	NZD 2,357 USD 1,507)	SGD* 1,920		
BR ⁸	Online: On paper:	BRL 1,685 BRL 2,525	CHF 286 CHF 429	EUR 271 EUR 406	USD 322 USD 483			
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,085	EUR* 1,095	USD 1,132	*(from 1.10.20:)	EUR 1,016)		
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.10.20:)	CHF* 1,989 CHF 1,839)	EUR 1,820					
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.10.20:)	CHF 368)	USD 400	CHF* 398	EUR 364			
	In case of filing by a university ²⁹ : *(from 1.10.20:)	CHF 276)	USD 300	CHF* 298	EUR 273			
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 292	EUR 267	USD 294				
EG ³⁰	EGP 4,000	CHF 244	EUR 223	USD 245				
EP ³¹	EUR 1,775 JPY 208,800 ZAR 35,130	CHF 1,939 NOK* 20,010 *(from 1.10.20:)	DKK 13,260 NZD 3,099 NOK 19,010)	GBP 1,560 SEK 19,300	HUF 626,100 SGD 2,693	ISK 276,000 USD 1,950		
ES ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD 1,950					
IL	ILS 3,582	CHF 1,009	EUR 932	USD 1,036				
IN	INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500	CHF 128 CHF 32	EUR 120 EUR 30	USD 131 USD 33				
JP ³²	For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 *(from 1.10.20:)	CHF* 650 CHF 612)	EUR 595	KRW 783,000	USD 654			
	For IAs in English: JPY 156,000 *(from 1.10.20:)	CHF* 1,449 CHF 1,364)	EUR 1,326	SGD 2,012	USD 1,457			
KR ³³	For IAs in Korean: SGD 519	KRW 450,000 USD 376	AUD 564	CHF 353	EUR 342	NZD 598		
	For IAs in English: SGD 1,385	KRW 1,200,000 USD 1,003	AUD 1,503	CHF 941	EUR 913	NZD 1,594		

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
PH	USD	1,000	CHF*	994	EUR	910	*(from 1.10.20: CHF 920)					
	Small entity or government ³⁴ :		USD	400	CHF*	398	EUR	364				
		*(from 1.10.20: CHF 368)										
RU	For IAs in Russian:		RUB	8,500	CHF	118	EUR	105	USD*	113	*(from 1.9.20: USD 123)	
	For IAs in English:		RUB	40,000	CHF	554	EUR	495	USD*	532	*(from 1.9.20: USD 578)	
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK	276,000	NOK*	20,010
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.10.20: NOK 19,010)									
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,509	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600	KRW	1,955,000	USD	1,622
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	109	USD	110		
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	328	USD	330		
US	USD	2,080	CHF**	2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD*	3,496	ZAR*	38,860		
	*(from 1.9.20: NZD 3,246)											
	**(from 1.10.20: CHF 1,913)											
	For small entity ²⁶ :		USD	1,040	CHF**	1,034	EUR	947	NZD*	1,748	ZAR*	19,430
	*(from 1.9.20: NZD 1,623)											
	**(from 1.10.20: CHF 945)											
For micro entity ²⁶ :		USD	520	CHF**	517	EUR	473	NZD*	874	ZAR*	9,710	
*(from 1.9.20: NZD 811)												
**(from 1.10.20: CHF 478)												
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK	276,000	NOK*	20,010	SEK	19,300
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.10.20: NOK 19,010)									
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF	626,100	USD	1,950				

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 929	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,300	
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,857	
EP	CHF 1,939 ³¹	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 163	CHF 200
	CHF 261 ³⁶	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,509	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,939	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 86	
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 98	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 98	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 76	
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv): CHF 66	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,939	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 585	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,939	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 601	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 August 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

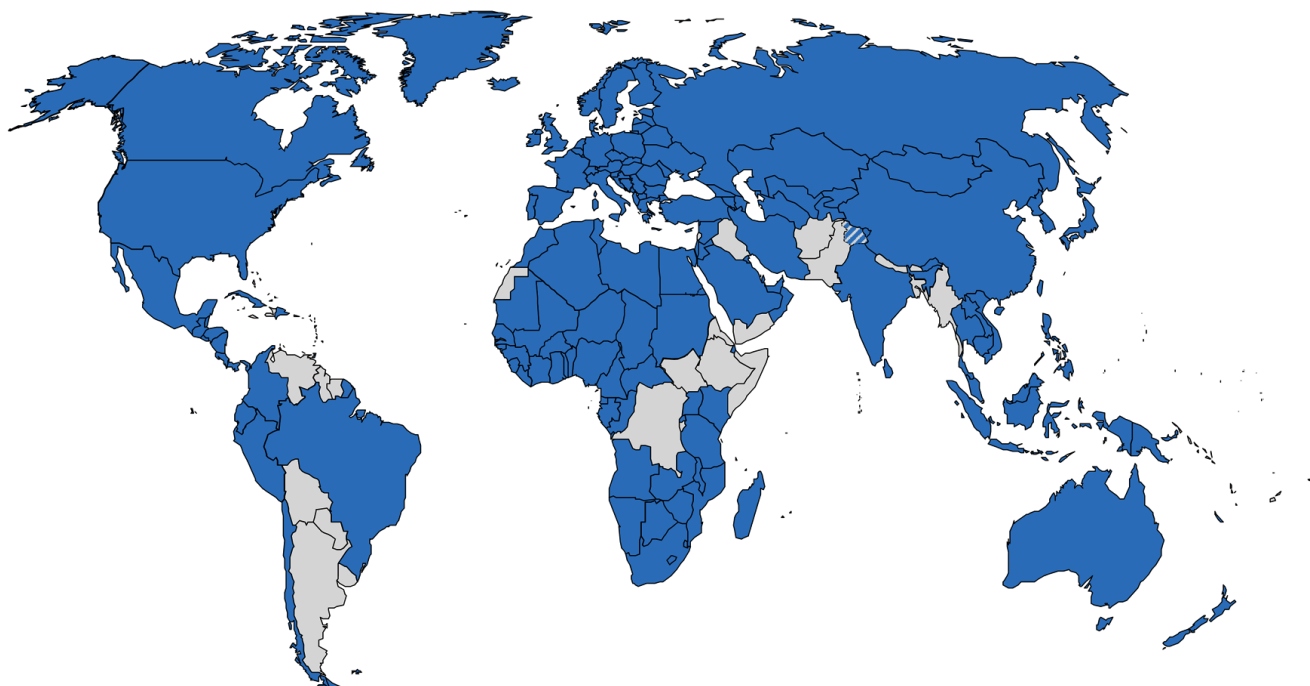
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ³⁷		Handling fee ^{2,37} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁸	EUR	183
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁸	AUD	323 (from 1.9.20: 307)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	800	CAD	295
CL	USD	1,500	USD	201
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400			
	in case of filing by a university ²⁹ : USD 300			
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	201
EP	EUR	1,830 ³¹	EUR	183
ES	EUR	583.65 ³¹	EUR	183
FI	EUR	600	EUR	183
IL	ILS	1,535	ILS	743
IN	if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500		USD	201
	if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000			
JP ³²	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY	21,500 (from 1.10.20: 22,900)
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	255,000
PH	USD	500	USD	201
	Small entity or government: ³⁴	USD 200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ³⁹ 6,750 ⁴⁰	USD	201
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ³⁹ 24,000 ⁴⁰		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,990
SG	SGD	830	SGD	297
TR	TRY	1,000	CHF	200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50		EUR	183
	If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70			
US	USD	600 760 ⁴¹	USD	201
	For small entity ²⁶ :	USD 300 380 ⁴¹		
	For micro entity ²⁶ :	USD 150 190 ⁴¹		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,370
XV	EUR	900	EUR	183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 15 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 16 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 18 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 19 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 20 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 23 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 25 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 26 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 27 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 28 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 30 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 31 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 32 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 33 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 34 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 35 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 36 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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



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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 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.

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PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) joins the Global PPH pilot

On 6 July 2020, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) joined the Global Patent Prosecution Highway (GPPH) pilot, bringing the number of Offices taking part in the pilot to 27. It is recalled that under this pilot, it is possible to make a request for accelerated processing at any participating office, based on work products (including, where applicable, a PCT written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or an international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II)) from any one of the other participating offices, provided that at least one claim has been found to be patentable by the office of earlier examination, and that any other applicable eligibility criteria are met. The pilot uses a single set of qualifying requirements and aims to simplify and improve the existing PPH network to make it more accessible to users.

For further information, including the eligibility requirements for making use of the GPPH pilot, please refer to the PPH Portal Site at:

www.jpo.go.jp/e/toppage/pph-portal/globalpph.html

Note that the participation of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) in the GPPH pilot supersedes its participation in the bilateral PCT-PPH pilots with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

New one-way PCT-PPH pilot program (Eurasian Patent Office and Finland)

On 1 August 2020, a new one-way bilateral PCT-PPH pilot program started between the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) and the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH). Under this program, accelerated processing in the national phase before the EAPO is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a with positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II), issued by PRH in its capacity as ISA/IPEA.

Further information on this new PCT-PPH agreement is available at:

www.prh.fi/en/patentit/applyforapatentoutsidefinland/patentprosecutionhighwaypph/pphrequest.html

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

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

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the national/regional office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed. Information on DAS participating Offices can be found at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/

Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) has notified the IB that on 28 August 2020, it commenced operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of DAS. As a depositing Office, it will deposit certified copies of patent, utility model, industrial design applications as priority documents, including PCT applications filed with it on or after 3 August 2020, which the applicant specifically requests to be made available to the service. As an accessing Office, it will recognize priority documents available to it through the service for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document had not expired by 3 August 2020.

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

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11586

European Union Intellectual Property Office

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2020 relating to the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) starting operations as a DAS depositing Office for industrial designs, the EUIPO has notified WIPO that as from 12 September 2020 it also became an accessing Office for industrial designs.

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

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11470

Italian Patent and Trademark Office

The Italian Patent and Trademark Office has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 October 2020, it will commence operation as a depositing Office of DAS. It will deposit certified copies of patent, utility model, industrial design and trademark applications as priority documents, including PCT applications filed with it on or after 1 October 2018.

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

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11580

Mexican Institute of Industrial Property

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has notified the IB that on 3 November 2020, it will commence operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of DAS. As a depositing Office, it will deposit certified copies of patent, utility model and industrial design applications as

priority documents, including PCT applications filed with it on or after 3 November 2020, which the applicant specifically requests to be made available to the service. As an accessing Office, it will recognize priority documents available to it through the service for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document has not expired by 3 November 2020.

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

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11592

Exceptional Non-working Days due to COVID-19 Pandemic

The following Offices have notified the International Bureau (IB) that, due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were closed for the purposes of official business on the dates shown in parentheses:

National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador) (14 March to 15 June 2020)

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (13 March to 31 May 2020)

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

www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

Further information is also available in the corresponding section of the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker at:

www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

Korean Intellectual Property Office: Not Open for Business on 17 August 2020

Due to the designation of a temporary holiday by the government of the Republic of Korea, the Korean Intellectual Property Office was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 17 August 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), 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 that day, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day, which was Tuesday, 18 August 2020.

Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits Due to Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication (PCT Rule 82^{quater.2})

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union, during its fifty-first session which was held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, adopted, in addition to other rule changes, new PCT Rule 82^{quater.2} concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization. This new rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

Japan Patent Office

The Japan Patent Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it will excuse a delay in meeting a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action where such delay is

caused by the special maintenance or unavailability of permitted electronic means of communication at the Office, provided that the duration of such maintenance or unavailability is at least 24 hours, and the respective action is performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication became available, in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a).

Information concerning maintenance and unavailability of the JPO online filing software is available at:

http://dl-sv1.pcinfo.jpo.go.jp/docs/error/server_status.html

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

Paris Convention: Declaration by the United Kingdom

On 13 August 2020, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland deposited a declaration that the United Kingdom's ratification of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property will be extended to the territories of the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Bailiwick of Jersey, for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible. The declaration will enter into force with respect to those territories on 13 November 2020.

For further information, please refer to Paris Notification No. 233 at:

www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/paris/treaty_paris_223.html

PCT Information Update

International filing fee and handling fee payable in US dollars (various Offices)

On 1 October 2020, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in USD of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

These changes have been reflected in the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/):

- **Annex C** (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AZ, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CL, CR, DJ, DO, EA, EC, EG, GE, GH, GT, HN, IB, IL, IN, JO, KE, KG, KH, KZ, LR, MD, MW, MX, NI, OM, PA, PE, PG, PH, QA, RU, SA, SC, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, ZM, ZW;

- **Annex E** (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): CL, EG, IN, PH, RU, US.

AU Australia (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Australian Patent Office as designated (or elected) Office, will change with effect from 1 October 2020:

Filing fee:

- where the following approved means for specific transactions are used: eServices or Business to Business (B2B) [no change]

- where other means such as mail or at a counter are used for specific transactions:..... AUD 570

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

BG Bulgaria (fees)

The Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria has notified the International Bureau (IB) of a change, with effect from 1 October 2020, in the currency required for payment of 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. In the case of those fees, the currency to be used will be the euro (EUR) instead of the Bulgarian leva (BGN), and the corresponding amounts of the fees and reductions are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

CU Cuba (fees)

As from 1 October 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in CUC to the Cuban Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in CUC of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

DE Germany (evidence of mailing a document; special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed)

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office has notified the IB that it does not accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1).

The Office has also notified the IB that special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed are provided under Article III Section 4(4) of the Act on International Patent Conventions.

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

EE Estonia (telephone and fax numbers)

The Estonian Patent Office has notified an additional telephone number and a change in its fax number. The numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (372) 627 79 00, 627 79 11 (reception)

Fax: (372) 645 79 12

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 October 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the following fees payable to the IB as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee: USD 109

Fee for priority document: ¹	USD	54
Supplement for airmail:	USD	11

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

NL Netherlands (mailing address)

The mailing address of the Netherlands Patent Office has changed, as follows:

Mailing address: P.O. Box 93144
2509 AC Den Haag
Netherlands

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

PT Portugal (fees)

The amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2020, as follows:

For patent (includes publication and examination):

Online:	EUR	53.93
On paper:	EUR	107.86

For utility model (includes publication and examination):

Online:	EUR	53.93
On paper:	EUR	107.86

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

US United States of America (fees)

For information on the change, with effect from 1 October 2020, in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in USD to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in USD of the applicable filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, please refer to "International filing fee and handling fee payable in US dollars (various Offices)", above.

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the USPTO as receiving Office, will change with effect from 2 October 2020 (the first amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a "small entity", and the second amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a "micro entity"):

¹ No fee is due where the priority document is established, in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b), for the purposes of an international application, nor where the Office is requested to make priority documents available via the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS).

Transmittal fee:USD 260 (130) (65)

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:USD 2,100 (1,050) (525)

Furthermore, there will be a change in the following components of the national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office with effect from 2 October 2020 (the first amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “small entity”, and the second amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “micro entity”):

Basic national fee:USD 320 (160) (80)

Search fee:

– where the IPRP (Chapter II) was prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):[No change]

– where the international search fee was paid to the USPTO as ISA:[No change]

– where the search report was prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:USD 540 (270) (135)

– all other situations:USD 700 (350) (175)

Examination fee:

– where the IPRP (Chapter II) was prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):[No change]

– all other situations:USD 800 (400) (200)

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):USD 420 (210) (105)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:USD 480 (240) (120)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:[No change]

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:USD 860 (430) (215)

Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage:.....USD 160 (80) (40)

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):.....[No change]

Mega-Sequence Listing Filing Fee:

Submission of sequence listing of 300 MB to 800 MB: ...USD 1,060 (530) (265)

Submission of sequence listing of more than 800 MB:....USD 10,500 (5,250) (2,625)

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

ZM Zambia (location; e-mail address; means of telecommunication; provisions concerning international-type search and provisional protection)

The location of the Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia) has changed, and the Office now has a second e-mail address. The location and e-mail addresses are now as follows:

Location: Pacra House
Haile Selassie Avenue
Long Acres
Lusaka
Zambia

E-mail: patents@pacra.org.zm
pro@pacra.org.zm

The Office has also notified the IB that it now accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, in addition to fax.

The Office has notified the IB of the provisions of the law of Zambia concerning international-type search and of changes in the relevant provisions of its national law concerning provisional protection after international publication. Furthermore, the provisions of its national law now provide for the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material with an international depositary institution established in accordance with the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. For further information, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (ZM).

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

Search fee (Canadian Intellectual Property Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 2 October 2020, there will be a change in the amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The new amount, as well as the equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR, NZD and ZAR are indicated in Fee Table I(b). Please note that, following the notification by the USPTO of this new amount payable with effect from 2 October 2020, the equivalent amounts of this fee in CHF, as established with effect from 1 October 2020 and published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2020, have been cancelled.

Also with effect from 2 October 2020, the amounts of other fees relating to an international search at the USPTO will also change, as follows (the first amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a "small entity", and the second amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a "micro entity"):

Additional search fee:USD 2,180 (1,090) (545)

Late furnishing fee:USD 320 (160) (80)

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

Canadian Intellectual Property Office	USD
China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)...	CHF
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	CHF, EUR

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (CA, CN, RU, and US))

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

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

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 2 October 2020, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable in USD to the USPTO as International Preliminary Examining Authority (the first amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “small entity”, and the second amount in parentheses is applicable in the case of a filing by a “micro entity”; the amounts in square brackets are applicable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO):

Preliminary examination fee:USD 640 (320) (160)
[USD 800 (400) (200)]

Additional preliminary examination fee:USD 640 (320) (160)

For information on the change, with effect from 1 October 2020, in the equivalent amounts of the handling fee payable in USD to the USPTO, please refer to “International filing fee and handling fee payable in US dollars (various Offices)”, above.

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

PCT Applicant's Guide

The French and Spanish versions of the “Introduction to the International Phase” and the “Introduction to the National Phase” of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contain detailed information on the international and national phases of the PCT, have been updated to take into account the 1 July 2020 amendments to the PCT Regulations, and are available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/guide/index.html

www.wipo.int/pct/es/guide/index.html

The updated Russian version of the “Introduction to the National Phase” is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/guide/index.html

and the updated Russian version of the “Introduction to the International Phase” will follow shortly.

PCT meeting documents

Documents which have been prepared for the thirty-first session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation and the thirteenth session of the PCT Working Group, both to be held in Geneva from 5 to 8 October 2020, are available at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55849

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55850

Advanced Online PCT Seminars: Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System

This year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, WIPO's annual advanced PCT Seminar, which is usually held at WIPO Headquarters, will take place online. In order to make it more accessible to more PCT users, we will be offering three separate seminars on different dates and at different times of the day for the convenience of PCT users in various regions. The online seminars will be given in English, and will take place on the following dates at the following times (Geneva time) for the regions indicated:

14 October 2020 (09:00 – 11:30 CET): for participants from Europe/Middle East/Africa

28 October 2020 (16:30 – 19:00 CET): for participants from the Americas

2 November 2020 (09:00 – 11:30 CET): for participants from Asia

The program will be conducted by experienced PCT staff from the International Bureau and is aimed at patent administrators and attorneys who are already familiar with the PCT system. The following topics will be covered:

- Amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2020
- Additional recent and future PCT developments
- ePCT: latest and future developments

Each seminar will include opportunities for the participants to ask PCT-related questions.

There is no registration fee for the seminar, and registration details will be available shortly at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/

You can also obtain further information on the online seminar by sending an e-mail to:

pct.training@wipo.int

Practical Advice

Access by third parties to information in the file of the international preliminary examination

Q: I am considering filing a demand for international preliminary examination as this will enable me to make amendments to my international application under PCT Article 34. I would like to know whether the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) is accessible to third parties, and if so, whether any other documents in the file of the international preliminary examination will also be accessible to such persons.

A: While the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT Article 38) provides that the file of the international preliminary examination is confidential, in practice, the file is no longer confidential after the establishment of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) (IPRP (Ch. II)) (also known as International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER)). To better understand the current provisions relating to third party access to the international preliminary examination file, it is helpful to first look at the following background information.

PCT Article 38 expressly provides that the International Bureau (IB) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) shall not allow unauthorized access to the file of the international preliminary examination by any person or authority. Access to that file by third parties prior to the establishment of the IPRP (Ch. II) will thus be permitted only if requested or authorized by the applicant. However, once the international preliminary report on patentability IPRP (Ch. II) has been established, the IPEA sends a copy to the applicant and to the IB under PCT Rule 71.1(a), and the IB communicates a copy to the elected Offices upon the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (PCT Article 36 and Rule 73.2(a)). The elected Offices may access the file of the international preliminary examination, and allow public access to that file if so provided by the applicable national law (PCT Rule 94.3).

In January 2004, PCT Rule 94.1(c) entered into force with the result that the IB could make the IPRP (Ch. II) available on behalf of the elected Offices. A number of elected Offices expressly authorized the IB to make that report publicly available on PATENTSCOPE (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/), but this is not done before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. Similarly, according to the amendments to PCT Rules 71.1(b) and 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 July 2020, any other document in relation to the international application concerned that is received at the IPEA, or established by the IPEA, on or after that date will also be made available on PATENTSCOPE after 30 months from the priority date². Note, however, that not all IPEAs are technically ready to implement new PCT Rule 71.1(b), but they will start

² Note that the IB will not provide access to any information contained in its file that has been omitted from publication under PCT Rule 48.2(l) following a request to this effect received from the applicant. This also applies to any document contained in its file relating to such a request.

sending such documents to the IB as soon as their technical systems have enabled this. You should therefore be aware that any documents sent to or from the applicant during the international preliminary examination (IPE) procedure on or after 1 July 2020 may now become available to the public.

As far as the actual documents in the file of the IPE which the IPEA transmits to the applicant and IB are concerned, some are annexed to the IPRP (Ch. II) itself, and some are transmitted separately, as explained below.

The following documents, where applicable, are annexed to the IPRP (Ch. II), as provided by PCT Rule 70.16:

- any replacement sheet submitted under PCT Rule 66.8 containing amendments under PCT Article 34, as well as any accompanying letter;
- any replacement sheet submitted under PCT Rule 46.5 containing amendments under PCT Article 19, as well as any accompanying letter;
- any replacement sheet under PCT Rule 26.4 containing a rectification of an obvious mistake authorized by the IPEA under PCT Rule 91.1(b)(iii)³, as well as any accompanying letter;

unless any such replacement sheet has been superseded or considered reversed by a later replacement sheet or an amendment resulting in the cancellation of an entire sheet under PCT Rule 66.8(b). Note that:

- any replacement sheet referred to above that has been superseded or considered reversed by a later replacement sheet or an amendment resulting in the cancellation of an entire sheet; and
- any letter relating to such superseded or reversed sheet

will be annexed to the report where the IPEA considers that the relevant superseding or reversing amendment goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, or where the amendment was not accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment and the report is established as if the amendment had not been made.

Amended PCT Rule 94.1(c) provides for the IB to additionally make publicly available (on PATENTSCOPE), on behalf of elected Offices, copies of any of the following documents received at or established by the IPEA in relation to the international application concerned on or after 1 July 2020, as listed in new Section 602*bis* of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*^{4,5}:

- any written opinion issued by the IPEA;
- any letter containing arguments that the applicant submitted to the IPEA under PCT Rule 66.3 (in the case where the applicant disagrees with the written opinion of the IPEA);

³ Where the request for rectification was not taken into account for the IPRP Ch II, the report shall so indicate and the sheets relating to the rectification will nevertheless be annexed to the report.

⁴ www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai/s602bis.html

⁵ Note that in certain situations, there may be an overlap in the types of documents that are annexed to the IPRP (Ch. II) and those which are transmitted separately.

- any replacement sheet containing amendments under PCT Article 34 and any letter accompanying the amendments, including any such amendments and letters that have been superseded;
- any invitation to restrict the claims or pay additional fees issued by the IPEA;
- any protest against the invitation to restrict the claims or pay additional fees and the decision thereon (regardless of whether the applicant has specifically requested that the protest be annexed to the IPRP (Ch. II)) in accordance with PCT Rule 68.3(c));
- any other document in its file that the IPEA wishes to transmit.

In addition to the IPRP (Ch. II) and its annexes and accompanying papers, the IB also publishes on PATENTSCOPE a translation into English of the body of the report where that is required by any elected Office in accordance with PCT Rule 93*bis* (if a translation of any annexes is required, this must be prepared and sent to the elected Offices concerned by the applicant).

The amended Regulations provide for greater transparency of the IPE procedure, which assists elected Offices and the public. Elected Offices accordingly have easier access to the file of the IPE on a single platform via PATENTSCOPE, including those documents which, before 1 July 2020, they could only have obtained from the IPEA. This facilitates national phase processing, eliminating unnecessary duplication of work by national/regional Offices, and provides them with a comprehensive understanding of the IPE results.

Note that if you file a demand and subsequently do not wish to have the Chapter II file publicly accessible, the only way of achieving this would be to withdraw the demand before the IPRP (Ch. II) is established. The IPEA would then discontinue the processing of the application and no IPRP (Ch. II) would be established (PCT Rule 90*bis*.6(c)).

For further information on the IPRP (Ch. II), please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 10.074 to 10.083 and 11.074 at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/gdvol1/pdf/gdvol1.pdf

Information on the background to the recent amendments to the PCT Regulations relating to access to the file of the IPEA can be found in document PCT/WG/12/12 at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=435263

PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 18 September 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24-25 September 2020 Online seminar <i>[cancelled]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the 19 th Annual Conference for Senior Patent Administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
28 September 2020 Online seminar	German	Seminar on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI Course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Ms. Lea Pessina) Tel: (41-44) 387 53 55 Fax: (41-44) 387 53 54 E-mail: lea.pessina@sbmp.ch
29-30 September 2020 Stockholm (SE) Online seminar	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
30 September 2020 Online seminar	English	Formalities update presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) E-mail: CPD@cipa.org.uk
2 October 2020 Online seminar <i>[previously announced as 9 September 2020]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
7 October 2020 Online presentation	English	PCT presentation within the framework of the 30 th K&W Annual European IP Seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speakers from Kuhnen & Wacker	Kuhnen & Wacker IP Law Firm PartG mbB (Ms. Ingrid Jahr) E-mail: Ingrid.jahr@kuhnen-wacker.com
7-8 October 2020 Online seminar	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) Mr. Antonio Lopez-Carrasco E-mail: antonio.lopez-carrascomajuncosas@telefonica.com Mr. Alfons Femenia E-mail : afemenia@herrero.es
14 October 2020 (09:00-11:30 CET) Online seminar for participants from Europe/Middle East/Africa	English	Advanced Online PCT Seminar: Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park, Ms. Gross, Mr. Henninger, Ms. Schumm, Ms. Chatel	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Registration details will be available shortly at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/ E-mail for further information: pct.training@wipo.int
16 October 2020 Online presentation	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other speakers: to be announced	The UIC John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property, Information and Privacy Law E-mail: daryllim@uic.edu

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
28 October 2020 (16:30-19:00 CET) Online seminar for participants from the Americas	English	Advanced Online PCT Seminar: Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park, Ms. Gross, Ms. Chatel, Ms. Kang	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Registration details will be available shortly at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en E-mail for further information: pct.training@wipo.int
29 and 30 October 2020 08:30 – 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: www.bpla.org
2 November 2020 (09:00-11:30 CET) Online seminar for participants from Asia	English	Advanced Online PCT Seminar: Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System WIPO speakers: Ms. Gross, Mr. Yu, Ms. Chatel, Ms. Kang, Mr. Kim, Ms. Mohri	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Registration details will be available shortly at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en E-mail for further information: pct.training@wipo.int
19-20 November 2020 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Schumm and Ms. Kang	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
26-27 November 2020 Online seminar <i>[previously announced as 15-16 September 2020]</i>	French	Basic PCT seminar: “Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation” WIPO speakers: Mr. Henninger and Ms. Chatel	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
27 November 2020 Bad Nauheim (DE)	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
8 April 2021 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96

PCT Webinars

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(www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
24 September 2020 17:30-18:30 CEST	English	Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE for and by experts WIPO speakers: Mr. Mazenc and Ms. Ammann Other speakers: experts in the field of chemistry and patent searches	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2024318963945118220 Registration fee: 20 US dollars
1 October 2020 10:00-11:40 CEST	French	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Mr. Jazairy Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Vazquez Lopez, Mr. Gragnani, Ms. Steimle, Mr. Medenou, Ms. Wollgast, Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7132483960052378639
20 October 2020 17:30-18:30 CEST 22 October 2020 8:30-9:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE for Beginners WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5666273107633214224
22 October 2020 10:00 - 11:30 CEST	Spanish	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Mr. Roy Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. de Castro Llamas, Mr. Vazquez Lopez, Ms. Ammann, Ms. Steimle, Ms. Plana, Mr. Ben Amor	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2840693153191076109
6 November 2020 10:00 - 11:30 CET	Italian	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Baharlou Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Napolitano, Ms. Accornero, Ms. Ammann, Mr. Gragnani, Mr. Patimo	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2101794951046548749
10 November 2020 17:30-18:30 CET 12 November 2020 8:30-9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE for Expert Users WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5609728523151525904
3 December 2020 10:00 - 11:30 CET	German	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Schumm Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Wollgast, Mr. Halfpenny, Ms. Weiss	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1089798951609856781

Other IP events

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 10-14 March 2021

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place from 10 to 14 March 2021. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/

International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020

The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at:

www.iena.de/en/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated *after* the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 September 2020, 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 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	–	– (from 1.10.20: 217)	– (from 1.10.20: 326)	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 2,043	23	–	307	461	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	BGN eq CHF 1,330 (from 1.10.20: EUR 1,217)	eq CHF 15 (14)	– (–)	eq CHF 200 (183)	eq CHF 300 (275)	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (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: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
BY	BYN 94.50	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,961	22	–	295	442	CA

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	eq USD ⁹ 15 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 201 (217)	eq USD 302 (326)	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	CL EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 316	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹⁰ 100	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (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 432,700	4,900	–	65,100	97,600	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹² 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR ¹² 92	or EUR 1,217	14	92	183	275	
	or USD ¹² 101	or USD 1,337	15	101	201	302	
	(from 1.10.20: 109)	(from 1.10.20: 1,446)	(16)	(109)	(217)	(326)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS 559	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	EP IL US

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
IN	INR 17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁴ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	(-)	201 (217)	302 (326)	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons) IRR 500,000 (legal persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	-	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
IS	ISK 17,800	ISK 195,100	2,200	-	29,300	44,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,217	14	-	183	275	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	201 (217)	302 (326)	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁵	JPY 143,200 (from 1.10.20:152,100)	1,600 (1,700)	- (-)	- (-)	32,300 (34,300)	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	201 (217)	302 (326)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁶	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	EP RU
KH	USD 100	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (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 ¹⁷ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL - ¹⁸	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	-	-	-	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,217	14	-	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,217	14	-	-	-	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,217	14	-	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD - ¹⁸	CHF 1,330	15	-	-	-	AT EP
MA	MAD None	CHF 1,330	15	-	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	201 (217)	302 (326)	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,217	14	-	-	-	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	-	-	-	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	-	-	-	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,217	14	-	-	-	EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ¹⁹	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	201 (217)	302 (326)	AT CLEPESKRSE SG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²⁰ 550 (paper filing) ²⁰	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	-	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	201 (217)	302 (326)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,217	14	-	183	275	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 13,450	150	-	2,020	3,030	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,288 (from 1.10.20: 2,162)	26 (24)	- (-)	344 (325)	516 (488)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF - ¹⁸	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	-	-	-	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	eq USD 15 (16)	- (-)	eq USD 201 (217)	eq USD 302 (326)	AT AU EGP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	- (-)	201 (217)	302 (326)	BR CL EP ES US

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

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				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	eq USD 15 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 201 (217)	eq USD 302 (326)	AT BR CLE PES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	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 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	eq USD 15 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 201 (217)	eq USD 302 (326)	EG EP US
RO	RON 475	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,700 ²¹	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD – ¹⁸	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,974	22	–	297	445	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR 66 ²²	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV	None ²³	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	CL EP ES
SY	USD – ¹⁸	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (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 – ¹⁸	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
TM	USD – ¹⁸	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (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 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁴ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	eq USD 15 (16)	– (–)	201 (217)	302 (326)	AT EP SG
US	USD 240 ²⁵ (from 2.10.20: 260 ²⁵) small entity ²⁶ : 120 ²⁵ (from 2.10.20: 130 ²⁵) micro entity ²⁶ : 60 ²⁵ (from 2.10.20: 65 ²⁵)	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	101 (109)	201 (217)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁷	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 24,090	270	–	3,620	5,430	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	15 (16)	– (–)	– (from 1.10.20: 217)	– (from 1.10.20: 326)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,337 (from 1.10.20: 1,446)	eq USD 15 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

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Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 September 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT ²⁸	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	KRW	2,334,000	SGD	2,693	USD	1,950	ZAR	35,130
AU	AUD	2,200	CHF	1,432	EUR	1,337	KRW	1,757,000	NZD	2,357	SGD	2,102
	USD	1,507	ZAR	26,420								
BR ⁸	Online:		BRL	1,685	CHF	286	EUR	271	USD	322		
	On paper:		BRL	2,525	CHF	429	EUR	406	USD	483		
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,085	EUR*	1,095	USD**	1,132	*(from 1.10.20: EUR 1,016)			
CL	USD	2,000	CHF*	1,989	EUR	1,820						
	*(from 1.10.20:		CHF	1,839)								
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² :		USD	400	CHF*	398	EUR	364				
	*(from 1.10.20:		CHF	368)								
CN	In case of filing by a university ²⁹ :		USD	300	CHF*	298	EUR	273				
	*(from 1.10.20:		CHF	276)								
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF*	292	EUR	267	USD	294				
	*(from 1.11.20:		CHF	274)								
EG ³⁰	EGP	4,000	CHF	244	EUR	223	USD	245				
EP ³¹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	GBP	1,560	HUF	626,100	ISK	276,000
	JPY	208,800	NOK*	20,010	NZD	3,099	SEK	19,300	SGD	2,693	USD	1,950
	ZAR	35,130	*(from 1.10.20:		NOK	19,010)						
ES ³¹	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	USD	1,950						
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	USD	1,950						
IL	ILS	3,582	CHF	1,009	EUR	932	USD	1,036				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF	128	EUR	120	USD	131				
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF	32	EUR	30	USD	33				
JP ³²	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	70,000	CHF*	650	EUR	595	KRW	783,000	USD	654		
	*(from 1.10.20:		CHF	612)								
	For IAs in English:											
JPY	156,000	CHF*	1,449	EUR	1,326	SGD	2,012	USD	1,457			
*(from 1.10.20:		CHF	1,364)									
KR ³³	For IAs in Korean:											
	SGD	519	KRW	450,000	AUD	564	CHF	353	EUR	342	NZD	598
	USD	376										
	For IAs in English:											
SGD	1,385	KRW	1,200,000	AUD	1,503	CHF	941	EUR	913	NZD	1,594	
USD	1,003											
PH	USD	1,000	CHF*	994	EUR	910						
	*(from 1.10.20:		CHF	920)								
	Small entity or government ³⁴ :		USD	400	CHF*	398	EUR	364				
*(from 1.10.20:		CHF	368)									
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	118	EUR*	105	USD	123				
	*(from 1.11.20:		CHF	106	EUR	97)						
	For IAs in English:											
RUB	40,000	CHF*	554	EUR*	495	USD	578					
*(from 1.11.20:		CHF	498	EUR	455)							
SE	SEK	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK	276,000	NOK*	20,010
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.10.20:		NOK	19,010)						
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,509	EUR	1,476	JPY	173,600	KRW	1,955,000	USD	1,622
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD	1,950				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:											
	EUR	100	CHF	109	USD	110						
For IAs in English, French or German:												
EUR	300	CHF	328	USD	330							
US	USD*	2,080	CHF*2,068	EUR	1,893	NZD*	3,246	ZAR	35,920			
	*(from 2.10.20:		USD	2,180	CHF	1,976	EUR	1,820				
	NZD	3,220	ZAR	36,144))								
	For small entity ²⁶ :											
	USD	1,040	CHF*	1,034	EUR	947	NZD	1,623	ZAR	17,960		
	*(from 2.10.20:		USD	1,090	CHF	988	EUR	910	NZD	1,610	ZAR	18,072))
For micro entity ²⁶ :												
USD	520	CHF*	517	EUR	473	NZD	811	ZAR	8,980			
*(from 2.10.20:		USD	545	CHF	494	EUR	455	NZD	805	ZAR	9,036))	
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK	276,000	NOK*	20,010	SEK	19,300
	USD	1,950	*(from 1.10.20:		NOK	19,010)						
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF	626,100	USD	1,950				

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 929	
	– for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,300	
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,857	
EP	CHF 1,939 ³¹	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 163 (from 1.11.20: CHF 147)	CHF 200
	CHF 261 ³⁶ (from 1.11.20: CHF 235) ³⁶	
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,509	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,939	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 86	
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 98	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 98	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 76	
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv): CHF 66	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,939	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 585	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,939	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 601	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 September 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

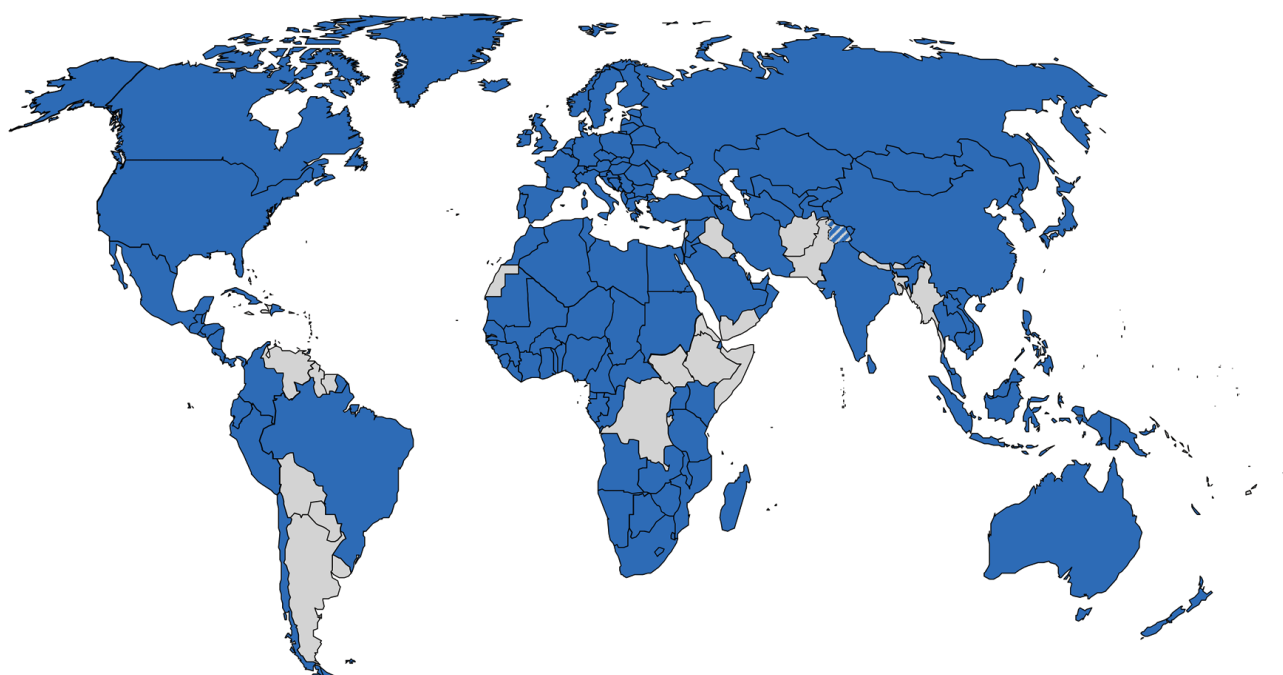
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁷		Handling fee^{2,37} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁸	EUR 183
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁸	AUD 307
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸	
CA	CAD	800	CAD 295
CL	USD	1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 in case of filing by a university ²⁹ : USD 300	USD 201 (from 1.10.20 217)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD 201 (from 1.10.20 217)
EP	EUR	1,830 ³¹	EUR 183
ES	EUR	583.65 ³¹	EUR 183
FI	EUR	600	EUR 183
IL	ILS	1,535	ILS 743
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 201 (from 1.10.20 217)
JP³²	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY 21,500 (from 1.10.20: 22,900)
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000	
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW 255,000
PH	USD	500 Small entity or government: ³⁴ USD 200	USD 201 (from 1.10.20 217)
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ³⁹ 6,750 ⁴⁰	USD 201 (from 1.10.20 217)
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ³⁹ 24,000 ⁴⁰	
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,990
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 183
US	USD	600 760 ⁴¹ *(from 2.10.20: USD 640 800 ⁴¹ For small entity ²⁶ : USD 300 380 ⁴¹ *(from 2.10.20: USD 320 400 ⁴¹ For micro entity ²⁶ : USD 150 190 ⁴¹ *(from 2.10.20: USD 160 200 ⁴¹	USD 201 (from 1.10.20 217)
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 1,370
XV	EUR	900	EUR 183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 15 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 16 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 18 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 19 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 20 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 23 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 25 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 26 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 27 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 28 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 30 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 31 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 32 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 33 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 34 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 35 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 36 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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



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)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro ⁵	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SD Sudan (AP)	
	IL Israel		SE Sweden (EP)	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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

⁴ Validation of European patent possible.

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

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

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 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.

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PCT Working Group

The thirteenth session of the PCT Working Group was held in Geneva from 5 to 8 October 2020 in the form of a hybrid meeting – the first WIPO technical meeting of this kind. The chair and vice chairs, as well as many of the delegations, attended remotely, and a number of delegations were physically present. A wider range of member States were represented than last year, with representatives of 78 member States (18 more than in 2019) physically or remotely present. The meeting took place for two hours per day and participants benefitted from interpretation into six languages. The meeting was very successful. Some of the main points discussed are summarized below.

Implementation of WIPO Standard ST.26 in the PCT

The Working Group agreed to submit amendments to the PCT Regulations for approval by the PCT Assembly at its session to be held in the first half of 2021. The amendments would enable WIPO Standard ST.26 for the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings using XML to apply to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2022 (please refer to document PCT/WG/13/8).

Review of Supplementary International Search

The Working Group recommended to the PCT Assembly to maintain the current supplementary international search system despite its low use.

Strengthening PCT Safeguards in Case of General Disruption

The Working Group considered a proposal by the European Patent Office (EPO), France, Switzerland and the United Kingdom to allow an office to extend time limits in the PCT Regulations in case of general disruption where the office is located. After discussion, the Working Group invited the EPO and the other sponsoring delegations to submit a revised proposal to the next session of the Working Group, taking into account the comments made during the session. The Working Group also requested the IB, in cooperation with the Member States, to assess the experiences of offices in the implementation of the interpretative statement and recommended PCT practice changes in light of the COVID-19 pandemic that it issued on 9 April 2020 (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2020), and to submit a report to the next session of the Working Group (please refer to document PCT/WG/13/10).

Other Issues

The Working Group also noted reports concerning:

- coordination of patent examiner training (document PCT/WG/13/6 Rev.);

- coordination of technical assistance under the PCT (document PCT/WG/13/7 Rev.); and
- the PCT minimum documentation task force (document PCT/WG/13/12).

Summary and Documents

The Summary by the Chair (document PCT/WG/13/14) is available from the same page as the working documents on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55850

A draft report of the meeting will also be made available on that page in due course.

PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation

The thirty-first session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation was held in Geneva from 5 to 8 October 2020, together with the thirteenth session of the PCT Working Group. The Committee recommended to the PCT Assembly that the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) be appointed as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT.

Further information is available in the Summary by the Chair at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55849

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

United States of America: United States Patent and Trademark Office amends rules to facilitate the use of ePCT

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has adopted amendments to its foreign filing license rules to facilitate the use of ePCT by applicants to help them prepare an international application for filing with the USPTO in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/US). The amendments entered into force on 30 September 2020.

While the former foreign filing license rules authorized the export of technical data via ePCT for the purposes of preparing **an international application for filing in a foreign PCT receiving Office** (for example, the International Bureau as receiving Office), they did not authorize the export of technical data by entering it in the ePCT system (with servers in Switzerland) for the purposes of preparing **an international application for filing with RO/US** (reference is made to *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2016, page 5). As a foreign filing license addresses the export of technical data, the USPTO has amended the foreign filing license rules to further provide that a foreign filing license from the USPTO also authorizes the export of technical data abroad for purposes related to the use of ePCT to prepare an international application for filing with RO/US.

The above-mentioned rule change means that PCT applicants in the U.S. (provided that they have obtained the necessary foreign filing license and are not exporting additional subject matter not included within the scope of the foreign filing license from the USPTO) can now prepare their international application using ePCT and then generate a .zip file for upload to the RO/US via one of the USPTO's electronic filing systems, the EFS-Web or Patent Center, without having any of the previous concerns about the export of technical data into ePCT.

For further information on the amendments to the foreign filing license rules, please refer to:

www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/30/2020-18743/facilitating-the-use-of-the-world-intellectual-property-organizations-epct-system-to-prepare

It is recalled that some of the benefits of ePCT-Filing are as follows:

- it is a web-based application that does not require installation and subsequent periodic updates of any software on the user’s computer;
- there is a complete validation of the full content of the international application, including the specification;
- unlike PCT-SAFE, which only validates data making up the request form against the version of the software installed on the user’s computer, ePCT makes all of the business rule validations and fee calculations in real-time and checks them against the database of the IB, which holds the most up-to-date PCT reference data. As a result, applications prepared in this way are less likely to require correction post-filing, and their processing is thus more efficient and cost-effective for applicants, the receiving Office and the IB;
- ePCT interfaces with other WIPO online services for both validation purposes and convenience, for example, it validates priority claim data entered in ePCT-Filing by cross-checking against the DAS (WIPO Digital Access Service) system in cases where the corresponding certified copy has been made available to DAS, and it is possible post-filing to submit a fully-automated request in ePCT for the IB to retrieve the priority document from DAS; and
- even before the filing package is generated by ePCT (for example, for submission to RO/US via EFS-Web), the newly-created international application will be automatically associated with the user’s WIPO account without any need for ePCT access rights to be set up independently or requested separately, and it will therefore be possible to share access rights with other users prior to filing, if required. As a result, once the IB receives the record copy from RO/US, all users with access rights to the international application will be able to enjoy secure electronic access to the file as held by the IB and benefit from the full suite of functions available in ePCT, such as online file management, monitoring of certain time limits, electronic upload of documents in electronic form and interactive “Actions” with built-in business validations (such as requests under PCT Rule 92*bis*).

For further details on all the features available in ePCT, please refer to:

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

European Patent Office: Temporary unavailability of all EPO online filing services on 24 October 2020

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, owing to technical maintenance work, all EPO online filing services will be unavailable on Saturday, 24 October 2020, between 08.00 and 16.00 CEST. This will affect both European and international applications.

The services that will be unavailable are:

- Online Filing;
- New online filing (CMS);
- Web-form filing; and
- ePCT

noting that the ePCT service will be unavailable only for filing with the EPO as receiving Office.

It is recalled that it has no longer been possible to file international applications with the EPO using PCT-SAFE since 1 July 2020 (as indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/2020).

If you wish to file with the EPO while its online filing services are unavailable, you can do so by post, fax or by hand-delivery. For further information on these filing options, please refer to:

www.epo.org/applying/european/filing.html

Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan: National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan, Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan (with effect from 1 December 2020), and the State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (with effect from 15 December 2020), in their capacities as receiving Offices, have notified the IB under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that they will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form.

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).

The notifications containing the requirements and practices of RO/TJ and RO/UZ with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form were published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 8 October 2020, and the notification concerning RO/KG will be published on 22 October 2020, at:

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (KG, TJ and UZ))

European Patent Office as ISA: CNIPA/EPO Pilot to Start on 1 December 2020

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) has specified, with effect from 1 December 2020, the European Patent Office (EPO), in addition to the CNIPA itself, as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of China.

The designation by the CNIPA of the EPO as ISA arises in the framework of a pilot and is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the pilot project will be of a duration of two years;
- (b) the pilot will only be applicable to international applications filed in English;
- (c) the pilot will apply to international applications filed with the CNIPA or with the International Bureau (IB), as receiving Office; and
- (d) a maximum of 2,500 international applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis in the first 12 months of the pilot, and 3,000 in the second 12 months.

A transitional period will be set at the beginning of the pilot, during which, until further notice, applicants filing their international applications with the CNIPA as receiving Office and choosing the EPO as ISA will have to pay the international search fee directly with the EPO acting as ISA. The amount – payable in euros only – is indicated in PCT Fee Table I(b). The payment of the international search fee to the EPO initiates the process for the transmission of the search copy to ISA/EP. Applicants are invited to use the EPO's online credit card platform (<https://www.epo.org/fee-payment-service/en/login>) or, if they have an EPO deposit account, to use the EPO Online Filing (OLF) or the EPO case management system (CMS). It will neither be possible to pay the international search fee by bank transfer nor via the EPO's Online Fee Payment service.

For international applications filed with the IB as receiving Office, the international search fee is to be paid directly to the IB in euros, Swiss francs or US dollars. The equivalent amounts in each of those currencies are indicated in PCT Fee Table I(b).

For further detailed information, please refer to

- the list of Frequently Asked Questions on the EPO's website at:
<https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html>
- the information published on the website of the CNIPA at:
https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_364_153578.html
- the Joint Communiqué of the CNIPA and the EPO at:
https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_53_153571.html and
<https://www.epo.org/news-events/news/2020/20201020.html>

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

Advanced Online PCT Seminars: Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System (Reminder)

It is recalled that this year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, WIPO's annual advanced PCT seminar, which is usually held at WIPO Headquarters, is taking place online. In order to make it more accessible to more PCT users, it is being offered in three separate webinars, in English, on different dates and at different times of the day for the convenience of PCT users in various regions. The first of the seminars, aimed at participants from Europe/Middle East/Africa took place on 14 October 2020 and the recording is available at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/8153387104611731469>

The other seminars will take place as follows:

28 October 2020 (16:30 – 19:00 CET): for participants from the Americas

2 November 2020 (08:30 – 11:00 CET): for participants from Asia

The program is being conducted by experienced PCT staff from the International Bureau and is aimed at patent administrators and attorneys who are already familiar with the PCT system. The following topics are being covered:

- Amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2020
- Additional recent and future PCT developments
- ePCT: latest and future developments

Each seminar includes opportunities for the participants to ask PCT-related questions.

Further information, including the links for registration, is available at:

<https://mailchi.mp/wipo/webinar-invitation-update-on-recent-and-future-developments-in-the-pct-system-october-14-28-november-2>

Registration is free of charge.

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the national/regional office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed. Information on DAS participating Offices can be found at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/

National Institute of Industrial Property (France)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) has notified the IB that on 1 December 2020, it will commence operation as a depositing Office of DAS. As a depositing Office, it will deposit certified copies of patent and utility model applications as priority documents, including PCT applications filed with it on or after 1 December 2020, which the applicant specifically requests to be made available to the service.

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

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11651

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Brazil) has notified the IB that, as from 3 August 2020, it extended the scope of its DAS digital library to include trademark and industrial design applications as a depositing office.

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

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=10487

PCT Information Update

CZ Czech Republic (name of Office)

The Industrial Property Office (Czechia) should now be referred to as follows:

Name of Office: Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic

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

DE Germany (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirement of the German Patent and Trademark Office as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office: an agent is required if the applicant has neither his residence, nor principal place of business, nor an establishment in Germany.

For further information on who can act as agent, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide* annexes referred to below.

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

GB United Kingdom (means of telecommunication)

With effect from 24 March 2020, the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)¹ has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax. However, since that date, the Office accepts the filing of documents by e-mail to:

paperformcontingency@ipo.gov.uk

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

HR Croatia (types of protection; provisional protection; time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided; fees)

The State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of a change concerning the types of national protection available in Croatia via the PCT – since 20 February 2020, utility models are available and “consensual patents” are no longer available.

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

This updates the table of “Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States” published on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/typesprotection.html

The Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the relevant provisions are now under Articles 59 and 95 of the Patent Law. Furthermore, there has been a change in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Croatia is designated (or elected) – this information may be in the request form or may be furnished later. 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 two months from the date of receipt of the invitation or to furnish, not later than four months from the date of entry into the national phase, a statement that the inventor wishes not to be named.

The amount of the fee for restoration of the right of priority, payable to the Office as receiving Office, has changed with effect from 1 October 2020. The new amount is USD 276.

The Office notified the following national fee applicable since 20 February 2020 (the amount of the fee for patents has not changed):

Filing fee:

Utility models:

– up to 30 sheets and 10 claims: HRK 760

The Office has also notified a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of national fees, as follows:

- the filing fees, examination fees, and publication and maintenance fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor.
- the filing fee is reduced by 50% if the application is filed by electronic means; the same reduction applies where the text of the patent application filed on paper has been furnished additionally on an electronic carrier in accordance with the technical specifications published (in Croatian) on the Office’s website at:

www.dziv.hr/files/file/obrasci/patent/Tehnicke_specifikacije_prijava_patenta.pdf

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (HR), Annex C (HR) and National Chapter, Summary (HR))

KG Kyrgyzstan (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 December 2020, by the State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic 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.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (KG))

NL Netherlands (mailing address – corrigendum)

Please note that the mailing address of the Netherlands Patent Office (a department of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency) has not changed, as was indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2020. The address to be used is the one that was previously indicated, as follows:

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10366
2501 HJ Den Haag
Netherlands

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

RO Romania (fees)

As from 1 January 2021, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	RON	487
Fee for priority document:.....	RON	97

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

SA Saudi Arabia (means of telecommunication; number of copies on paper; furnishing copies of the international application; fees)

The Saudi Patent Office has notified the IB that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax. However, documents may now be filed by e-mail.

The Office as receiving Office now requires one copy of the international application on paper, instead of three.

The Office has also changed its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is to be furnished to it as designated (or elected) Office – a copy is required only if it has not received a copy from the IB under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).

There has been a change in the amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to the Office as receiving Office with effect from 1 October 2020. The new amount is USD 276. In addition, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to is as designated (or elected) Office with effect from the same date. The amount of this fee is SRI 2,000, or SRI 1,000 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

TJ Tajikistan (name of Office; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses; evidence of mailing a document; types of protection; provisions concerning international-type search; provisional protection after international search; electronic filing)

The name, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail and Internet addresses of the Tajik Patent Office have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan

Telephone: (992-372) 22 21 53, 21 47 60

Fax: (992-372) 22 21 38

E-mail: izobretenie@ncpi.tj
info@ncpi.tj

Internet: www.ncpi.tj

The Office has also notified the IB of an additional delivery service, other than the postal authorities, from which the Office would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay: in addition to DHL, Federal Express and UPS, it now also accepts such evidence if the delivery service is EMS TAJIKPOST.

The Office has also notified the IB of a change concerning the types of national protection available in Tajikistan via the PCT – petty patents are now available, in addition to patents (protection by utility model is not available). This updates the table of “Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States” published on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/typesprotection.html

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Tajikistan concerning international-type search. The relevant provisions are now Articles 20 and 21 of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on inventions.

There has been a change in the provisions concerning provisional protection in Tajikistan after international publication where a designation of Tajikistan is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into Tajik (Farsi) gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages (please refer to Article 24 of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on inventions).

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 December 2020, 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.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (TJ) and Annex C(TJ))

UZ Uzbekistan (name of Office; location and mailing address)

The name and location and mailing address of the Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Uzbekistan has changed, as follows:

Name of Office: O’zbekiston Respublikasi Adliya vazirligi huzuridagi Intellektual Mulk Agentligi

Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Location and:
mailing address 33, Khadra District
 100011 Tashkent
 Uzbekistan

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 1 December 2020, 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.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex B1 (UZ) and Annex C UZ))

VN Vietnam (e-mail and Internet addresses)

The e-mail and Internet addresses of the Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam) have changed, as follows:

E-mail: vietnamipo@ipvietnam.gov.vn
Internet: www.ipvietnam.gov.vn

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

ZM Zambia (types of protection)

The Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia) has notified the IB of a change concerning the types of national protection available in Zambia via the PCT – utility models are now available (patents and/or patents of addition remain available). This updates the table of “Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States” published on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/typesprotection.html

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

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), Indian Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Korean Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property, National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Nordic Patent Institute, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI))

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

Australian Patent Office	KRW
Austrian Patent Office.....	KRW, SGD, USD
Egyptian Patent Office	CHF
European Patent Office	JPY, SEK, SGD, USD

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	USD
Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	USD
Indian Patent Office	EUR
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	EUR
Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	EUR
Korean Intellectual Property Office	AUD, EUR
Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property	USD
National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	EUR
Nordic Patent Institute	SEK, USD
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.....	USD
Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	USD
Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	USD
Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)	USD

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

As from 1 December 2020, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in USD for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU, CL, EG, EP, ES, FI, IN, KR, PH, RU, SE, SG, TR, UA, XN, XV))

Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (Paper Version)

For information about paper versions of the publication containing the text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (WIPO Publication 274), updated as of 1 July 2020 in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, please send an e-mail to: publications.mail@wipo.int

You are, however, encouraged to make use of our online resources:

- PDF versions of WIPO Publication 274 (containing both the Treaty and the Regulations) available in the above-mentioned languages at:

www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4505.

- separate PDF versions of the texts of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations under the PCT available in 11 languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish) at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html

You can select languages other than English at the top right-hand side of the page.

New/Updated PCT Resources

Information on Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication at Offices

The following new page on the PCT website, available in all 10 PCT publication languages, provides details of any instances of unavailability of electronic means of communication that have occurred at any Offices that have notified the International Bureau that they apply new PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a), and have provided details concerning its application:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

Languages other than English can be selected at the top right-hand side of the page.

PCT Applicant's Guide

The Russian version of the "Introduction to the International Phase" of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contains detailed information on the international phase of the PCT, has been updated to take into account the 1 July 2020 amendments to the PCT Regulations, and is now available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/ru/guide/index.html

New link to certain aspects of national/regional patent laws

In order to have easy access to information concerning certain aspects of national/regional patent laws, a link has been added to the right hand side of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* page at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html

The page, entitled "Certain Aspects of National/Regional Patent Laws, Revised Annex II of document SCP/12/3 Rev.2: Report on the International Patent System" contains links to information, by country or region, relating to the following topics: prior art, novelty, inventive step (obviousness), grace period, sufficiency of disclosure, exclusions from patentable subject matter and exceptions and limitations of the rights. The information is regularly updated within the framework of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents.

Seminar materials

Seminar materials, covering all aspects of the PCT procedure, have been updated in English to take into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations which have entered into force, as well as some changes in practice that have taken place, since the last version of the document was published. The document is available at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

Other languages will follow shortly.

WIPO Pearl: Addition of COVID-19 Terminology to Help Stimulate Innovation to Fight Pandemic

WIPO Pearl, WIPO's multilingual terminology database, now includes some 1,500 new COVID-19-related terms in 10 languages, helping innovators targeting new coronavirus

treatments and diagnostics by providing them with a baseline set of terms and their multilingual equivalents. This advancement will foster international collaboration and promote easier access to information in patent documents and other public resources produced around the world.

It is recalled that WIPO Pearl provides free access to a wealth of scientific and technical terms derived from PCT applications and national patent documents, as well as to key PCT legal terms, in all 10 PCT publication languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish). It now contains 147 key concepts related to COVID-19, amounting to nearly 1,500 terms as each concept is given in 10 languages, which are primarily drawn from the fields of biology, medicine (especially epidemiology and diagnostics) and public health. The aim is to help provide consistency and clarity across different languages regarding key terminology of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regarding the new collection of terms, WIPO's (former) Director General Francis Gurry said: "Innovation is increasingly global in nature, so a verified multilingual set of commonly understood COVID-19-related terms creates a knowledge base that helps researchers access and build upon work created in another language. WIPO is providing this upgraded service in support of the global drive to find new treatments and vaccines for the coronavirus, which is the quintessential global challenge requiring mutual comprehension and cooperation."

For further information on the new collection, as well as general information about WIPO Pearl, please refer to Press Release PR/2020/864 at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2020/article_0021.html

WIPO Pearl is available at:

www.wipo.int/reference/en/wipopearl/

Practical Advice

Access by third parties to the inventor's address that was included in the request form upon filing, but is subsequently changed following a request under PCT Rule 92bis

Q: I filed an international application in which the inventor's home address was indicated in Box No. III of the request form. The inventor (who is not also an applicant) later asked me to request that his home address be changed to his professional address, where he can also be reached. If I request the International Bureau to record such a change under PCT Rule 92bis, will the home address be visible to third parties upon publication of the international application?

A: Concerning the inventor's address in general, if the name and address of the inventor (or inventors) are furnished prior to the completion of technical preparations for publication, the name of the inventor will be made publicly available on PATENTSCOPE on the "PCT Biblio. Data" tab of the international application concerned (please refer to PCT Rule 48.2(b)(i)) at the time of publication of the international application, however the address of the inventor will not be published in the bibliographic data. It used to be the case that the address of the inventor was also made publicly available on the bibliographic data tab but, since January 2009, in response to privacy concerns, the address data of the inventor is no longer displayed on that tab, with the effect that personal address data is no longer indexed or displayed by Internet search engines.

The inventor's address is nevertheless visible to third parties, in image format only, on the front page of the published international application, as well as in certain other documents that

contain the inventor's address. In addition to the request form (PCT/RO/101), which is available under the "Related Documents on file at the International Bureau" tab, other examples are declarations as to the identity of the inventor under PCT Rule 4.17(i) and declarations of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv)). Both of these declarations are included as separate items under the "Published International Application" tab of PATENTSCOPE.

In your case, if the request to record the change of address of the inventor under PCT Rule 92*bis* is received by the International Bureau (IB) before the completion of technical preparations for publication, the inventor's professional address will be indicated on the front page of the published international application, and not the home address.

However, Form PCT/IB/306 (Notification of the Recording of a Change) confirming the change of address of the inventor (which will include the inventor's address as indicated in the request form upon filing as well as the new address) will be visible to third parties on PATENTSCOPE under the "Related Documents on file at the International Bureau" tab but in image format only, and not in electronic searchable form. Similarly, if you have submitted a declaration of inventorship under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) (which requires the inventor's address) and the inventor's home address was indicated on those forms, that address will, in accordance with PCT Rule 48.2(a)(x), also be visible to third parties on PATENTSCOPE in non-searchable image format.

It is not a simple matter to fully remove the inventor's home address from an international application once it has been included in the application. Although the applicant may request the omission of certain sensitive information from public file access under PCT Rule 94.1(e), this is only granted if the request is well-founded. Since a high standard must be met when justifying such omission², it is likely to be successful only in very rare and exceptional cases. (For further information about such requests, please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2016.)

It is therefore important to consider, before filing the international application, whether there is any sensitive information that should not be included in the international application without resulting in any defects or problems. Even though it is not a requirement under the PCT to furnish the name and address of the inventor in order to be accorded an international filing date, it is nevertheless strongly recommended that this information be included in the request form as most PCT Contracting States, in their capacity as designated (or elected) States, require this information. This avoids any problems or delays in the national phase. You should be aware that, although it is normally possible to indicate the inventor's professional address in the international application, once the application enters the national phase it is the national law of the designated Offices concerned that determines whether such an address is acceptable instead of the home address. For further information on the requirement to include the name and address of the inventor, please refer to the Practical Advice in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2012. Also, Annex B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html) includes information on the requirements of each Contracting State or intergovernmental organization if designated (or elected) regarding the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given.

² According to PCT Rule 94.1(e), the IB must find that: the information does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application, public access to such information would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person, and there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information.

PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 16 October 2020)			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16 October 2020 (07:40-15:00 US central time) Online presentation	English	Presentation on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Honculada, Mr. Rattray and Mr. Apercé	The UIC John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property, Information and Privacy Law E-mail: daryllim@uic.edu
21-22 October 2020 Online seminar	Arabic	WIPO Sub-Regional Webinar on the PCT for Selected Arab Countries WIPO speaker: Mr. Jazairy	Egyptian Patent Office Ministry of Scientific Research E-mail: patinfo@egypt.gov.eg
26-27 October 2020 Online seminar <i>[previously announced as 2 October 2020]</i>	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic CEIPI course WIPO speaker: Mr. Henninger	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Luis Ferreira) E-mail: luis.ferreira@patents.pt
28 October 2020 (16:30-19:00 CET) Online seminar for participants from the Americas	English	Advanced Online PCT Seminar: Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park, Ms. Gross, Ms. Chatel, Ms. Kang	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Further information and registration: www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html
29 and 30 October 2020 08:30 – 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: www.bpla.org
2 November 2020 (08:30-11:00 CET) Online seminar for participants from Asia	English	Advanced Online PCT Seminar: Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System WIPO speakers: Ms. Gross, Mr. Yu, Ms. Chatel, Ms. Kang, Mr. Kim, Ms. Mohri	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Further information and registration: www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html
19-20 November 2020 Online seminar	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Schumm and Ms. Kang	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
26-27 November 2020 Online seminar <i>[previously announced as 15-16 September 2020]</i>	French	Basic PCT seminar: "Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation" WIPO speakers: Mr. Henninger and Ms. Chatel	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
27 November 2020 Online presentation	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
8 April 2021 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
18-19 May 2021 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademien, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademien.se Internet: www.ipakademien.se

PCT Webinars			
(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html) (www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)			
Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
20 October 2020 17:30-18:30 CEST 22 October 2020 8:30-9:30 CEST	English	PATENTSCOPE for Beginners WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5666273107633214224
22 October 2020 10:00 - 11:30 CEST	Spanish	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Mr. Roy Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. de Castro Llamas, Mr. Vazquez Lopez, Ms. Ammann, Ms. Steimle, Ms. Plana, Mr. Ben Amor	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2840693153191076109
6 November 2020 10:00 - 11:30 CET	Italian	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Baharlou Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Napolitano, Ms. Accornero, Ms. Ammann, Mr. Gagnani, Mr. Patimo	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2101794951046548749
10 November 2020 17:30-18:30 CET 12 November 2020 8:30-9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE for Expert Users WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5609728523151525904
3 December 2020 10:00 - 11:30 CET	German	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Schumm Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Wollgast, Mr. Halfpenny, Ms. Weiss	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1089798951609856781

Other IP events**International Trade Fair for Ideas – Inventions – New Products (iENA), Nuremberg (Germany), 29 October-1 November 2020**

The international trade fair for “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” will take place in Nuremberg from 29 October to 1 November 2020. Further information is available at:

www.iena.de/en/

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 10-14 March 2021

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place from 10 to 14 March 2021. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 2 October 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 12. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated *after* the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 2 October 2020, 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 1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,446	16	–	217	326	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 52	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
AU	AUD 200	AUD 2,043	23	–	307	461	AU KR
AZ	AZN 30	USD 1,446	16	–	217	326	EP RU
BA	BAM 50	EUR 1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
BG	BGN 80	EUR 1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
BH	BHD 70	USD 1,446	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: 260	BRL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD 32	USD 1,446	16	–	–	–	EP
BY	BYN 94.50	USD 1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD 300	USD 1,446	16	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	CAD 300	CAD 1,961	22	–	295	442	CA
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,446	eq USD ⁹ 16	–	eq USD 217	eq USD 326	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,446	16	–	217	326	CL EP ES

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

(amounts on 2 October 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,446	16	–	217	326	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
DJ	USD	100	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	AT EG EP
	or eq DJF								
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090	100	–	1,370	2,050	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085	12	–	163	245	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹⁰	100	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,446	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	432,700	4,900	–	65,100	97,600	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹²	100	CHF	1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 13
	or EUR ¹²	92	or EUR	1,217	14	92	183	275	
	or USD ¹²	109	or USD	1,446	16	109	217	326	
ID	IDR	1,000,000	IDR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR	76	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
IL	ILS	559	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	EP IL US
IN	INR	17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁴	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
	No fee for e-filings								
IR	IRR	50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR	500,000 (legal persons)							
IS	ISK	17,800	ISK	195,100	2,200	–	29,300	44,000	EP SE XN
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
JO	JOD	100	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY	10,000 ¹⁵	JPY	152,100	1,700	–	–	34,300	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing		USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS	4,000 ¹⁶	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
KH	USD	100	USD	1,446	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 ¹⁷ KR SG
KZ	KZT	10,264.80	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL	– ¹⁸	LSL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP

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

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RO	Transmittal fee 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	
LT	EUR	92	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU XV
LU	EUR	19	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR	70	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
LY	LYD	– ¹⁸	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR	100	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	EP RU
ME	EUR	15	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MK	MKD	2,700	MKD eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN		None	CHF	1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR	55	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
MW	MWK	6,000	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD	323.70 ¹⁹	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	AT CLEPESKR SE SG US
MY	MYR	500 (e-filing) ²⁰ 550 (paper filing) ²⁰	MYR eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD	200	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	EP ES
NL	EUR	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
NO	NOK	800	NOK	13,450	150	–	2,020	3,030	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD	207	NZD	2,162	24	–	325	488	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF	– ¹⁸	XAF eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR	40	OMR eq USD	1,446	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 217	eq USD 326	AT AUEGEPUS
PA	USD	240	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN	233.35	PEN eq USD	1,446	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 217	eq USD 326	AT BR CLEPESKR US
PG	PGK	250	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP	4,200	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	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	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
QA	QAR	400	QAR eq USD	1,446	eq USD 16	–	eq USD 217	eq USD 326	EG EP US
RO	RON	475 (from 1.121: 487)	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
RS	RSD	7,700 ²¹	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
RU	RUB	1,700	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available								
SA	USD	100	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG	50	SDG eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EG EP
SE	SEK	1,200	SEK	13,240	150	–	1,990	2,990	EP SE XN
SG	SGD	150	SGD	1,974	22	–	297	445	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR	91	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
SK	EUR	66 ²²	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP XV
SV		None ²³	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	CL EP ES
SY	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,446	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	– ¹⁸	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD	– ¹⁸	USD	1,446	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	1,446	16	–	–	–	AT CL EP SE US

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

(amounts on 2 October 2020, 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	
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁴ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,446	eq USD 16	–	217	326	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁵ small entity ²⁶ : 130 ²⁵ micro entity ²⁶ : 65 ²⁵	USD 1,446	16	109	217	–	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁷	USD 1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 24,090	270	–	3,620	5,430	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,446	16	–	217	326	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,446	eq USD 16	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 2 October 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁸	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	KRW* 2,334,000	SGD* 2,693	USD* 1,950	ZAR 35,130		
	*(from 1.11.20: KRW 2,495,000 SGD 2,882 USD 2,107)							
AU	AUD 2,200	CHF 1,432	EUR 1,337	KRW* 1,757,000	NZD 2,357	SGD 2,102		
	USD** 1,507	ZAR 26,420	*(from 1.11.20: KRW 1,869,000)		**(from 1.12.20: USD 1,587)			
BR ⁸	Online:	BRL 1,685	CHF 286	EUR 271	USD 322			
	On paper:	BRL 2,525	CHF 429	EUR 406	USD 483			
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,085	EUR 1,016	USD* 1,132	*(from 1.11.20: USD 1,210)			
CL	USD 2,000	CHF 1,839	EUR* 1,820					
	*(from 1.11.20: EUR 1,685)							
	In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 CHF 368 EUR* 364							
	*(from 1.11.20: EUR 337)							
	In case of filing by a university ²⁹ : USD 300 CHF 276 EUR* 273							
	*(from 1.11.20: EUR 253)							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF* 292	EUR 267	USD 294				
	*(from 1.11.20: CHF 274)							
EG ³⁰	EGP 4,000	CHF* 244	EUR 223	USD 245	*(from 1.11.20: CHF 228)			
EP ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	DKK 13,260	GBP 1,560	HUF 626,100	ISK 276,000		
	JPY* 208,800	NOK 19,010	NZD 3,099	SEK* 19,300	SGD* 2,693	USD* 1,950		
	ZAR 35,130	*(from 1.11.20: JPY 221,900)		SEK 18,250	SGD 2,882	USD 2,107)		
ES ³¹	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD* 1,950	*(from 1.11.20: USD 2,107)				
FI	EUR 1,775	CHF 1,939	USD* 1,950	*(from 1.11.20: USD 2,107)				
IL	ILS 3,582	CHF 1,009	EUR 932	USD 1,036				
IN	INR 10,000	CHF 128	EUR* 120	USD 131	*(from 1.11.20: EUR 114)			
	In case of filing by an individual:							
	INR 2,500	CHF 32	EUR* 30	USD 33	*(from 1.11.20: EUR 29)			
JP ³²	For IAs in Japanese:							
	JPY 70,000	CHF 612	EUR 595	KRW 783,000	USD 654			
	For IAs in English:							
	JPY 156,000	CHF 1,364	EUR 1,326	SGD 2,012	USD 1,457			
KR ³³	For IAs in Korean: KRW 450,000 AUD* 564 CHF 353 EUR* 342 NZD 598							
	SGD 519	USD 376	*(from 1.11.20: AUD 530 EUR 320)					
	For IAs in English: KRW 1,200,000 AUD* 1,503 CHF 941 EUR* 913 NZD 1,594							
	SGD 1,385	USD 1,003	*(from 1.11.20: AUD 1,413 EUR 854)					
PH	USD 1,000	CHF 920	EUR* 910					
	*(from 1.11.20: EUR 843)							
	Small entity or government ³⁴ : USD 400 CHF 368 EUR* 364							
	*(from 1.11.20: EUR 337)							

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 2 October 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	118	EUR*	105	USD*	123				
	*(from 1.11.20:		CHF	106	EUR	97	USD	114)				
	For IAs in English:											
RUB	40,000	CHF*	554	EUR*	495	USD*	578					
*(from 1.11.20:		CHF	498	EUR	455	USD	537)					
SE	SEK*	19,300	CHF	1,939	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK	276,000	NOK	19,010
	USD*	1,950	*(from 1.11.20:		SEK	18,250	USD	2,107)				
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF	1,509	EUR*	1,476	JPY	173,600	KRW	1,955,000	USD	1,622
	*(from 1.11.20:		EUR	1,380)								
TR	TRY	11,300	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD*	1,950	*(from 1.11.20:		USD	2,107)
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:				EUR	100	CHF	109	USD*	110		
	*(from 1.11.20:		USD	119)								
	For IAs in English, French or German:				EUR	300	CHF	328	USD*	330		
*(from 1.11.20:		USD	356)									
US	USD	2,180	CHF	1,976	EUR	1,820	NZD	3,220	ZAR	36,144		
	For small entity ²⁶ :		USD	1,090	CHF	988	EUR	910	NZD	1,610	ZAR	18,072
	For micro entity ²⁶ :		USD	545	CHF	494	EUR	455	NZD	805	ZAR	9,036
XN	DKK	13,260	CHF	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK	276,000	NOK	19,010	SEK*	19,300
	USD*	1,950	*(from 1.11.20:		SEK	18,250	USD	2,107)				
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF	1,939	HUF	626,100	USD*	1,950	*(from 1.11.20:		USD	2,107)

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 2 October 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 35}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF 929
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,300
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 1,857
EP	CHF 1,939 ³¹	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
RU	CHF 163 (from 1.11.20:	CHF 147)
	CHF 261 ³⁶ (from 1.11.20:	CHF 235) ³⁶
SE	CHF 1,939	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,509	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority	CHF 86
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 98
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF 76
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF 66
XN	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF 585
XV	– for a full search:	CHF 1,939
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF 601

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 2 October 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

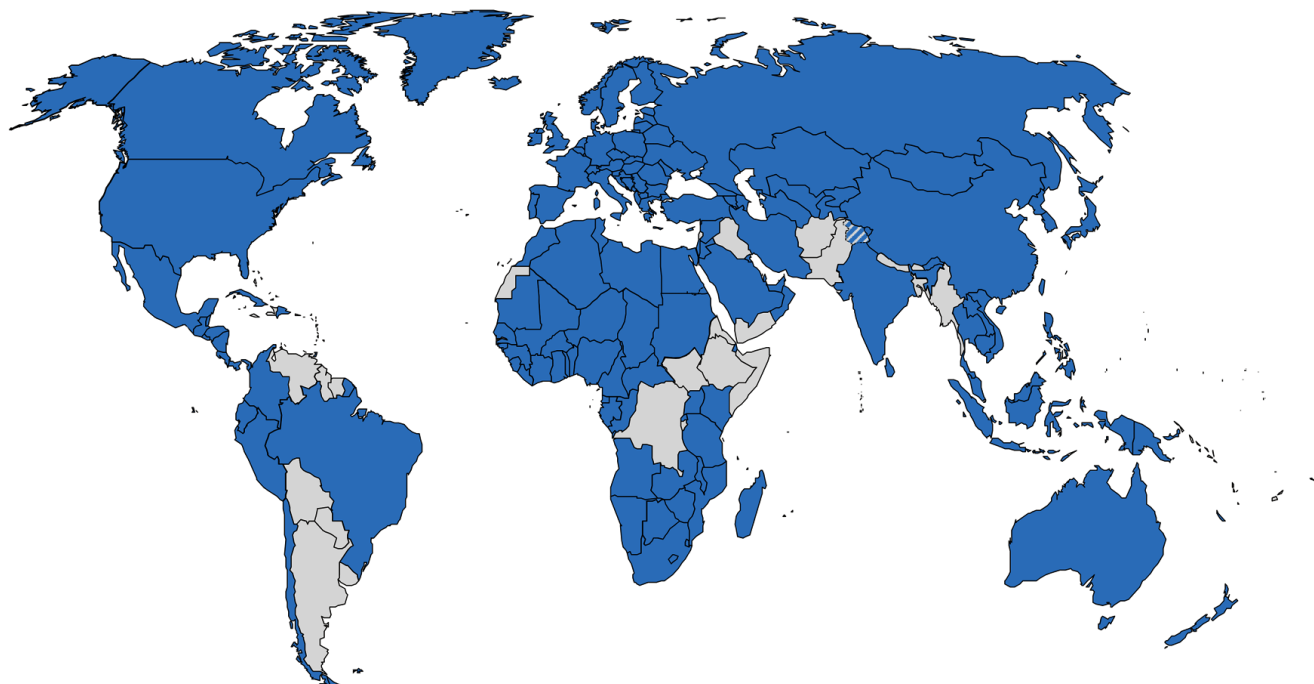
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁷		Handling fee^{2,37} (CHF 200)
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁸	EUR 183
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁸	AUD 307
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF 200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸	
CA	CAD	800	CAD 295
CL	USD	1,500	USD 217
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		
	in case of filing by a university ²⁹ : USD 300		
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF 200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD 217
EP	EUR	1,830 ³¹	EUR 183
ES	EUR	583.65 ³¹	EUR 183
FI	EUR	600	EUR 183
IL	ILS	1,535	ILS 743
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 217
JP³²	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY 22,900
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000	
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW 255,000
PH	USD	500	USD 217
	Small entity or government: ³⁴	USD 200	
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ³⁹ 6,750 ⁴⁰	USD 217
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ³⁹ 24,000 ⁴⁰	
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK 1,990
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 183
US	USD	640 800 ⁴¹	USD 217
	For small entity ²⁶ :	USD 320 400 ⁴¹	
	For micro entity ²⁶ :	USD 160 200 ⁴¹	
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK 1,370
XV	EUR	900	EUR 183

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 14 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 15 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 16 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/ mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
- 17 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 18 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 19 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 20 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 21 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 23 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 24 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
- 25 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 26 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 27 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 28 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 29 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 30 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 31 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 32 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
- 33 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 34 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
- 35 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 36 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 37 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 38 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 40 In all cases where footnote 39 does not apply.
- 41 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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



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	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	KW Kuwait	NO Norway (EP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NZ New Zealand	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BN Brunei Darussalam	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	OM Oman	TN Tunisia ⁴
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	PA Panama	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PE Peru	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LK Sri Lanka	PG Papua New Guinea	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia (AP)	PH Philippines	UA Ukraine
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PL Poland (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	QA Qatar	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RS Serbia (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	RU Russian Federation (EA)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	SA Saudi Arabia	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro ⁵	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	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).

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 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.

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Paris Convention and Patent Cooperation Treaty: Declaration by the United Kingdom

On 1 October 2020, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland deposited declarations that the United Kingdom's ratification of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and of the Patent Cooperation Treaty will be extended to the territory of Gibraltar, for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible. The declarations will enter into force with respect to that territory on 1 January 2021.

For further information, please refer to Paris Notification No. 224 and PCT Notification No. 217, which are published together at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/paris/treaty_paris_224.html

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex A and Annex C (GB))

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure on 16 October 2020, bringing the total number of States party to that Treaty to 83. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Saudi Arabia on 16 January 2021. For further information, please refer to Budapest Notification No. 340 at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_340.html

Information about the Budapest Treaty

A document containing a summary of the Budapest Treaty and Regulations, as well as an explanation of the main advantages of the Treaty (WO/INF/12 Rev. 27), is available in English, French and Spanish at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/fr/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/es/registration/budapest/pdf/wo_inf_12.pdf

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 that, with effect from 15 January 2021, it will be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. The Office will accept international applications filed in electronic form using ePCT-Filing. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The notification containing the requirements and practices of the Offices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 29 October 2020 at:

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

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

Temporary unavailability of EPO online

Owing to technical maintenance work, a number of European Patent Office (EPO) online services will be unavailable on Saturday, 21 November 2020 between 10:00 and 15:00 CET.

The services that will be unavailable are:

- Online Filing for national filings submitted to the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
- Online Filing for PCT international applications where the German Patent and Trade Mark Office is the receiving Office
- PCT-SAFE where the German Patent and Trade Mark Office is the receiving Office

Please note that DPMAdirekt will remain available throughout the maintenance period.

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, the national/regional office with which the earlier application was filed must be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed. Information on DAS participating Offices can be found at:

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/

Belgian Intellectual Property Office (OPRI)

The Belgian Intellectual Property Office (OPRI) has notified the IB that on 1 November 2020, it commenced operation as an accessing Office of DAS. As an accessing Office, it will recognize priority documents available to it through DAS for the purposes of national patent applications filed on or after 1 November 2020.

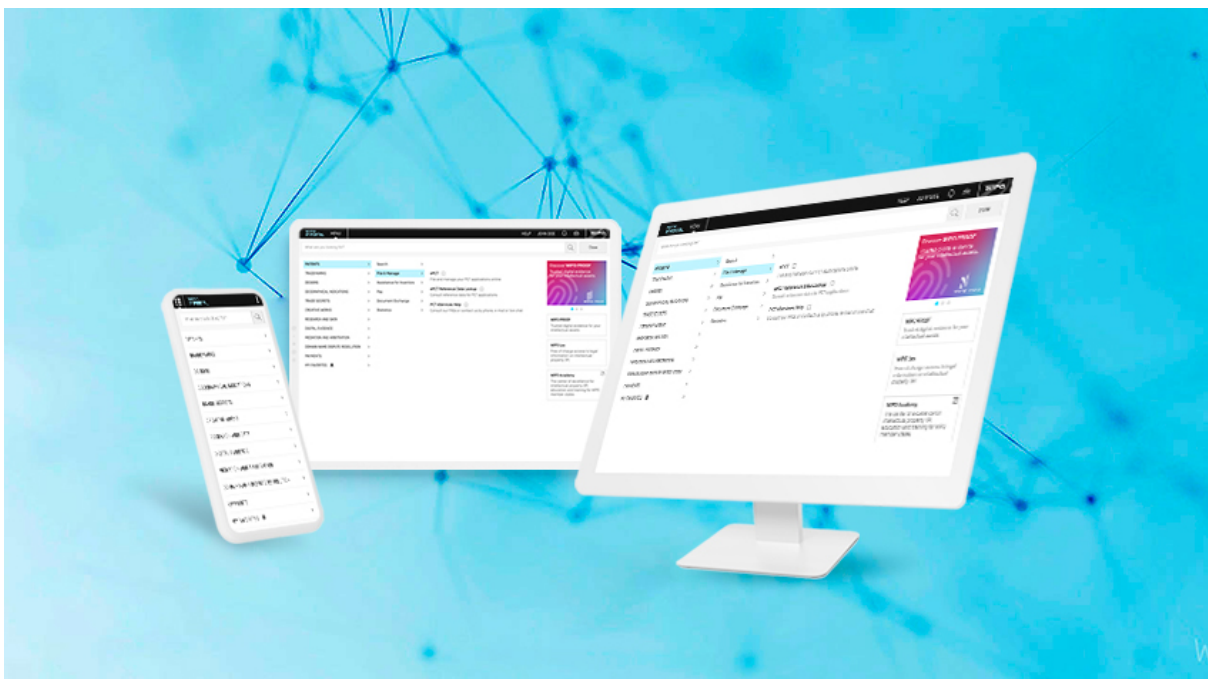
The corresponding DAS Notification, which contains further information, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11660

WIPO IP Portal: New MENU Features for PCT Users

It is recalled that the WIPO IP Portal was launched in September 2019 (please refer to *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2019). Modern, functional and easy to use, the WIPO IP Portal is the place to go for managing your PCT applications.

In our continued efforts to improve the services provided through the WIPO IP Portal, in the coming weeks we will add a number of new features and streamline categorization of PCT online services, making it even easier for you to find what you are looking for.



What will change?

- The services will be grouped under three main categories (Search, File & Manage, and Pay), making navigation around PCT System services easier and more intuitive.
- A new sub-category, Inventor Assistance Program (IAP), will be created. It will include the new application “Inventor Assistance Program (IAP) Online Platform”.
- A link to the Online Payment application will be added under the “Pay” category, making it even easier to pay PCT System fees.
- The “Bookmarks” menu category and widget (available only to logged in users) will be renamed “My Favorites”. “My Favorites” provides quick access to your bookmarked services.
- A “NEW” icon will be added to highlight the new services available through the MENU. Any new services will be flagged with this icon.

- Finally, we have already added a promotional space to keep you up-to-date on new WIPO services and important news regarding existing services.

Once the new version of the IP Portal MENU has been released, we would appreciate your feedback on these new features, and any other changes that you would like to see in the WIPO IP Portal, by completing the 30-second survey at:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5593898/Survey-WIPO-IP-Portal-english>

For further information, please visit the WIPO IP Portal at:

<https://ipportal.wipo.int/>

or contact us with your questions or comments at:

https://www3.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=ip_portal

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

New one-way PCT PPH pilot programs (Saudi Arabia and Japan; Saudi Arabia and United States of America; Saudi Arabia and China)

On 1 January 2020, new one-way PCT-PPH pilot programs started between the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) and the Japan Patent Office, and between SAIP and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and on 1 November 2020, a new one-way PCT-PPH pilot program started between the SAIP and the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA). Under these programs, accelerated processing in the national phase before the SAIP is available on the basis of a PCT application with a positive written opinion from either the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), or a positive international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II), issued by the other Offices, respectively, in their capacities as ISA/IPEA.

Further information is available on SAIP's website at:

<https://www.saip.gov.sa/en/services/#1585226952983-da24cd1e-3d8d>

and the PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated to include information on these new pilots (www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html).

Non-Working Days at the International Bureau and Publication Schedule at the End of this Year

The non-working days at the International Bureau (IB) during December 2020 and January 2021, in addition to the weekends, will be:

Friday, 25 December 2020
Thursday, 31 December 2020 and
Friday, 1 January 2021

The IB will therefore be open for business over the holiday period from Monday, 28 December 2020 to Wednesday, 30 December 2020, inclusive, and will then be open as usual from Monday, 4 January 2021.

The dates of operation of the PCT Information Service, the PCT eServices Help Desk and the PCT Operations Service, as well as information on the publication schedule, are given below.

PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed from 25 December 2020 to 1 January 2021, inclusive. It will reopen on Monday, 4 January 2021 at 9:00 (Central European time (CET)). Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone number: (41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a recorded message providing a telephone number for cases requiring urgent attention.

It is recalled that the PCT Information Service answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT (questions relating to specific applications should be addressed to the PCT Operations Service). For further information, please refer to:

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

PCT eServices Help Desk and PCT Operations Service

The schedule for the PCT eServices Help Desk and the PCT Operations Service during the end-of-year holiday period will be as follows:

Friday, 25 December 2020: closed

Monday, 28 December
to Wednesday, 30 December 2020: open as usual, from 9:00 to 18:00 CET

Thursday 31 December 2020 and
Friday, 1 January 2021: closed

Monday, 4 January 2021, onwards: open as usual, from 9:00 to 18:00 CET

It is recalled that:

- the PCT eServices Help Desk responds to inquiries related to services for the purpose of preparing, filing and managing applications electronically: ePCT (<https://pct.wipo.int>), PCT-SAFE (<https://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html>) and the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (<https://www.wipo.int/das/en/>);
- the PCT Operations Service answers specific application-related inquiries. Please note that the PCT Operations Service is under the responsibility of 10 teams. In order to find out the generic e-mail address and telephone number of the competent team, please either check Form PCT/IB/301 or refer to:

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

Publication schedule

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications will be published, as usual, on Thursday, 24 December 2020, but the following week they will be published one day earlier, on Wednesday, 30 December 2020. The deadlines for receipt of changes which should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication of those applications will be midnight (CET) on Tuesday, 8 December 2020 and Tuesday, 15 December 2020, respectively.

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

Modifications have been made, with effect from 1 January 2021, to Annex F (Standard for Filing and Processing in Electronic Form), Appendix I (XML DTDs for the electronic PCT application standard), section 5.13 (Written opinion), of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

These modifications involve changes to the Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (PCT/ISA/237). The purpose of the modifications, which also enable the provision of written opinions in XML, is:

- to allow the structured specification of the claims for which there is non-establishment of the written opinion; and
- to allow the inclusion of the category of the citation and the examiners' opinion regarding the citation.

The consolidated revised text of Annex F, Appendix I of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 January 2021, has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/14, in English and French, at, respectively:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_14.pdf and

https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_14.pdf

PCT Information Update

International filing fee, search fee, supplementary search fee and handling fee (various Offices)

On 1 January 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts, in certain currencies, of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

These changes will be reflected in the following annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/):

- **Annex C** (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BG, BH, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CL, CR, CU, CY, CZ, DE, DJ, DK, DO, EA, EC, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GH, GR, GT, HN, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, KG, KH, KZ, LR, LT, LU, LV, MD, ME, MT, MW, MX, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PG, PH, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SC, SE, SG, SI, SK, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, ZA, ZM, ZW;
- **Annex D** (International Searching Authorities): All;
- **Annex SISA** (International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)): All; and
- **Annex E** (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): AT, AU, CA, CL, EG, EP, ES, FI, IL, IN, JP, KR, PH, RU, SE, SG, UA, US, XN, XV.

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina as receiving Office, has changed:

Fee for priority document:.....	BAM	30
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The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have also changed:

Filing and publication fee:.....	BAM	260
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- plus for each page of the application over 30:	BAM	3
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- plus for each claim over 10:.....	BAM	11
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Publication fee for granted patent:.....	BAM	60
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (BA) and National Chapter, Summary (BA))

BZ Belize (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Belize Intellectual Property Office has changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	23 Garbutt Creek Street P.O. Box 592 Belmopan Cayo District Belize
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (BZ))

CA Canada (fees)

As from 1 January 2021, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office. The new amount will be CAD 306.

The amount of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will also change with effect from the same date:

Basic national fee:	CAD 408 (204) ¹
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Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):.....	CAD 204
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (CA) and National Chapter, Summary (CA))

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. For further details about entitlement to "small entity" status, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (CA).

CR Costa Rica (name of Office, e-mail address)

The Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of the official name of the Office, as well as changes to its e-mail addresses, as follows:

Name of Office: Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)
 Registro de la Propiedad Intelectual

E-mail: vcohen@rnp.go.cr
 jlizano@rnp.go.cr
 dmarenco@rnp.go.cr

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

HN Honduras (e-mail and Internet addresses; number of copies on paper; fees)

The e-mail and Internet addresses of the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras) have changed, as follows:

E-mail: patentes@ip.gob.hn
 camilo.bendeck@ip.gob.hn

Internet: <https://www.ip.gob.hn>

In addition, the Office as receiving Office now requires one copy of the international application on paper, instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the following fee payable to it as designated Office:

Substantive examination fee:..... HNL 1,500

The Office has also notified a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of national fees: the fees are reduced by 90% where the applicant is the inventor and he (or she) provides a declaration indicating that his (or her) economic situation prevents him (or her) from paying the full amount of the fees.

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

As from 1 January 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the transmittal fee in EUR and the fee for priority document in USD, payable to the IB as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:EUR 93 USD [no change]

Fee for priority document:EUR [no change] USD 55

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

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 January 2021, there will a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:.....	ISK	18,200
Fee for priority document:.....	ISK	4,900
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	ISK	43,500

There has also been a change in the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Application fee:	ISK	67,800
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK	4,400
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK	18,300
Annual fee for the first three years:.....	ISK	34,800

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

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; means of telecommunication; types of protection; time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is designated (or elected))

The location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have changed, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Kinmaul Dong No. 1 Pipha Street Moranbong District Pyongyang Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Telephone:	(850-2) 381 85 44
Fax:	(850-2) 381 44 10
E-mail:	io520@star-co.net.kp

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication: it now accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, as well as by fax. The Office further notified that, in the case of filing of documents by means of telecommunication, only the original power of attorney document must be furnished (within three months from the filing date of the international application).

There has been a change in the types of protection available in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea via the PCT. The following types are now available: patents, inventors' certificates, petty inventors' certificates and petty patents.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is designated (or elected), as follows:

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of 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 of two months from the date of invitation.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (KP) and table of "Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States" (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/typesprotection.html>))

MC Monaco (telephone number; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The telephone number, and the e-mail and Internet addresses of the Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco) have changed, as follows:

Telephone:	(377) 98 98 98 01
E-mail:	mcipo@gouv.mc
Internet:	https://mcipo.gouv.mc

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

PT Portugal (fees)

Further to the information published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 07-08/2020 about the fee for priority document, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) has notified the IB of a lower fee for an electronic copy of a priority document, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. The fees for priority documents are therefore as follows:

Fee for priority document:.....	EUR 16.19 (electronic copy)
	EUR 43.14 (paper copy)

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

SD Sudan (electronic filing)

For information on the acceptance, with effect from 15 January 2021, by the Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department 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, see "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", above.

SK Slovakia (fees; requirements concerning agent; special requirements for entry into the national phase)

The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic has notified the IB of a change concerning the conditions for reduction of the fee for priority document, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. The fee for priority document is now reduced by 50% where the request for a copy of the priority document is filed by electronic means.

There have been changes in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent (before the receiving Office)?

- any person appointed by the applicant

Who can act as agent (before the designated (or elected) Office)?

- applicants who are citizens of a Contracting State to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), or who have a residence or place of business in a Contracting State to the Agreement on the EEA, may appoint any person to act as such.
- applicants who are not citizens of a Contracting State to the Agreement on the EEA, or who have neither a residence nor a place of business in a Contracting State to the Agreement on the EEA, must be represented by an attorney-at-law or a patent attorney registered in the Slovak Republic.

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

Filing fee for patents:

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| - where the application is filed by an inventor or co-inventors: | EUR | 30 |
| - where the application is filed by an applicant other than the inventor or by applicants other than the co-inventors: | EUR | 60 |

Filing fee for utility models:

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| - where the application is filed by an inventor or co-inventors: | EUR | 34 |
| - where the application is filed by an applicant other than the inventor or by applicants other than the co-inventors: | EUR | 68 |

The Office has also notified changes to the conditions for exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee: the national filing fee is now reduced by 50% where the application is filed by electronic means.

There has also been a change in the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* of the Office. The requirements are now as follows:

- document(s) relating to the applicant's entitlement to apply for, and be granted, a patent if the applicant is not an inventor;²
- three copies of the translation of the international application for a patent;
- three copies of the translation of the international application for a utility model;
- where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable, the Office may invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the priority document into the Slovak language, or into one of the official languages of the EPO, at the option of the applicant;

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

- applicants who are not citizens of a Contracting State to the Agreement on the EEA, or who have neither a residence nor a place of business in a Contracting State to the Agreement on the EEA, must be represented by an attorney-at-law or a patent attorney registered in the Slovak Republic.

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

Search fee and fees relating to the international search (Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 January 2021, there will be a change in the amount payable in CAD, as well as in the equivalent amounts in CHF, EUR and USD for an international search carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Fee Table I(b). There will also be a change in the amount of the following fee payable from the same date:

Additional search fee: CAD 1,632

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

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (Canadian Intellectual Property Office)

As from 1 January 2021, there will be a change in the amount payable in CAD for an international preliminary examination carried out by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as indicated in Fee Table II. There will also be a change in the amount of the following fee payable from the same date:

Additional preliminary examination fee: CAD 816

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

Exceptional Non-working Days due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Further to the announcement in April 2020 by the Cuban Industrial Property Office of its closure due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office has notified the IB that it reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 20 October 2020.

It is recalled that additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the IB by the Offices, is available at:

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

Further information is also available in the corresponding section of the COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker at:

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

New/Updated PCT Resources

Advanced online PCT seminars: “Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System” (recordings and PDF presentations)

It is recalled that WIPO’s annual advanced PCT seminar, “Update on Recent and Future Developments in the PCT System,” aimed at participants from various regions, was given online in three separate sessions (14 and 28 October and 2 November 2020), in English. You can listen to the recordings of those webinars by registering simply with your name and e-mail address. Links to the registration page, as well as the PDF presentations, are available on the PCT Webinars page at:

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

The program, conducted by experienced PCT staff from the International Bureau, was aimed at patent administrators and attorneys who are already familiar with the PCT system. The following topics are covered:

- Amendments to the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 2020
- Additional recent and future PCT developments
- ePCT: latest and future developments

Materials for the European Qualifying Examination

In order to assist candidates in the preparation of materials for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) for prospective European patent attorneys, the International Bureau (IB), with the agreement of the Examination Board for the EQE, has made available on the PCT website four PDF files containing the complete contents, as of 31 October 2020, of the “International Phase” and the “National Phase” of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* in English and French. The files are available at, respectively:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/eqe/ip.pdf>

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/eqe/np.pdf>

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/eqe/ip.pdf>

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/eqe/np.pdf>

PATENTSCOPE News

Dossier content of the national collections of Israel and the United Kingdom

The dossier content of the national collections of Israel and the United Kingdom is now available in PATENTSCOPE (<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/advancedSearch.jsf>).

The dossier content, which is accessed under the “Documents” tab of the application concerned, provides the most up-to-date information about a patent application’s progress through the examination process, including:

- search reports;
- office actions; and
- correspondence between the applicant and the patent office

Practical Advice

The cost of filing an international application – finding out what fees are due when using ePCT-Filing

Q: I am going to file an international application for the first time, and I intend to use ePCT-Filing. Is there a way of finding out exactly how much the PCT fees will be before I submit my application?

A: The amounts of the fees payable upon filing a PCT application vary depending on your circumstances, as described below, but once you have entered all the necessary information in ePCT, the system will, before you submit the application, calculate the fees in real time, taking into account all the variables that can make fee calculation complex for applicants.

The fees payable upon filing an international application are: the transmittal fee (if applicable) (PCT Rule 14), the international filing fee (PCT Rule 15), and the search fee (PCT Rule 16). Other fees may also be due where applicable, such as the fee for priority document and the fee for restoration of the right of priority.

Before the full and exact fee amounts can be calculated by ePCT, you will need to provide the information indicated below (shown in the order in which they appear when preparing your international application using ePCT-Filing), as it all has a bearing on the total fee calculation.

1. Select the receiving Office with which you wish to file the international application

Typically in any e-filing system or software, it is necessary to begin by selecting the receiving Office with which you intend to file. This will directly affect the calculation of:

- the transmittal fee, which is charged by most receiving Offices³ and varies, depending on which Office you have selected⁴, as well as any other fees that are charged by the receiving Office, and
- the search fee, since the choice of receiving Office will also determine which International Searching Authority or Authorities (ISAs) are competent for your application (see below).

³ There is no transmittal fee charged by the receiving Offices of: Algeria, China, India (in the case of e-filings), Morocco, Mongolia, Slovenia and Turkey.

⁴ Please note, however, that for a very small number of receiving Offices, it is not possible for ePCT to calculate the transmittal fee because the Offices concerned do not have a fee structure that allows the system to make the calculation – if your receiving Office is one of these, ePCT will show the following message under “Fees”:

“IMPORTANT – ePCT is not able to calculate fees payable to this receiving Office. Please refer to the receiving Office for the correct amounts due for payment. Look up Annex C of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*.”

Unfortunately, in such a case the automated fee calculation sheet will be rendered with zeros at the time of filing and the receiving Office will issue Form PCT/RO102 (Notification concerning payment of prescribed fees) after filing in order to inform you of the fees due.

Although the main component of the international filing fee, which is payable for the benefit of the International Bureau (IB), is always the same amount, regardless of which receiving Office you select (currently CHF 1,330), it might have to be paid in the equivalent amount of a currency accepted by your chosen receiving Office. However, where the selected receiving Office has a fee structure involving more than one currency, it may be possible to pay the transmittal fee in the local currency of the Office, and pay the international filing fee in a different currency – in such a case, it is possible to indicate multiple currencies.

2. Indicate the priority claim (or claims), if any

If you request the receiving Office to prepare a certified copy of the priority document and transmit it to the IB, the amount of any fee that the Office charges for this service will be included in the fee calculation⁵. Moreover, if you are requesting the restoration of the right of priority, the amount of any fee due will also be calculated. The amounts of both of these fees, if applicable, vary depending on the choice of receiving Office.

3. Indicate the State(s) of nationality and residence of the applicant (or applicants)

By indicating the State of nationality and residence of the applicant (or applicants) when entering the information under the “Names” section, the system will be able to validate the competency of the receiving Office that you have selected, given that, with the exception of the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB) (which acts as receiving Office for nationals and/or residents of all PCT Contracting States), all other receiving Offices will act as such only for nationals and/or residents of certain States.

By indicating the nationality and residence of the applicant(s), ePCT can determine whether any fee reduction is applicable in respect of applicants from certain PCT Contracting States. Note that it is important to indicate the nationality and residence of **all** the applicants in order for any such fee reduction to be correctly applied.

4. Select the ISA if more than one ISA is competent to act as such for your international application⁶

As stated above, the receiving Office that is selected will determine the competent ISA(s). Since many receiving Offices have specified more than one Office to act as ISA, you may have a choice of more than one⁷. Your choice, if any, will determine the amount of the search fee that you will pay since each ISA sets the amount of its own search fee.

Note that some ISAs offer fee reductions based on the State of nationality and residence of the applicant(s), and some ISAs offer fee reductions in cases where the applicant is a university or other academic institution, small or micro entity, or government agency. Where applicable, applicants can indicate in ePCT that they fall into one of these categories, in order for the applicable fee reduction to be taken into account in the ePCT fee calculation.

⁵ Please note that for certain receiving Offices it might not be possible to fully calculate the fee for furnishing the priority document; for details please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C. If you are able to make use of the WIPO DAS system for furnishing the priority document, there is no fee payable if you request the IB to retrieve the priority document from DAS (although there may be a fee payable to some depositing Offices).

⁶ You will have a wider choice if your selected receiving Office has specified more than one ISA, or, in the case of filings with the IB as receiving Office (RO/IB), where the States of which the applicant(s) is a resident and national are not the same.

⁷ Where the RO/IB is selected as receiving Office, the competent ISAs are the same as would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national (PCT Rules 35.3 and 59.1(b)).

The language of filing of the application may also influence the amount of the search fee due, as some ISAs charge different amounts, depending on the language in which the international application is searched.

5. Add the main body of the application

Once you have attached the main body of the application (the description, claims, abstract and drawings (if any)), ePCT will calculate the page count of your application. In the case of certain receiving Offices (the Israel Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office) no content can be added in ePCT, but instead, the number of pages of each of the description, claims, abstract and drawings (if any) needs to be entered manually. Do not forget that the number of pages of the request form (PCT/RO/101), including any declarations under PCT Rule 4.17, is included in the total page count and is calculated automatically by ePCT based on the bibliographic data entered. If there are over 30 sheets in the application, ePCT will calculate the amount of the fee for those sheets in excess of 30, which is the second component of the international filing fee.

Since you are intending to file electronically, the system will, of course, automatically calculate the applicable e-filing reduction under Item 4 of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations that is accorded for ePCT-Filings. A more favorable fee reduction is applied if the description, claims and abstract is provided in a text-based format (DOCX or XML) rather than in an image-based format (PDF).

Once you have entered all the necessary information, ePCT will be able to calculate the fees based on the data and documents present so far in the new international application. The amount of the fees due is displayed using the “Show fees” button on the Fees screen, and the fee sheet can be previewed using the “Preview fee sheet” function.

If you later make changes to your **draft** international application, the fees due may change as a result, and ePCT will automatically recalculate the fees for you. For example:

- adding more applicants may affect the entitlement to any fee reductions that may have been applied to the first calculation;
- changing the language of filing or removing or changing applicants may mean that the chosen receiving Office is no longer competent, in which case you can change the receiving Office to RO/IB, which accepts filings in any language filed by applicants that are nationals/residents of any PCT Contracting State (note that, after creating your draft application in ePCT-Filing, it is only possible to change the receiving Office to RO/IB);
- changing the language of filing or removing or changing applicants may also affect the choice of ISA, which in turn would affect the search fee; or
- if additional documents are attached and those pages affect the page count, the fee per sheet over 30 may become applicable or, if already included in the initial calculation, may increase.

For applicants who are not in a position to file their international applications using ePCT, information on PCT fees can be found on the PCT website, in a single fee table (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.pdf>) and in the individual Office-specific Annexes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html>). Further information on sources of information on PCT fees will be published in the December issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

<p style="text-align: center;">PCT Seminar Calendar (www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf) (situation on 20 November 2020)</p>			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16-20 November 2020 Online study visit	Arabic/ English	WIPO Virtual Study Visit on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for IP Office and Users WIPO speakers: Mr. Abdelnasser, Ms. Bonvallet, Mr. Jazairy, Mr. Aloui, Ms. Gross, Ms. Ibrahim, Ms. Nickitas-Etienne, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Abdulaziz	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) (Ms. Maysa Sabi) E-mail: Maysa.Al-Sabi@MIT.GOV.JO
19 November 2020 15:30-17:30 Beijing time (08:30-10:30 CET) Online seminar	Chinese/ English	Advanced PCT Seminar for Chinese Users WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park, Mr. Yu, Ms. Bai and Ms. Mo Other speaker: Mr. Liu (CNIPA)	Organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) CNIPA contact person: Ms. SUN Hongxia E-mail: sunhongxia@cnipa.gov.cn Registration: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4767281618024449550
19-20 November 2020 Online seminar	English	Advanced PCT Formalities Seminar including practical presentations on ePCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Schumm and Ms. Kang	Management Forum Ltd (Ms. Angela Spall) E-mail: angela.spall@falconbury.co.uk
26-27 November 2020 Online seminar <i>[previously announced as 15-16 September 2020]</i>	French	Basic PCT seminar: "Les procédures de la demande internationale de brevet (PCT) – initiation" WIPO speakers: Mr. Henninger and Ms. Chatel	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) E-mail: academie@inpi.fr
27 November 2020 Online presentation	German	PCT presentation on latest developments in the PCT within the framework of the 10th PAFA-Tagung conference 25-27 November 2020 WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	IP for IP Intellectual Property for Intellectual People GmbH (Ms. Annette Kapeller) Tel: (49-0) 6201 844 37 30 Fax: (49-0) 6201 98 62 10 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: www.ipforip.de
2-3 December 2020 Online seminar	Arabic	WIPO Sub-Regional Workshop on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Selected Arab Countries WIPO Speakers: Mr. Abdelnasser, Mr. Jazairy, Mr. Abdelaziz	Ministry of Economy and Trade, Lebanon (Dr. Wissam El-Amil) E-mail: wamil@economy.gov.lb
12 March 2021 Online presentation	German	Update lecture on the PCT within the framework of the "FORUM!Live: Internationales Patentrecht" (International PCT formalities) conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 965 E-mail: s.schilling@forum-institut.de
8 April 2021 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
18-19 May 2021 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se

PCT Webinars

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)
(www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
24 November 2020 10:00-11:30 CET	Russian	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Krysanova Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Spitsyn, Mr. Albegonov, Mr. Gribkov, Ms. Zikova, Mr. Dimitrov, Ms. Ganbayar and Ms. Gygax	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6796053193801154576
26 November 2020 11:00-12:00 Moscow time (09.00-10:00 CET)	Russian	Live Demonstration of WIPO's Web Page Functionality Regarding PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova and Ms. Morgulova	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7947651986894192907
3 December 2020 10:00 - 11:30 CET	German	Roving Webinar on WIPO Services and Initiatives WIPO speaker on the PCT: Ms. Schumm Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Wollgast, Mr. Halfpenny, Ms. Weiss	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1089798951609856781
8 December 2020 17:30-18:30 CET 10 December 2020 8:30-9:30 CET	English	PATENTSCOPE: Retrospective of 2020 and Plans for 2021 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2591960531045806352
10 December 2020 11:00-12:00 Moscow time (09.00-10:00 CET)	Russian	Who Can Act as an Applicant, How to Appoint an Agent and Who Can Act as an Agent WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova and Ms. Morgulova	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2765396399465031691

Other IP events

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 10-14 March 2021

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place from 10 to 14 March 2021. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/

PCT Fee Tables (amounts on 1 November 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 November 2020, 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	1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
AP	USD (or eq in local currency)	50	USD	1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	217 <i>(218)</i>	326 <i>(328)</i>	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	183 <i>(185)</i>	275 <i>(278)</i>	EP
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,043 <i>(from 1.1.21: 2,023)</i>	23 <i>(23)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	307 <i>(304)</i>	461 <i>(456)</i>	AU KR
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	217 <i>(218)</i>	326 <i>(328)</i>	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	183 <i>(185)</i>	275 <i>(278)</i>	EP RU
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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: on paper:	175 260	BRL eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
BW	USD	32	USD	1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
BY	BYN	94.50	USD	1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	CA EP
CA	CAD <i>(from 1.1.21: 306)</i>	300	CAD	1,961 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,928)</i>	22 <i>(22)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	295 <i>(290)</i>	442 <i>(435)</i>	CA

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

(amounts on 1 November 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴	
				Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷		
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹	130	CLP eq USD ⁹	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD ⁹ 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY	none	CNY eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN (from 1.12.20: EP ¹⁰)
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000		COP eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289		USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR	191	EUR	1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	EUR	1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP XV
DE	EUR	90	EUR	1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
DJ	USD or eq DJF	100	USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	9,090 (from 1.1.21: 9,170)	100 (100)	– (–)	1,370 (1,380)	2,050 (2,070)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available								
DO	USD	316	USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB	1,600	USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
EC	USD	300	USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR	120	EUR	1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR	135	EUR	1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	92 (93)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
ES	EUR	74.25	EUR	1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	62	EUR	1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
GB	GBP	75	GBP	1,085 (from 1.1.21: 1,120)	12 (13)	– (–)	163 (168)	245 (253)	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	USD ¹¹	100	USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹² 2,500 or 5,000		USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD	250	USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD	200	USD	1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 432,700 <i>(from 1.1.21: 444,200)</i>	4,900 <i>(5,000)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	65,100 <i>(66,800)</i>	97,600 <i>(100,200)</i>	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹³ 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³ 92 <i>(from 1.1.21: 93)</i>	or EUR 1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	92 <i>(93)</i>	183 <i>(185)</i>	275 <i>(278)</i>	
	or USD ¹³ 109	or USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	109 <i>(109)</i>	217 <i>(218)</i>	326 <i>(328)</i>	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	183 <i>(185)</i>	275 <i>(278)</i>	EP
IL	ILS 559	USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	217 <i>(218)</i>	326 <i>(328)</i>	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	217 <i>(218)</i>	326 <i>(328)</i>	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
IS	ISK 17,800 <i>(from 1.1.21: 18,200)</i>	ISK 195,100 <i>(from 1.1.21: 200,500)</i>	2,200 <i>(2,300)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	29,300 <i>(30,100)</i>	44,000 <i>(45,200)</i>	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	183 <i>(185)</i>	275 <i>(278)</i>	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	217 <i>(218)</i>	326 <i>(328)</i>	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁶	JPY 152,100 <i>from 1.1.21: 153,600)</i>	1,700 <i>(1,700)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	34,300 <i>(34,600)</i>	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	217 <i>(218)</i>	326 <i>(328)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁷	USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(from 15.12.20: USD 217)</i>	– <i>(from 15.12.20: USD 326)</i>	EP RU
KH	USD 100	USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	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 ¹⁸ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹⁹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	183 <i>(185)</i>	275 <i>(278)</i>	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	183 <i>(185)</i>	275 <i>(278)</i>	EP RU
LY	LYD – ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,446 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,453)</i>	16 <i>(16)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	217 <i>(218)</i>	326 <i>(328)</i>	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,217 <i>(from 1.1.21: 1,233)</i>	14 <i>(14)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	– <i>(–)</i>	EP

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

(amounts on 1 November 2020, 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	
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²⁰	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 13,450 (from 1.1.21: 13,410)	150 (150)	— (—)	2,020 (2,020)	3,030 (3,030)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,162 (from 1.1.21: 2,188)	24 (25)	— (—)	325 (329)	488 (493)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF — ¹⁹	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (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 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	EG EP US
RO	RON 475 (from 1.1.21: 487)	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,700 ²²	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD — ¹⁹	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	(from 15.1.21: eq CHF 200)	(from 15.1.21: eq CHF 300)	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 13,240 (from 1.1.21: 12,920)	150 (150)	— (—)	1,990 (1,940)	2,990 (2,910)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,974 (from 1.1.21: 1,977)	22 (22)	— (—)	297 (297)	445 (446)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
SK	EUR (paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²³	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP XV
SV	None ²⁴	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES
SY	USD — ¹⁹	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AU CN EP JP KR SG US

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

(amounts on 1 November 2020, 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	
TJ	TJS ⁻¹⁹	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (from 1.12.20: USD 217) (from 1.1.21: USD 218)	— (from 1.12.20: USD 326) (from 1.1.21: USD 328)	EP RU
TM	USD ⁻¹⁹	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (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 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP RU UA
UG	UGX —	UGX eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 130 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 65 ²⁶	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	109 (109)	217 (218)	— (—)	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁸	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (from 1.12.20: USD 217) (from 1.1.21: USD 218)	— (from 1.12.20: USD 326) (from 1.1.21: USD 328)	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	—	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 24,090 (from 1.1.21: 24,120)	270 (270)	— (—)	3,620 (3,630)	5,430 (5,440)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 November 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.1.21:)	CHF* 1,939 CHF 1,915	KRW* 2,495,000 KRW 2,422,000	SGD* 2,882 SGD 2,846	USD* 2,107 USD 2,091	ZAR* 35,130 ZAR 34,720)		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD*, ** 1,507 *(from 1.12.20:) ***(from 1.1.21:) USD 1,580	CHF** 1,432 ZAR** 26,420 USD 1,587) CHF 1,446 ZAR 26,230)	EUR** 1,337 EUR 1,341	KRW** 1,869,000 KRW 1,829,000	NZD** 2,357 NZD 2,379	SGD** 2,102 SGD 2,150		
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.1.21:) On paper: *(from 1.1.21:)	BRL 1,685 CHF 274 BRL 2,525 CHF 411	CHF* 286 EUR 254 CHF* 429 EUR 381	EUR* 271 USD 300 EUR* 406 USD 449)	USD* 322 USD* 483			
CA	CAD* 1,600 *(from 1.1.21:)	CHF* 1,085 CAD 1,632	EUR* 1,016 CHF 1,134	USD* 1,210 EUR 1,060	USD 1,243)			
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.1.21:) In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.1.21:) In case of filing by a university ³⁰ : *(from 1.1.21:)	CHF* 1,839 CHF 1,831 CHF 366 USD 300 CHF 275	EUR* 1,685 EUR 1,697) EUR 339) CHF* 276 EUR 255)	USD 400 CHF* 368 EUR* 337				
CN	CNY 2,100 *(from 1.1.21:)	CHF* 274 CHF 283	EUR* 267 EUR 262	USD* 294 USD 309)				
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.1.21:)	CHF* 228 CHF 233	EUR* 223 EUR 216	USD* 245 USD 254)				

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
EP ³²	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	DKK*	13,260	GBP*	1,560	HUF*	626,100	ISK*	276,000
	JPY*	221,900	NOK*	19,010	NZD*	3,099	SEK*	18,250	SGD*	2,882	USD*	2,107
	ZAR*	35,130										
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	GBP	1,613	HUF	639,500	ISK	288,600
	JPY	221,100	NOK	19,310	NZD	3,150	SEK	18,610	SGD	2,846	USD	2,091
ZAR	34,720)											
ES ³²	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	USD*	2,107	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	1,915	USD	2,091)
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	USD*	2,107	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	1,915	USD	2,091)
IL	ILS	3,582	CHF*	1,009	EUR*	932	USD*	1,036				
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	962	EUR	892	USD	1,051)				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	128	EUR*	114	USD*	131				
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	125	EUR	116	USD	137)				
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF*	32	EUR*	29	USD*	33				
*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	31	EUR	29	USD	34)					
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	70,000	CHF*	612	EUR*	595	KRW*	783,000	USD*	654		
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	606	EUR	562	KRW	767,000	USD	662)		
	For IAs in English:											
	JPY	156,000	CHF*	1,364	EUR*	1,326	SGD*	2,012	USD*	1,457		
*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	1,351	EUR	1,252	SGD	2,008	USD	1,476)			
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean:											
	KRW	450,000	AUD*	530	CHF*	353	EUR*	320	NZD*	598		
	SGD*	519	USD*	376								
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		AUD	541	CHF	356	EUR	330	NZD	585	SGD	529
	USD	389)										
	For IAs in English:											
KRW*	1,200,000	AUD*	1,413	CHF*	941	EUR*	854	NZD*	1,594			
SGD*	1,385	USD*	1,003									
*(from 1.1.2.1:		AUD	1,443	CHF	949	EUR	879	NZD	1,561	SGD	1,410	
USD	1,036)											
PH	USD	1,000	CHF*	920	EUR*	843						
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	916	EUR	849)						
	Small entity or government ³⁵ :											
	USD	400	CHF*	368	EUR*	337						
*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	366	EUR	339)							
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	106	EUR*	97	USD*	114				
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	99	EUR	92	USD	108)				
	For IAs in English:											
RUB	40,000	CHF*	498	EUR*	455	USD*	537					
*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	467	EUR	433	USD	510)					
SE	SEK*	18,250	CHF*	1,939	DKK*	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK*	276,000	NOK*	19,010
	USD*	2,107										
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	ISK	288,600	NOK	19,310
	USD	2,091)										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,509	EUR*	1,380	JPY*	173,600	KRW*	1,955,000	USD*	1,622
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646)
TR	TRY*	11,300	CHF*	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD*	2,107				
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	USD	2,091)				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:											
	EUR	100	CHF*	109	USD*	119						
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	108	USD	118)						
For IAs in English, French or German:												
EUR	300	CHF*	328	USD*	356							
*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	324	USD	353)							
US	USD	2,180	CHF*	1,976	EUR*	1,820	NZD*	3,220	ZAR*	36,144		
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,283	ZAR	36,190)		
	For small entity ²⁷ :											
	USD	1,090	CHF*	988	EUR*	910	NZD*	1,610	ZAR*	18,072		
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,642	ZAR	18,100)		
	For micro entity ²⁷ :											
USD	545	CHF*	494	EUR*	455	NZD*	805	ZAR*	9,036			
*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	821	ZAR	9,050)			
XN	DKK*	13,260	CHF*	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK*	276,000	NOK*	19,010	SEK*	18,250
	USD*	2,107										
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	ISK	228,600	NOK	19,310	SEK	18,610
	USD	2,091)										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	HUF*	626,100	USD*	2,107				
	*(from 1.1.2.1:		CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091)				

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee		Supplementary search handling fee^{2, 36}	
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 929 CHF 917)			
	– for a search of European and North American documentation: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 1,300 CHF 1,284)			
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 1,857 CHF 1,834)			
EP	CHF 1,939 ³²	<i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 1,915 ³²)	CHF	200
FI	CHF 1,939	<i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 1,915)	CHF	200
RU	CHF 147	<i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 138)	CHF	200
	CHF 235 ³⁷	<i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 221 ³⁷)		
SE	CHF 1,939	<i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 1,915)	CHF	200
SG	CHF 1,509	<i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 1,507)	CHF	200
TR	– for a full search: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 1,939 CHF 1,915)		CHF 200	
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 86 CHF 59)			
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 98 CHF 97)		CHF 200	
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 98 CHF 97)			
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 76			
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv): <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 66 CHF 65)			
XN	– for a full search: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 1,939 CHF 1,915)		CHF 200	
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 585 CHF 580)			
XV	– for a full search: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 1,939 CHF 1,915)		CHF 200	
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: <i>(from 1.1.21:</i> CHF 601 CHF 593)			

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 November 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

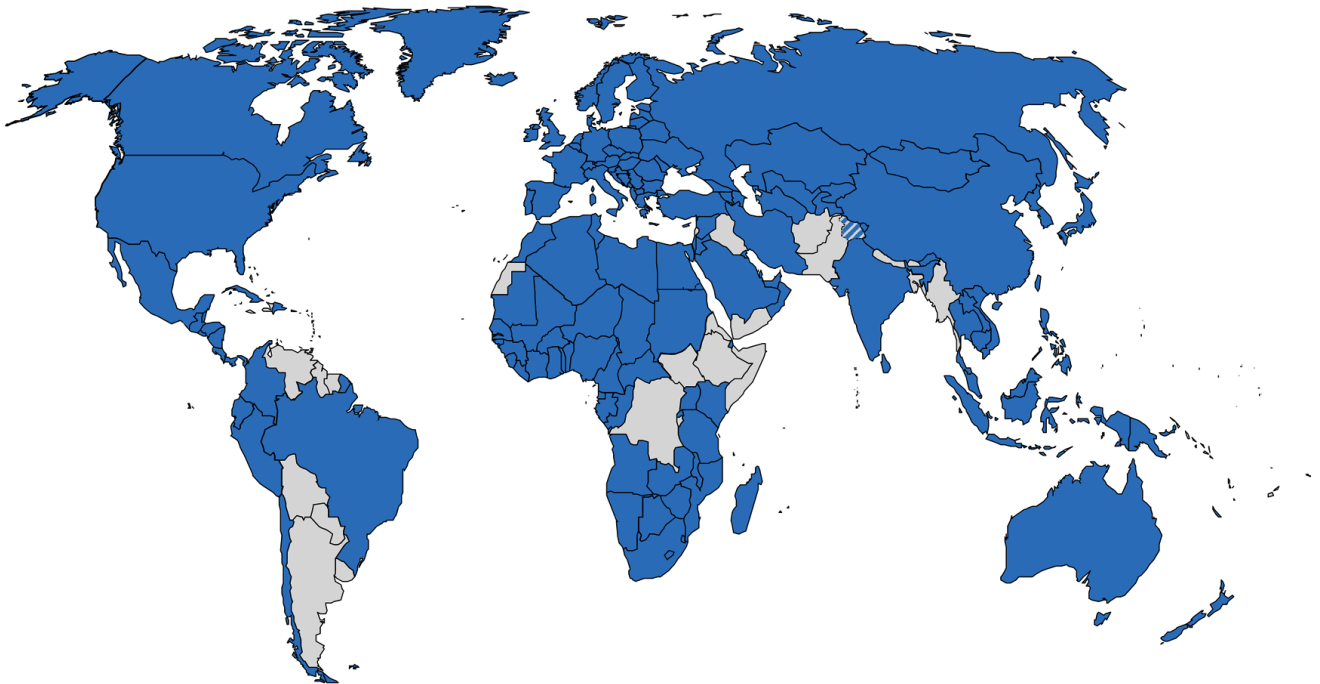
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁸		Handling fee^{2,38} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁹	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁹	AUD	307 (from 1.1.21: AUD 304)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	800 (from 1.1.21: CAD 816)	CAD	295 (from 1.1.21: CAD 290)
CL	USD	1,500	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
		in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400		
		in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300		
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
EP	EUR	1,830 ³²	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
ES	EUR	583.65 ³²	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
FI	EUR	600	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
IL	ILS	1,535	ILS	743 (from 1.1.21: ILS 745)
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	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
JP³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY	22,900 (from 1.1.21: JPY 23,100)
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	255,000 (from 1.1.21: KRW 253,000)
PH	USD	500	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
	Small entity or government: ³⁵ USD	200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴⁰ 6,750 ⁴¹	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴⁰ 24,000 ⁴¹		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,990 (from 1.1.21: SEK 1,940)
SG	SGD	830	SGD	297 (from 1.1.21: 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	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
US	USD	640 800 ⁴²	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
	For small entity ²⁷ : USD	320 400 ⁴²		
	For micro entity ²⁷ : USD	160 200 ⁴²		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,370 (from 1.1.21: DKK 1,380)
XV	EUR	900	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 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.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed by electronic means.
- 24 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.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf.
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>.
- 29 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).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 31 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".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html.
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 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.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 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).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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



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)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	HN Honduras	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia (EP)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HU Hungary (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	RW Rwanda (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	ID Indonesia	ME Montenegro ⁵	SA Saudi Arabia	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	
	IL Israel		SD Sudan (AP)	
			SE Sweden (EP)	

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

³ Italy 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).

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

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 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.

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Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits due to Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication (PCT Rule 82*quater*.2)

It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union, during its fifty-first session which was held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, adopted, in addition to other rule changes, new PCT Rule 82*quater*.2 concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization. This rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

European Patent Office

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the International Bureau (IB) of its intention, with effect from 16 November 2020, to apply PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) in case of unavailability of its electronics means of communication with a view to excusing delays in meeting time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT, as follows:

- Delays in meeting time limits could be excused where any of the permitted means of electronic filing at the EPO notified under PCT Rule 89*bis*, or means of online payment, was unavailable for a minimum of a continuous four-hour period on a specific working day. PCT Rule 82*quater*.2 will not be applied by the EPO if a means of electronic filing is unavailable for less than four hours and an announcement of the outage has been published at least two working days in advance.
- An unplanned outage, however, does not necessarily have to last a minimum of four hours to qualify for the application of PCT Rule 82*quater*.2 by the EPO. If the unavailability of a means of electronic communication, or means of online payment, is qualified as an outage by its technical services, the EPO will consider applying PCT Rule 82*quater*.2.

An interested party who wishes to have a delay in meeting a time limit excused under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) before the EPO should:

- submit a request to the EPO, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of any of the permitted means of electronic communication on a specific date, and
- perform the relevant action on the next working day at the EPO on which all permitted means of electronic communication or online payment was again available.

For further information, please refer to the full text of the notification by the EPO, which was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 26 November 2020 (page 254) at:

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

This information updates the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (EP).

Notification by the EPO of delay under PCT Rule 82quater.2

In accordance with PCT Rule 82quater.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 EPO has notified the IB of the unavailability of its permitted electronic means of communication during the following periods:

- CMS: from 26 November 2020, 08:00 CET (Central European Time), to 27 November 2020, 11:00 (CET); and
- All online services: from 26 November 2020, 23:25 (CET) to 27 November 2020, 01:15 (CET).

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned services during the indicated periods may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82quater.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 26 November 2020 (indicated above).

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

International Bureau: e-mail address for e-filing services

Please note that the following e-mail addresses: epct@wipo.int, pct-safe@wipo.int, and ept@wipo.int should no longer be used as they will be decommissioned on 11 January 2021. Any future inquiry concerning the International Bureau's e-filing services should be sent to: pct.eservices@wipo.int

Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria no longer accepting international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software

The Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) that, with effect from 1 February 2021, it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software. It is recalled that the Office accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing.

The revised notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 3 December 2020 at:

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

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

WIPO Fee Transfer Service

It is recalled that in October 2019, the Assembly of the PCT Union amended PCT Rules 15, 16, 57 and 96 to provide a legal basis in the PCT for the transfer via the International Bureau (IB) of fees collected by one Office for the benefit of another Office. One of the main benefits of the new service would be to minimize the number of fee transactions between Offices. For further information, please refer to document PCT/WG/12/20 at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=436911

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 IB, pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai/annex_g.html).

In relation to the new WIPO Fee Transfer Service, the IB has published the following information in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 26 November 2020 (from page 255):

- a list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office as of 20 November 2020; and
- a common timetable for the year 2021, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfers to the IB, and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in the said lists, shall be established and transmitted to and from the IB.

For further information, please refer to the above-mentioned issue of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* at:

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

Non-Working Days at the International Bureau

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau (IB) will not be open for business, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021, are the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays, and

1 January 2021

2 April 2021

5 April 2021

13 May 2021

24 May 2021

9 September 2021

24 December 2021

31 December 2021

Note that the days indicated above concern only the IB and not the national or regional Offices. The closed dates in 2021 for other Offices, where this information has been provided to the IB, can be found on the PCT website at:

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

PCT Information Update

BG Bulgaria (electronic filing)

For information on the non-acceptance, with effect from 1 February 2021, by the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria as receiving Office of international applications filed in electronic form using the EPO online filing software, please refer to “Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications”, above.

BH Bahrain (telephone numbers; fees)

The National Patent Office (Bahrain) has deleted one of its telephone numbers and notified two new numbers. The telephone numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (973-17) 57 48 96, 57 49 23, 57 47 69

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BHD	540	(270)
Second annual fee:	BHD	200	(100)
Publication fee:	BHD	320	(160)
Examination fee, including search:	According to actual cost		

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BHD	270	(135)
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The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Office (fees)

The Eurasian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau (IB) that the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable to the Office as receiving Office, as well as the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, are now payable in EUR, in addition to USD, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

GM Gambia (name of Office, telephone numbers; facsimile machine; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The Registrar General's Department, Department of Justice (Gambia) has notified the IB that the name of the Office has changed to Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia), and that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine. It has also notified the IB of its e-mail and Internet addresses, and that there has been a change in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (220) 422 84 50, 422 86 65, 314 10 05

E-mail: info@moj.gov.gm
colleyabdoulie@yahoo.com

Internet: www.moj.gov.gm

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

IL Israel (fees)

As from 1 January 2021, there will be a change in the amount of the transmittal fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office. The new amount will be ILS 554.

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will also change with effect from the same date:

Filing fee ILS 2,030¹

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

LS Lesotho (telephone numbers; e-mail address)

The telephone numbers and the e-mail address of the Registrar General's Office (Lesotho) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (266) 22 31 28 56, 22 31 12 51

E-mail: registrar.general@gov.ls

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

MN Mongolia (location and mailing address; Internet address)

The location and mailing address and the Internet address of the Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia have changed, as follows:

Location and
mailing address: 13381 Ulaanbaatar
Bayanzurkh district
3 khoroo
Enkhtaivan avenue 30
Mongolia

Internet address: www.ipom.gov.mn

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

QA Qatar (telephone number; e-mail addresses)

The telephone number and the e-mail addresses of the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar) have changed, as follows:

Telephone: (974) 4042 3278

¹ A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

E-mail: malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa
salobaidli@moci.gov.qa
walmkhlef@moci.gov.qa

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

RS Republic of Serbia (fees)

There has been a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) as receiving Office and applicable since 1 August 2020, as follows:

Transmittal fee ² :	RSD	7,990
Fee for priority document:		
– for the first document up to ten pages	RSD	1,920
– plus, for each subsequent document up to ten pages	RSD	480
– plus, per page in excess of ten	[no change]	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	RSD	3,210

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

For patent:

Filing fee ² :	RSD	7,990
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10 ² :.....	[no change]	
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:.....	[no change]	
Examination fee ² :	RSD	7,990
Annual fee for the first three years ² :	RSD	11,200

For petty patent:

Filing fee ² :	RSD	7,990
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:.....	[no change]	

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

TM Turkmenistan (name of Office; location; telephone and fax numbers; Internet address)

The name, location, telephone and fax numbers and the Internet address of the Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan have changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Turkmenistanyň maliýe we ykdysadyýet ministrliginiň Intellektual eýeçilik boýunça döwlet gullugy

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan

Location: Archabil Ave., 156, Ashgabat City, Turkmenistan
 Telephone: (993-12) 39 46 86, 39 46 84
 Fax: (993-12) 98 24 45
 Internet: <http://fineconomic.gov.tm/ru>

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

UA Ukraine (name of Office)

The name of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property has changed, as follows:

Name of Office: Ministerstvo Rozvytku Ekonomiky, Torgivli ta Silskogo Gospodarstva Ukrayiny, Departament rozvytku sfery intelektualnoyi vlasnosti

Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 February 2021, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

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

Search fee and other fees related to the international search (Austrian Patent Office, Australian Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 February 2021, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office.....	ZAR
Australian Patent Office.....	ZAR
United States Patent and Trademark Office	ZAR

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU and US))

Exceptional Non-working Days

European Patent Office

The EPO has announced that it is extending the list of days on which its filing Offices in Munich, The Hague and Berlin will be closed for the receipt of documents. The additional days are from 4 January 2021 to 8 January 2021, inclusive (6 January 2021 was already scheduled as a closed date for the Office in Munich). For further information, please refer to the EPO's notice at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notices/archive/20201216.html>

This information will be made available at a later date in the *Official Journal of the EPO*.

WIPO 2019/2020 PCT User Survey

The fourth PCT User Survey was conducted in 2019/2020 in an effort to assess customer satisfaction in respect of all aspects of the PCT, and to help determine which areas of the services provided should be improved upon.

The survey, which was available in the 10 PCT publication languages, was completed by more than 1,800 respondents. The survey questions related, in particular, to:

- overall satisfaction with PCT-related services;
- overall satisfaction with the processing of PCT applications by the International Bureau;
- the usage of, and satisfaction with, the various functions of ePCT services;
- communication with the various PCT services at WIPO; and
- satisfaction with PCT information provided on the WIPO website and PCT training.

Respondents were also given the opportunity to provide textual comments and identify areas for possible improvement.

Overall 88% of PCT users said they were either “very satisfied” (36%) or “satisfied” (52%) with PCT-related services provided by WIPO. A summary of the results of the survey is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/activity/pct_user_survey_2019_2020.pdf

We would like to thank those of you who took the time to complete the survey. Wherever possible, the IB will try to take those comments into account. If you missed the opportunity to take part in the survey, please note that PCT users may send comments and feedback at any time to the e-mail address of the PCT Legal and User Relations Division:

pct.legal@wipo.int

The next PCT User Survey will take place in 2021/2022.

PCT Overview Video

A new PCT overview video entitled “The PCT: Seeking Patent Protection Beyond Borders” is available in the 10 PCT publication languages (languages other than English can be selected from the top right hand part of the screen) on the main PCT page (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en>) and at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0024.html

The video is intended for business owners, individual inventors and students who already have a basic understanding of patents but want to learn more about how the PCT can help innovators seek patent protection beyond their borders. Patent attorneys may likewise use the video to help inform clients about their choices for seeking patent protection in foreign countries. It is also intended to raise awareness about the PCT system in countries not yet party to the PCT.

New/Updated PCT Resources

More resources available in Chinese

A PDF version of the presentation and the recording of a PCT advanced seminar for Chinese users, which aired on 19 November 2020, are now available at, respectively:

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8450156288861471747>

Seminar materials

It is recalled that seminar materials, covering all aspects of the PCT procedure, were updated in October 2020 to take into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations that have recently entered into force and changes in practice that have taken place since the last version of the document was published. Translations into Chinese, French, German and Japanese are now available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/zh/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

https://www.wipo.int/pct/de/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

https://www.wipo.int/pct/ja/seminar/basic_1/document.pdf

Availability of the Basic Distance Learning Course on the PCT

Please note that, due to the annual closure of the WIPO Academy, new registrations for the basic distance learning course on the PCT (Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (DL101PCT)), as well as for other WIPO Academy online courses on Intellectual Property, are not currently available. New registrations will be available as from mid-January 2021 at:

https://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/distance_learning/

WIPO Sequence: New Tool for Patent Applicants Filing Sequence Listings

As from 1 January 2022, WIPO Standard ST.26 for the presentation of amino acid and nucleotide sequence listings in XML format will apply to sequence listings that form part of a patent application at the international, national or regional level.

Last month, WIPO launched WIPO Sequence, a desktop application that enables patent applicants to prepare amino acid and nucleotide sequence listings compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26. Furthermore, WIPO also provides the WIPO Sequence Validator for patent Offices to verify the compliance of filed sequence listings with WIPO Standard ST.26. WIPO Sequence is available free of charge, and will allow all applicants to file sequence listings in a consistent format, in contrast to the current situation where different authoring tools are made available by IP Offices, resulting in different formats for these sequence listings.

A variety of improvements to WIPO Sequence are currently being implemented and beta releases will be published for testing in 2021, before launching a new official version. User feedback is crucial to validate this development. PCT users who regularly file international applications containing sequence listings are invited to download the WIPO Sequence desktop tool, and provide their feedback to: standards@wipo.int.

For further information on WIPO Sequence, please refer to the news item at:

https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/news/2020/news_0002.html

and the WIPO Sequence installation packages and user manuals are available on the WIPO Sequence webpage at:

<https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/sequence/index.html>

Please note that WIPO plans to organize training courses and webinars on WIPO Standard ST.26 and WIPO Sequence for applicants and Office staff in 2021.

WIPO INSPIRE: New Patent Information Tool

WIPO has expanded its suite of online services with a new platform, WIPO INSPIRE (Index of Specialized Patent Information Reports) (<https://inspire.wipo.int/>). WIPO INSPIRE provides free access to comprehensive, unbiased and structured reports on patent databases. It will help a range of stakeholders evaluate and search patent commercial, national or regional databases around the world, and help them to reach informed decisions on the patent search tools that suit them best in their work, whether they are examining patents or making R&D-related decisions.

WIPO INSPIRE offers a range of powerful but easy-to-use functionalities for both novice and expert patent information users, which include:

- a repository of detailed reports on patent search and analytics tools and databases;
- a comparison of features for up to four patent databases; and
- an interactive map showing world database coverage, allowing users to determine, at a glance, which patent databases offer coverage of a specific jurisdiction.

WIPO INSPIRE is integrated with WIPO's Patent Register Portal and eTISC (online Technology and Innovation Support Center) platform, providing a seamless environment for users to obtain information about patent databases and patent registers, and an opportunity to interact with patent information experts and discuss these tools.

Further information is available in the news item at:

https://www.wipo.int/tisc/en/news/2020/news_0004.html

and a recorded webinar about how to use WIPO INSPIRE is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=60288

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The report provides an annual overview of intellectual property (IP) activity around the globe in the areas of patents, utility models, trademarks, industrial designs, microorganisms, plant variety protection, geographical indications and the creative economy. It draws on 2019 filing, registration and renewals statistics from around 150 national and regional IP offices and WIPO, as well as survey data and industry sources.

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Practical Advice

The cost of filing an international application – finding out what fees are due by consulting WIPO's online resources

Q: I am considering filing an international application for the first time, but would like to find out how much the PCT fees will be before I do so. How can I do this?

A: First of all, if you are planning on filing your PCT application using ePCT-Filing, once you have entered all the necessary information in ePCT, the system will, before you submit the application, calculate the fees in real time, taking into account all the variables that can make fee calculation complex for applicants. For further information, please refer to the Practical Advice published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2020 at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pctndocs/en/2020/pct_news_2020_11.pdf

If you do not intend to file your application using ePCT-Filing or are not able to because your chosen receiving Office does not accept such filings, information on the fees payable upon filing an international application, as well as those payable for entering the national phase in the countries where you seek patent protection, is also available in various information resources which are available on the PCT website.

The main fees payable upon filing an international application can be found in one place, in the PCT Fee Tables at:

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

Also, for each Office, the Annexes to the *PCT Applicant's Guide* list the fees payable upon filing, other fees payable in certain circumstances during the international phase as well as the fees

payable during the national phase (the national fees). The Annexes also contain more detailed information on the requirements and other specificities of the Offices concerned, and can be accessed via links in the index at:

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

Note that the PCT Fee Tables are updated once a month, whereas the *PCT Applicant's Guide* is usually updated, where applicable, once a week.

Before you consult those resources, however, you will need to know which fees you must pay in all cases upon filing the international application, and which fees you only pay under certain circumstances. The main fees that you will have to pay upon filing, with an indication of the part of the PCT Fee Tables where those fees can be found, as well as an indication of the relevant Annex of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, are described below.

Table I(a) of the PCT Fee Tables and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C

The fees indicated below (and electronic filing fee reductions, if you are filing electronically) are indicated next to each receiving Office (RO) listed in *column 1 of Table I(a) of the PCT Fee Tables*. Note that, in accordance with PCT Rule 19, you are entitled to file the international application with the national Office of or acting for the Contracting State of which you are a resident and/or a national, or with the International Bureau (IB) as receiving Office. You may have a wider choice if you are a national of a country which is different from your country of residence, or if you are entitled to file with a regional Office as receiving Office (Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* ("Receiving Offices") indicates for each receiving Office, the States, the nationals and residents of which it is entitled to act as receiving Office for).

The transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) – this fee (*column 2*), where applicable³, payable to the receiving Office with which you file the international application, varies depending on the receiving Office, and is usually in its local currency.

The international filing fee (PCT Rule 15), including the fee which is payable for each sheet of the application which is over 30⁴ – this fee (*columns 3 and 4*) is collected by the receiving Office for the benefit of the IB and is payable in the currency, or one of the currencies, prescribed by the receiving Office. The equivalent amounts in currencies accepted by the receiving Office other than Swiss francs are subject to changes due to exchange rate fluctuations.

Electronic filing reductions – *columns 5 to 7* contain the amounts of the reductions in the international filing fee that you would be entitled to if you were to file the international application in one of the electronic formats prescribed in Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT (https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html#_S). Your chosen mode of filing would depend on the mode(s) of electronic filing, if any, that the receiving Office with which you file the application is prepared to accept (details about the modes of electronic filing accepted by each receiving Office concerned is contained in the corresponding part of Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*). The amount of the reduction, in currencies other than Swiss francs, is also subject to fluctuations in the applicable exchange rate.

³ There is no transmittal fee charged by the receiving Offices of: Algeria, China, India (in the case of electronic filings), Morocco, Mongolia, Slovenia and Turkey.

⁴ For many years, the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30 have been set at 1,330 Swiss francs and 15 Swiss francs, respectively.

The fees and reductions mentioned above can also be found in the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C, together with any other fee which might be due to the receiving Office in certain circumstances, for example, the fee for priority document (payable if you need to request the receiving Office to transmit to the IB a certified copy of an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed in the international application), or the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d).

Table I(b) of the PCT Fee Tables and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D

The search fee (PCT Rule 16) – first of all you will have to ascertain which International Searching Authority (ISA)/ISAs is/are competent to act as such for your international application. The ISAs that you can choose are listed in Table I(a) at the end of the row corresponding to your chosen competent receiving Office. The search fee is collected by the receiving Office for the benefit of the ISA and is fixed by the ISA in its own currency. Equivalent amounts of the search fee are therefore established in certain currencies accepted by the receiving Offices that have specified the Office concerned as a competent ISA. The amount of the corresponding search fee payable to each ISA, together with the equivalent amounts in other applicable currencies, can be found in Table I(b) of the Fee Tables, or in the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D. Note that some ISAs charge different amounts, depending on the language in which the search is going to be carried out, and some ISAs offer fee reductions, which will be discussed later. Other fees besides the search fee may also be payable to the ISA in certain circumstances, such as the additional search fee and the protest fee. For further information, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D.

Payment of the transmittal fee, international filing fee and search fee is required in all cases (apart from the few exceptions concerning the transmittal fee), and is due within one month of receipt of the application by the receiving Office.

Tables I(c) and II of the PCT Fee Tables and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes SISA and E

Other fees may also be payable in particular circumstances. For instance if you decide to request a supplementary international search of your application under PCT Rule 45*bis*, you will have to pay the supplementary search fee and the supplementary search handling fee (see Table I(c) or the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA), and if you file a demand for international preliminary examination under PCT Rule 53 you will have to pay the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee (see Table II or the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E). Other fees may also be payable in certain circumstances. For further information, please refer to Annex SISA and E, respectively.

***PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapters**

Once you have decided on the countries in which you would like to proceed with your PCT application, you will have to pay further fees to each of the national Offices upon entry into the national phase, and this fee may comprise several components, depending on the Office concerned. For information on the fees charged by designated (or elected) Offices in the national phase, please refer to the corresponding National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Possible fee reductions/refunds

As mentioned above, the international filing fee may be reduced if the application is filed electronically, but also, a number of receiving Offices offer a reduction in the transmittal fee, one ISA/IPEA offers a reduction in the search and preliminary examination fees, and a number of designated (or elected) Offices offer reductions in their national fees in the case of online filings.

Other fee reductions may also be applicable, depending on your circumstances, as outlined below:

Fee reductions based on nationality and residence of the applicant(s): reductions in the international filing fee, the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee are available if all applicants named in the international application are nationals and residents of certain States. For further details, please refer to the table at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction_january.pdf

Furthermore, a number of Offices offer reductions in the amount of the transmittal fee, and/or the search and preliminary examination fees for applicants from certain countries.

Fee reductions based on category of applicant: some Offices offer reductions in the transmittal fee, the search and preliminary examination fees, and/or the national fee for certain categories of applicants, for example small entities, academic institutions or government agencies.

Reductions/refunds if earlier results can be used: some Offices offer reductions, refunds or partial refunds if the results of prior search and examination can be utilized by them. For example, some IPEAs charge a lower amount for the preliminary examination fee where the international search report was prepared by the same Office in its capacity as ISA.

Lower fees if the extent of the supplementary international search (SIS) is limited: if you decide to request a supplementary international search, and are able to choose a more limited SIS at your chosen Authority, the fees will be lower as different amounts may apply depending on the extent of the document collection to be searched.

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee: a number of national (or regional) Offices offer reductions in the national fees in a number of different situations, for example, for applications filed by certain categories of applicants or when the international search or preliminary examination was carried out by certain International Authorities.

To find out whether you are entitled to a reduction in respect of fees payable upon filing the international application, please refer to the corresponding footnotes to the Fee Tables; in the case of all reductions or refunds in the international and national phases, please refer to the corresponding part of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C, D and E and National Chapters.

Further information on PCT fees

For further general information on PCT fees, please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraphs 5.184 to 5.199 at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/ip05.html#_fees

Consolidated information on fees and payments under the PCT System, containing links to other fee-related information, can also be found at:

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

PCT Seminar Calendar

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/seminar.pdf)
(situation on 18 December 2020)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
12 March 2021 Online presentation	German	Update lecture on the PCT within the framework of the "FORUM!Live: Internationales Patentrecht" (International PCT formalities) conference WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 660 Fax: (49-6221) 500 965 E-mail: s.schilling@forum-institut.de
8 April 2021 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
18-19 May 2021 Stockholm (SE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle-Park and Ms. Mohri	IP-Akademin, Trona Patentrådgivning AB (Ms. Rut Herbjørnsen) Tel: (46-708) 808 342 E-mail: info@ipakademin.se Internet: www.ipakademin.se
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

Other IP events

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), 10-14 March 2021

The 48th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place from 10 to 14 March 2021. Further information is available at:

www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 13. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 December 2020, 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	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
AP	USD	50	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	AT EP SE
	(or eq in local currency)		(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(218)	(328)	
AT	EUR	52	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP
			(from 1.1.21:	1,233)	(14)	(–)	(185)	(278)	
AU	AUD	200	AUD	2,043	23	–	307	461	AU KR
			(from 1.1.21:	2,023)	(23)	(–)	(304)	(456)	
AZ	AZN	30	USD	1,446	16	–	217	326	EP RU
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(218)	(328)	
BA	BAM	50	EUR	1,217	14	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.1.21:	1,233)	(14)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BG	BGN	80	EUR	1,217	14	–	183	275	EP RU
			(from 1.1.21:	1,233)	(14)	(–)	(185)	(278)	
BH	BHD	70	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	AT EP US
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
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	BRL	eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR EP SE US
	on paper:	260							
BW	USD	32	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BY	BYN	94.50	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	EP RU
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
BZ	BZD	300	USD	1,446	16	–	–	–	CA EP
			(from 1.1.21:	1,453)	(16)	(–)	(–)	(–)	
CA	CAD	300	CAD	1,961	22	–	295	442	CA
	(from 1.1.21:	306)	(from 1.1.21:	1,928)	(22)	(–)	(290)	(435)	

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

(amounts on 1 December 2020, 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	
CH	CHF 100	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	CLP eq USD ⁹ 130	CLP eq USD ⁹ 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD ⁹ 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	CL EP ES KR US
CN	CNY none	CNY eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP ¹⁰
CO	COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000	COP eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	USD online: 212 on paper: 289	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES
CU	CUC 200	CUC 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CY	EUR 191	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP XV
DE	EUR 90	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
DJ	USD 100 or eq DJF	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT EG EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 9,090 (from 1.1.21: 9,170)	100 (100)	– (–)	1,370 (1,380)	2,050 (2,070)	EP SE XN
DM	Information not yet available						
DO	USD 316	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES US
DZ	DZD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	RUB 1,600	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453) or EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	16 (16) 14 (14)	– (–) – (–)	217 (218) 183 (185)	326 (328) 275 (278)	EP RU
EC	USD 300	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES
EE	EUR 120	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
EG	USD 142	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT EG EP US
EP	EUR 135	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	92 (93)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
ES	EUR 74.25	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP FI SE
FR	EUR 62	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
GB	GBP 75	GBP 1,085 (from 1.1.21: 1,120)	12 (13)	– (–)	163 (168)	245 (253)	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	USD ¹¹ 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT EP IL RU US
GH	GHS ¹² 2,500 or 5,000	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
GT	GTQ eq USD 250	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT BR CL EP ES US
HN	USD 200	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP ES
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP

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

(amounts on 1 December 2020, 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	
HU	HUF 11,800	HUF 432,700 (from 1.1.21: 444,200)	4,900 (5,000)	– (–)	65,100 (66,800)	97,600 (100,200)	EP XV
IB	CHF ¹³ 100	CHF 1,330	15	100	200	300	See footnote 14
	or EUR ¹³ 92 (from 1.1.21: 93)	or EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	92 (93)	183 (185)	275 (278)	
	or USD ¹³ 109	or USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	109 (109)	217 (218)	326 (328)	
ID	IDR 1,000,000	IDR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	EUR 76	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
IL	ILS 559 (from 1.1.21: 554)	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP IL US
IN	INR 17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁵ No fee for e-filings	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT AU CN EP IN SE US
IR	IRR 50,000 (natural persons)	IRR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	CN EP IN RU
	IRR 500,000 (legal persons)						
IS	ISK 17,800 (from 1.1.21: 18,200)	ISK 195,100 (from 1.1.21: 200,500)	2,200 (2,300)	– (–)	29,300 (30,100)	44,000 (45,200)	EP SE XN
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 10,000 ¹⁶	JPY 152,100 (from 1.1.21: 153,600)	1,700 (1,700)	– (–)	– (–)	34,300 (34,600)	EP JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000 ¹⁷	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
KH	USD 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (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 ¹⁸ KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL – ¹⁹	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP RU XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP RU
LY	LYD – ¹⁹	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	AT EP
MA	MAD None	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
ME	EUR 15	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
MX	USD 323.70 ²⁰	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT CLEPESKR SE SG US
MY	MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 13,450 (from 1.1.21: 13,410)	150 (150)	— (—)	2,020 (2,020)	3,030 (3,030)	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,162 (from 1.1.21: 2,188)	24 (25)	— (—)	325 (329)	488 (493)	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF — ¹⁹	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	ATAUEGEPUS
PA	USD 240	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	ATBRCLEPESKRUS
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (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 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	— (—)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	EG EP US
RO	RON 475 (from 1.1.21: 487)	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP RU
RS	RSD 7,990 ²²	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP XV
RU	RUB 1,700	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CA EG EP KR RU
SC	USD — ¹⁹	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	(from 15.1.21: eq CHF 200)	(from 15.1.21: eq CHF 300)	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 13,240 (from 1.1.21: 12,920)	150 (150)	— (—)	1,990 (1,940)	2,990 (2,910)	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,974 (from 1.1.21: 1,977)	22 (22)	— (—)	297 (297)	445 (446)	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP
SK	EUR (paper filings) ⁶⁶ ²³	EUR 1,217 (from 1.1.21: 1,233)	14 (14)	— (—)	183 (185)	275 (278)	EP XV
SV	None ²⁴	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	217 (218)	326 (328)	CL EP ES
SY	USD — ¹⁹	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	AT EG EP RU
TH	THB 3,000	THB eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	—	—	—	AU CN EP JP KR SG US

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

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1, 2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Item 4(a) ⁵	Item 4(b) ⁶	Item 4(c) ⁷	
TJ	TJS – ¹⁹	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
TM	USD – ¹⁹	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (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 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT CL EP SE US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵ 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	EP RU UA
UG	UGX –	UGX eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	eq USD 217 (218)	eq USD 326 (328)	AT EP SG
US	USD 260 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 130 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 65 ²⁶	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	109 (109)	217 (218)	– (–)	AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US
UZ	UZS 306,830 ²⁸	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	Information not yet available						
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 24,090 (from 1.1.21: 24,120) (from 1.2.21: 22,660)	270 (270) (260)	– (–) (–)	3,620 (3,630) (3,410)	5,430 (5,440) (5,110)	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	16 (16)	– (–)	217 (218)	326 (328)	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,446 (from 1.1.21: 1,453)	eq USD 16 (16)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹							
AT ²⁹	EUR 1,775 *(from 1.1.21:) **(from 1.2.21:)	CHF* 1,939 CHF 1,915 ZAR 32,730	KRW* 2,495,000 KRW 2,422,000	SGD* 2,882 SGD 2,846	USD* 2,107 USD 2,091	ZAR*,** 35,130 ZAR 34,720		
AU	AUD 2,200 USD* 1,587 *(from 1.1.21:) USD 1,580 **(from 1.2.21:)	CHF* 1,432 ZAR*, ** 26,420 CHF 1,446 ZAR 26,230 ZAR 24,970	EUR* 1,337 EUR 1,341	KRW* 1,869,000 KRW 1,829,000	NZD* 2,357 NZD 2,379	SGD* 2,102 SGD 2,150		
BR ⁸	Online: *(from 1.1.21:) On paper: *(from 1.1.21:)	BRL 1,685 CHF* 274 BRL 2,525 CHF* 411	CHF* 286 EUR 254 CHF* 429 EUR 381	EUR* 271 USD 300 EUR* 406 USD 449	USD* 322 USD* 483			
CA	CAD* 1,600 *(from 1.1.21:)	CHF* 1,085 CAD 1,632	EUR* 1,016 CHF 1,134	USD* 1,210 EUR 1,060	USD 1,243			
CL	USD 2,000 *(from 1.1.21:) In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : *(from 1.1.21:) In case of filing by a university ³⁰ : *(from 1.1.21:)	CHF* 1,839 CHF 1,831 CHF 366 CHF 275	EUR* 1,685 EUR 1,697 EUR 339 EUR 255	USD 400 CHF* 276	CHF* 368 EUR* 253	EUR* 337		
CN	CNY 2,100 *(from 1.1.21:)	CHF* 274 CHF 283	EUR* 267 EUR 262	USD* 294 USD 309				
EG ³¹	EGP 4,000 *(from 1.1.21:)	CHF* 228 CHF 233	EUR* 223 EUR 216	USD* 245 USD 254				

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

ISA	Search fee ¹											
EP ³²	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	DKK*	13,260	GBP*	1,560	HUF*	626,100	ISK*	276,000
	JPY*	221,900	NOK*	19,010	NZD*	3,099	SEK*	18,250	SGD*	2,882	USD*	2,107
	ZAR*	35,130										
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	GBP	1,613	HUF	639,500	ISK	288,600
	JPY	221,100	NOK	19,310	NZD	3,150	SEK	18,610	SGD	2,846	USD	2,091
	ZAR	34,720)										
ES ³²	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	USD*	2,107	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	1,915	USD	2,091)
FI	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	USD*	2,107	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	1,915	USD	2,091)
IL	ILS	3,582	CHF*	1,009	EUR*	932	USD*	1,036				
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	962	EUR	892	USD	1,051)				
IN	INR	10,000	CHF*	128	EUR*	114	USD*	131				
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	125	EUR	116	USD	137)				
	In case of filing by an individual:											
	INR	2,500	CHF*	32	EUR*	29	USD*	33				
*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	31	EUR	29	USD	34)					
JP ³³	For IAs in Japanese:											
	JPY	70,000	CHF*	612	EUR*	595	KRW*	783,000	USD*	654		
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	606	EUR	562	KRW	767,000	USD	662)		
	For IAs in English:											
JPY	156,000	CHF*	1,364	EUR*	1,326	SGD*	2,012	USD*	1,457			
*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	1,351	EUR	1,252	SGD	2,008	USD	1,476)			
KR ³⁴	For IAs in Korean:											
	SGD*	519	KRW	450,000	AUD*	530	CHF*	353	EUR*	320	NZD*	598
	*(from 1.1.21:		AUD	541	CHF	356	EUR	330	NZD	585	SGD	529
	USD	389)										
	For IAs in English:											
	SGD*	1,385	KRW*	1,200,000	AUD*	1,413	CHF*	941	EUR*	854	NZD*	1,594
*(from 1.1.21:		AUD	1,443	CHF	949	EUR	879	NZD	1,561	SGD	1,410	
USD		1,036)										
PH	USD	1,000	CHF*	920	EUR*	843						
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	916	EUR	849)						
	Small entity or government ³⁵ :											
	USD	400	CHF*	366	EUR	339)	CHF*	368	EUR*	337		
*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	366	EUR	339)							
RU	For IAs in Russian:											
	RUB	8,500	CHF*	106	EUR*	97	USD*	114				
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	99	EUR	92	USD	108)				
	For IAs in English:											
RUB	40,000	CHF*	498	EUR*	455	USD*	537					
*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	467	EUR	433	USD	510)					
SE	SEK*	18,250	CHF*	1,939	DKK*	13,260	EUR	1,775	ISK*	276,000	NOK*	19,010
	USD*	2,107										
	*(from 1.1.21:		SEK	18,610	CHF	1,915	DKK	13,210	ISK	288,600	NOK	19,310
	USD	2,091)										
SG	SGD	2,240	CHF*	1,509	EUR*	1,380	JPY*	173,600	KRW*	1,955,000	USD*	1,622
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	1,507	EUR	1,397	JPY	174,000	KRW	1,906,000	USD	1,646)
TR	TRY*	11,300	CHF*	1,939	EUR	1,775	USD*	2,107				
	*(from 1.1.21:		TRY	16,250	CHF	1,915	USD	2,091)				
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian:											
	EUR	100	CHF*	109	USD*	119						
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	108	USD	118)						
For IAs in English, French or German:												
EUR	300	CHF*	328	USD*	356							
*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	324	USD	353)							
US	USD	2,180	CHF*	1,976	EUR*	1,820	NZD*	3,220	ZAR*, **	36,144		
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	1,996	EUR	1,850	NZD	3,283	ZAR	36,190)		
	**(from 1.2.21:											
	ZAR	33,650)										
	For small entity ²⁷ :											
	USD	1,090	CHF*	988	EUR*	910	NZD*	1,610	ZAR*, **	18,072		
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	998	EUR	925	NZD	1,642	ZAR	18,100)		
	**(from 1.2.21:		ZAR	16,830)								
For micro entity ²⁷ :												
USD	545	CHF*	494	EUR*	455	NZD*	805	ZAR*, **	9,036			
*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	499	EUR	463	NZD	821	ZAR	9,050)			
**(from 1.2.21:		ZAR	8,410)									
XN	DKK*	13,260	CHF*	1,939	EUR	1,775	ISK*	276,000	NOK*	19,010	SEK*	18,250
	USD*	2,107										
	*(from 1.1.21:		DKK	13,210	CHF	1,915	ISK	228,600	NOK	19,310	SEK	18,610
USD		2,091)										
XV	EUR	1,775	CHF*	1,939	HUF*	626,100	USD*	2,107				
	*(from 1.1.21:		CHF	1,915	HUF	639,500	USD	2,091)				

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

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 36}
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 929 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 917)</i>	CHF 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,300 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,284)</i>	
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,857 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,834)</i>	
EP	CHF 1,939 ³² <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915³²)</i>	CHF 200
FI	CHF 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i>	CHF 200
RU	CHF 147 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 138)</i>	CHF 200
	CHF 235 ³⁷ <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 221³⁷)</i>	
SE	CHF 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i>	CHF 200
SG	CHF 1,509 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,507)</i>	CHF 200
TR	– for a full search: CHF 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i>	CHF 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority CHF 86 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 59)</i>	
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 98 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 97)</i>	CHF 200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 98 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 97)</i>	
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 76	
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv): CHF 66 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 65)</i>	
XN	– for a full search: CHF 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i>	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 585 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 580)</i>	
XV	– for a full search: CHF 1,939 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 1,915)</i>	CHF 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 601 <i>(from 1.1.21: CHF 593)</i>	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 December 2020, unless otherwise indicated)

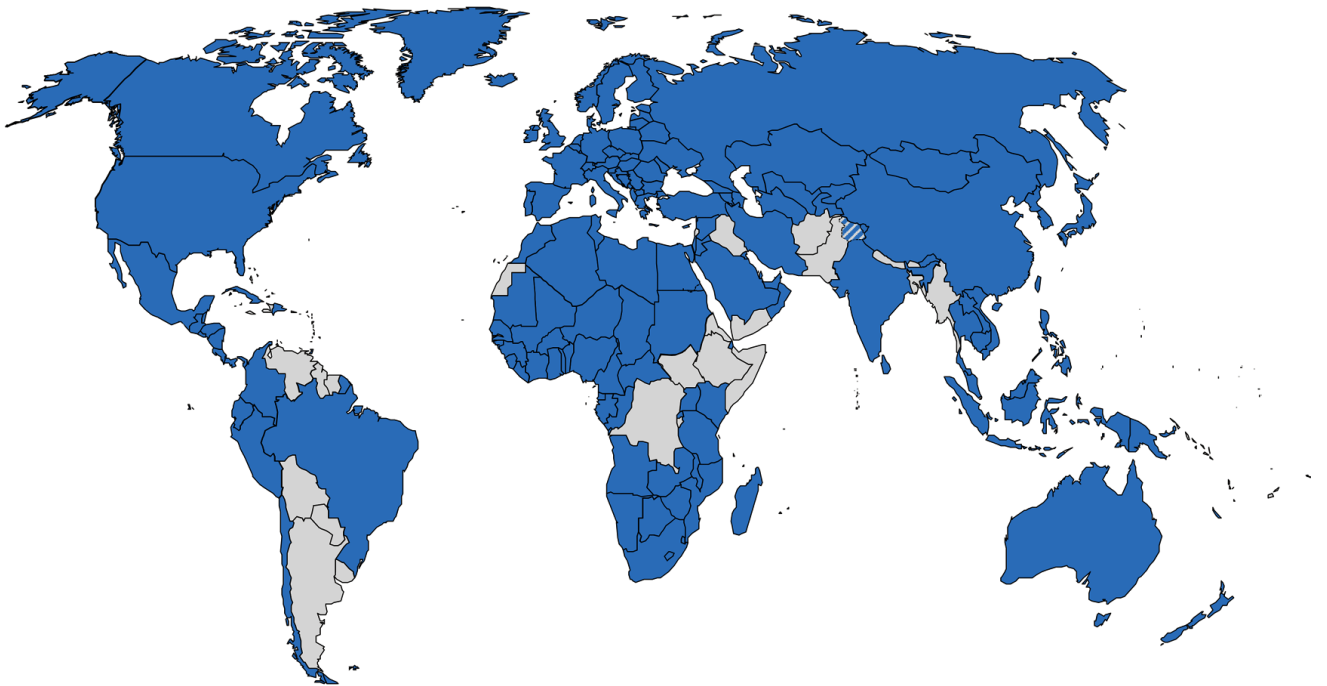
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee³⁸		Handling fee^{2,38} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	1,749 ²⁹	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
AU	AUD	590 820 ³⁹	AUD	307 (from 1.1.21: AUD 304)
BR	Online: BRL	630 ⁸	BRL eq CHF	200
	On paper: BRL	945 ⁸		
CA	CAD	800 (from 1.1.21: CAD 816)	CAD	295 (from 1.1.21: CAD 290)
CL	USD	1,500	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
	in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400			
	in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300			
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	200
EG	EGP	3,000	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
EP	EUR	1,830 ³²	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
ES	EUR	583.65 ³²	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
FI	EUR	600	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
IL	ILS	1,535	ILS	743 (from 1.1.21: ILS 745)
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	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
JP³³	For IAs in Japanese: JPY	26,000	JPY	22,900 (from 1.1.21: JPY 23,100)
	For IAs in English: JPY	58,000		
KR	KRW	450,000	KRW	255,000 (from 1.1.21: KRW 253,000)
PH	USD	500	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
	Small entity or government: ³⁵ USD	200		
RU	For IAs in Russian: RUB	4,500 ⁴⁰ 6,750 ⁴¹	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
	For IAs in English: RUB	16,000 ⁴⁰ 24,000 ⁴¹		
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,990 (from 1.1.21: SEK 1,940)
SG	SGD	830	SGD	297 (from 1.1.21: 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	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)
US	USD	640 800 ⁴²	USD	217 (from 1.1.21: USD 218)
	For small entity ²⁷ : USD	320 400 ⁴²		
	For micro entity ²⁷ : USD	160 200 ⁴²		
XN	DKK	5,000	DKK	1,370 (from 1.1.21: DKK 1,380)
XV	EUR	900	EUR	183 (from 1.1.21: EUR 185)

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Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 15 For paper filings, the fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500; the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 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.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed by electronic means.
- 24 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.
- 25 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%.
- 26 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.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf.
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>.
- 29 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).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 31 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".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnotes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html.
- 33 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf.
- 34 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 35 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.
- 36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 37 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).
- 38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
- 42 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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AE United Arab Emirates	CU Cuba	IN India	MK North Macedonia (EP)	SG Singapore
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania (EP)	CZ Czechia (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ³	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	DJ Djibouti	JO Jordan	MT Malta (EP) ²	SM San Marino (EP) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	DZ Algeria	KH Cambodia ⁴	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros (OA) ²	NA Namibia (AP)	SZ Eswatini (AP) ²
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)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania (EP) ²	PL Poland (EP)	US United States of America
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia (EP) ²	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	LY Libya	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CL Chile	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MA Morocco ⁴	RS Serbia (EP)	WS Samoa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HN Honduras	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CN China	HR Croatia (EP)	MD Republic of Moldova ⁴	SA Saudi Arabia	ZM Zambia (AP)
CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ME Montenegro ⁵	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	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.