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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2014. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	583.65
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	583.65
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2014, are EUR 74.25 and EUR 29.69, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2014, are EUR 583.65 for each of the fees.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2014, are ILS 556 and ILS 88, respectively.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2014, is ILS 2,037.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2014, is KRW 716,000.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 December 2013, are as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 1,700
For a small entity:	USD 850
For a micro entity:	USD 850

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

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

GB United Kingdom

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)**, an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address details are as follows:

National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)
Culture Collections
Public Health England
Porton Down
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 0JG
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2014. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,564
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,564
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,527
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,527
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	458
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	44

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are CHF 853, EUR 697 and USD 954, respectively.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2014, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,564
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,564
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	ILS	44 per document
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	ILS	458

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2014, are CHF 913, EUR 745 and USD 1,021, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2014, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,527
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,527
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	ILS	44 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	ILS	44 per document
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	ILS	458

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are CHF 601, EUR 491 and USD 673, respectively.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 28 February 2013, consists of the addition of Panama to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

pct@ipaaustralia.gov.au

The old e-mail address remains valid until 15 February 2014.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus

Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

kipopct@korea.kr

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PA Panama

Information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(PA), which is published on the following pages.

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Receiving Offices
PA **PA**
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Panama
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ³ , National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁴

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with the electronic file on a physical medium and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

⁴ The United States Patent and Trademark Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)**

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 200
International filing fee: ⁵	USD 1,471
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	USD 17
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ⁶	USD 111
Search fee:	See Annex D(BR), (EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	USD 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 400

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
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Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Panama
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Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁶ See footnote 2.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Kyrgyz Respublikasynyn Okmotunun aldyndagy Intellektualdyk Menchik bojuncha Mamlekettik Agentstvosu State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic
E-mail:	info@patent.kg inter@patent.kg
Internet:	www.patent.kg

[Updating of Annex B1(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2014, is KRW 2,070,000.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2014, is JPY 267,300.

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

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	154,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	11,600
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	34,900

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2014, is SGD 850.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2014, is JPY 23,300.

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

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-FOURTH (19TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations, as well as the appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-fourth (19th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29898

The said amendments and appointment are outlined below.

Appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 19, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2014 and consist of:

(i) requiring International Preliminary Examining Authorities to conduct a “top-up” search during international preliminary examination, subject to various exceptions (addition of PCT Rules 66.1 *ter* and 70.2(f));¹

(ii) allowing written opinions of the International Searching Authority (in their original language) and informal comments submitted by the applicant in response to such opinions (in their original language) to be publicly available from the date of international publication (deletion of PCT Rule 44 *ter* and amendment of Rule 94.1(b)).²

The text of the amendments is reproduced thereafter.

¹ These amendments shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after July 1, 2014.

² These amendments shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2014.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2014)

Rule 44ter
[Deleted]

Rule 66
Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

66.1 and 66.1bis [No change]

66.1ter *Top-up Searches*

The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall conduct a search (“top-up search”) to discover documents referred to in Rule 64 which have been published or have become available to the said Authority for search subsequent to the date on which the international search report was established, unless it considers that such a search would serve no useful purpose. If the Authority finds that any of the situations referred to in Article 34(3) or (4) or Rule 66.1(e) exists, the top-up search shall cover only those parts of the international application that are the subject of international preliminary examination.

66.2 to 66.8 [No change]

Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)

70.1 [No change]

70.2 *Basis of the Report*

(a) to (e) [No change]

(f) The report shall indicate the date on which a top-up search under Rule 66.1ter was made, or else state that no top-up search was made.

70.3 to 70.17 [No change]

Rule 94
Access to Files

94.1 *Access to the File Held by the International Bureau*

(a) [No change]

(b) The International Bureau shall, at the request of any person but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to Article 38, furnish, subject to the reimbursement of the cost of the service, copies of any document contained in its file.

(c) [No change]

94.2 and 94.3 [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is EUR 1,449.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

If the applicant does not reside or carry out business in Canada, an appointment as a representative for service of a person or firm residing or carrying on business at a specified address in Canada.

If the applicant is not the inventor, either a declaration that the applicant is the legal representative of the inventor or a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

If the applicant is not the applicant originally indicated in the international application, evidence that the applicant is the legal representative of the originally identified applicant.

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor. If the appointed agent does not reside in Canada, the appointment by the agent of an agent who resides in Canada to be the associate agent.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any person or firm whose name is entered on the Canadian register of patent agents can now act as such.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 10 December 2013 and 21 January 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 11 December 2013 and 22 January 2014, respectively.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is ZAR 26,260.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is USD 1,972.

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

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are CHF 1,299, EUR 1,066 and USD 1,442, respectively.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is ZAR 27,580.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are AUD 1,376 for searches carried out in English and AUD 476 for searches carried out in Korean.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are ZAR 22,550 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 11,280 for a small entity and ZAR 5,640 for a micro entity.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	15,860
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	180
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	1,190

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

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

AT Austria

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 March 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the previous notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2011, pages 71 *et seq.*:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +43 1 53 424 76
- by fax at +43 1 53 424 535
- by e-mail at info@patentamt.at

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.patentamt.at).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

SE Sweden

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2005, of 24 November 2005, pages 31398 *et seq.*, and in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 March 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- epoline® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available on the website www.prv.se.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 4.40 p.m. (15 September - 14 May) and between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (15 May - 14 September) CET (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding Swedish public holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at +46 (0) 8 782 26 00
- by e-mail at biblioteket@prv.se

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, including the demand, as supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. Documents should preferably not be password protected.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that, as from 1 March 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format. Consequently, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is CHF 1,765.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 March 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

Furthermore, as from 1 March 2014, the Office will accept international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing, and will no longer accept offline electronic filings.

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

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it – while an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Georgia, it is preferable, if the applicant is a non-resident, that he appoint an agent or provide an address for service.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any person who is a resident of Georgia or registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney can now act as such.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified that, as from 1 March 2014, it will accept international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing, and will no longer accept offline electronic filings.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Deed of transfer where the applicant is not the inventor

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Georgia

Power of attorney if an agent or representative is appointed

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any person who is a resident of Georgia or registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney can now act as such.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) or under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office or as designated Office, respectively. The amount of this fee is USD 60.

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change, applicable since 17 October 2013, in the location of its headquarters at Munich, which is now as follows:

Bob-van-Benthem-Platz 1
80469 Munich
Germany

[Updating of Annex B1(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,638
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	123
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	246
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	369

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2014, is CAD 246.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are as follows:

Transmittal fee: EUR 130

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): EUR 635

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

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): EUR 865

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)): EUR 230

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

Review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)): EUR 865

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 45*bis*.5(c)): EUR 230

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

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)): EUR 1,930

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)): EUR 1,930

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): EUR 865

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2): EUR 230

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are CHF 171, EUR 140 and USD 192 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 709, EUR 580 and USD 795 for searches carried out in English.

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

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FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: Arkadiankatu 6A
FI-00101 Helsinki
Finland

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1140
FI-00101 Helsinki
Finland

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified an additional Internet address. The list of Internet addresses is now as follows:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/units/rashamhaptentim/pages/default.aspx>
<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Pages/default.aspx> (in English)

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,657
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	19
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	125
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	249
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	374

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2014, is AUD 249.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 120
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 210

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35:
for the 36th and each subsequent page: EUR 15

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 580

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro): [No change]

Claims fee:

- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: EUR 235
- for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 580

Search fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 875
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,285

Fee for further processing:

- in the event of late payment of a fee: [No change]
- other cases: EUR 250

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: EUR 230

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,805

- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,805
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,620
- Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 465

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or, in accordance with the Protocol on Centralisation, by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2014, is EUR 1,100.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 13 February 2014 and 3 March 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 14 February 2014 and 4 March 2014, respectively.

RECEIVING OFFICES

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Information on the requirements of the **Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(IR), which is published on the following pages.

C	Receiving Offices	C
IR	INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)	IR

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Islamic Republic of Iran
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format?	No
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ¹ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Iranian Rial (IRR)
Transmittal fee:	Please refer to the Office
International filing fee: ²	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	None
Search fee:	Equivalent in IRR of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	Please refer to the Office
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office

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¹ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.
² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
IR **INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **IR**
(ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Islamic Republic of Iran Yes, if he is a non-resident
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Who can act as agent?	Any agent authorized to practice before the Office ³
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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³ A list of registered agents may be obtained from the Office.

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PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

ssolis@indecopi.gob.pe

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 17 March 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 18 March 2014.

RECEIVING OFFICES

KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis with the Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis, with effect since 19 March 2014.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.1(G)

US United States of America

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 19/2006, of 11 May 2006, page 13712), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 18 December 2013. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) therefore apply from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.2(H)

US United States of America

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 19/2006, of 11 May 2006, page 13712), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 18 December 2013. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore apply from that date.

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

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

AU Australia

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification last published in PCT Gazette No. 50/2005, of 15 December 2005, pages 33496 *et seq.*, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect from 14 April 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Using ePCT-Filing where international applications are transmitted using the protocol specified in Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) of the Administrative Instructions; or
- International applications can be prepared with the PCT-SAFE software, saved on the user’s hard drive and then transmitted to the Office via its Online Lodgement System (see www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Access to the Online Lodgement System requires user id and password authentication via a customer registration process through the Office’s Online Services.
- Note:
- Where the complete application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported using the Online Lodgement System;
- Where a component file within the application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported using ePCT-Filing;
- When online filing is not available the application shall then be filed on paper.

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The confirmation of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. A confirmation of receipt will be created for any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office. Errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)), files exceeding 20MB in size, or missing files, are notified to the applicant in the confirmation of receipt.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office's website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Applicants wishing to use this facility should refer to the Office's website for further details prior to entering payment information into the PCT-SAFE software.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its services, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants filing international applications in electronic form. The Customer Services Network helpdesk can be contacted for all general enquiries.

The help desk is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard/Summer Time (AEST) and can be contacted by the following means:

- by phone at +61 2 6283 2999
- by e-mail at pct@ipaustralia.gov.au

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- International Applications prepared with PCT-SAFE software that do not exceed 20 MB may be sent through the Online Lodgement System.
- International Applications where individual components do not exceed 20 MB may be submitted via ePCT-Filing.
- Subsequently filed documents for International Applications as supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail, to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures. The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/latest-news-listing/).

The Office also offers a subscription service for notifications of any scheduled system downtimes: (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/stay-informed/downtime-subscription/).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

For applications prepared with PCT-SAFE and transmitted to the Office via its Online Lodgement System:

- Gatekeeper ABN-DSC
(www.verisign.com.au/gatekeeper/abndsc-info/index.html)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

For applications filed using ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present for applications prepared using the PCT-SAFE software and filed via the Online Lodgement System.
- Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from 1 June 2014. These amounts, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	341,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	3,900
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	HUF	25,700

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2014, are HUF 41,700 for international applications filed in Russian and HUF 172,900 for international applications filed in English.

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

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows: (82-42) 481 51 94.

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2014, is NZD 2,345.

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

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

CZ Czech Republic

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)**, an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)
Kamenice 5/building A25
625 00 Brno
Czech Republic

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

US United States of America

Under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(g), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated Office. The amount of the fee, applicable since 18 December 2013, is USD 850 for a small or micro entity and USD 1,700 in all other cases.

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

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NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Octrooicentrum Nederland Netherlands Patent Office
Telephone:	(31-88) 602 66 60
E-mail:	octrooien@rvo.nl
Internet:	www.rvo.nl/octrooien

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2014, is NOK 800.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 April 2014, are as follows:

Basic fee, including examination fee:	NOK 4,650 (850) ¹
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	NOK 250
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	NOK 950
Annual fees for the first three years, per year:	NOK 700

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

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is a physical person or a legal entity with less than 20 permanent employees.

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

FI Finland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, of 18 December 2003, pages 29014 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 July 2009, pages 118 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 14 April 2014. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)
- the international application is embedded in a compact package which is signed by means of a PKCS #7-type enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4). Such an enhanced electronic signature is implemented by means of a smart card and recognised by the Office

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed with the Office as receiving Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgment of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgment of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by debit card or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 8.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (358-9) 6939 5948
- by web form at the following address:
www.prh.fi/en/patentit/electronic_services/helpdesk.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its website (www.prh.fi/en/patentit/electronic_services.html) information concerning the availability of electronic filing systems.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

EPO online filing software:

- citizen certificates on identity cards issued by the Finnish Police (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- organization certificates on organization cards issued by the Finnish Population Register Center (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

PCT-SAFE software and ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable since 1 January 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:¹

For patent:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	20
Examination fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	250
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	150
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	20
Annual fee for the third year:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50

For utility model:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	100
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified that, since 14 April 2014, it accepts international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-Filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing.

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

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in **Belarusian rouble (BYR)** in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, fees are reduced by 75% in case of filing by a natural person, and waived in respect of certain other persons (details may be obtained with the Office).

For non-residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in **US dollar (USD), Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) or Russian rouble (RUB)** in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, the payment shall be made by a resident of Belarus acting on their behalf or a patent attorney registered to practice before the Office.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings should no longer be furnished on physical media, but should be attached to the international application filed in electronic form.

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

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MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified changes in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail address and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Location:	LOT VH 69 Volosarika Ambanidia Antananarivo 101 Madagascar
Telephone:	(261-20) 22 335 02 (261-34) 46 692 56
E-mail:	omapi@moov.mg
Internet:	www.omapi.mg

[Updating of Annex B1(MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

IB International Bureau

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a number of changes to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004, of 12 February 2004, pages 3796 *et seq.*, and No. 43/2005, of 27 October 2005, page 28466, and, in particular, that it accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 11 October 2013, following the successful conclusion of a limited pilot that started on 2 May 2013. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

- filing by means of one of the following physical media: CD-R and DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e), and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5, respectively)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1), but only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the International Bureau as receiving Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i).

The International Bureau as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) will a notification, or confirmation, of receipt not be generated. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the International Bureau will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through WIPO's online PCT E-Payment service (see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/pct_e-payment_user_guide.pdf).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT Electronic Services Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. Central European time and can be contacted as follows:

- via e-mail: ePCT@wipo.int
- by telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523
- by facsimile: (+41-22) 338 8040

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or facsimile, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The International Bureau as receiving Office will provide, on the PCT Electronic Services website (www.wipo.int/pct-safe), information concerning the availability of online filing systems and backup filing procedures.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- the International Bureau as receiving Office will also accept certificates issued by certification authorities which are accepted by other PCT receiving Offices and which have been notified accordingly to the International Bureau under Section 710, provided that such certificates are permitted, under the relevant certificate policy, to be used for filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- ePCT private services provide access to the files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has notified that, since 13 October 2013, it accepts international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing (offline electronic filings may still be furnished on CD-R or DVD-R).

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

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AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

mail@aripo.org

[Updating of Annex B2(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2014, is ISK 290,000.

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, of 21 November 2002, pages 23832 *et seq.* The Office now receives and processes international applications in electronic form under the conditions laid down in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 26 February 2009 concerning the electronic filing of documents (see OJ EPO 2009, page 182) and the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 12 July 2007 concerning the electronic signatures, data carriers and software to be used for the electronic filing of patent applications and other documents (see Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, A.5).

IB International Bureau – Corrigendum

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014, pages 64 to 66, the part relating to details concerning help desks should be corrected to read as follows:

“As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. Central European time, and can be contacted as follows:

- via e-mail: ePCT@wipo.int
- by telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523
- by facsimile: (+41-22) 338 8040

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.”

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau that:

– the transmittal under PCT Rule 44 of copies in electronic form of international search reports and written opinions established under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1 to applicants started on 15 December 2011 under the conditions laid down in the Notice from the European Patent Office dated 13 December 2011 concerning EPO online services (OJ EPO 2012, page 22); the transmittal under PCT Rule 44 of copies in electronic form of international search reports or declarations referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a), and written opinions established under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1, to the International Bureau is effected under conditions agreed upon between the EPO and the International Bureau;

– the Office may receive and process any search copy, translation or sequence listing in electronic form transmitted under PCT Rule 23 under conditions agreed upon between the EPO and the receiving Office or between the EPO and the International Bureau, as the case may be.

Furthermore, also under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 22 April 2014, it is prepared to receive and process subsequently filed documents referred to in PCT Rule 89bis.2 filed in electronic form via the EPO Online Filing software, with the exception of the demand under PCT Chapter II.¹

RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau – Corrigendum

The notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014, page 67, should be corrected to read as follows:

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has notified that, since 13 October 2013, in addition to accepting international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using PCT-SAFE and EPO Online Filing, it also accepts international applications in electronic form filed in PDF format using ePCT-filing (offline electronic filings may still be furnished on CD-R or DVD-R).

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

¹ More information on this new service is available on the EPO's website at: www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/documentation.html.



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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – as from 5 June 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified that the 30-month time limits under PCT Article 22(1) and PCT Article 39(1)(a) may be extended by up to 18 months, provided that the applicant pays the prescribed fee. Certain other time limits may also be extended for periods of six or 18 months or longer, but only at the discretion of the Registrar (see Rules 108 and 109 of the Patent Rules of Singapore).

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

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CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

pct@inapi.cl

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT – since 1 April 2014, patents of addition are no longer included in these types of protection.

[Updating of Annex B1(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the deletion of one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the Office no longer requires the furnishing of the translation of the international application in two copies.

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

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change in one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – if the international application is for a patent and a utility model, only the translation, and no longer the translation and the power of attorney, must be furnished in duplicate.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2014. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,864
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,864
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
– of only European and North American documentation	[No change]
– of only German-language documentation	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,749
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,749
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	229
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to the Office as receiving Office and applicable from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 52

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): EUR 269²

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and also applicable from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 1,864

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): EUR 1,864

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): EUR 229

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2014, are CHF 2,272 and USD 2,592, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): EUR 1,749

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): EUR 1,749

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): EUR 229

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

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable from 1 July 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

² Includes the document fee [*Schriftengebühr*] in the amount of EUR 40.

For a patent:

Fee for entry into the national phase:	EUR	52
Document fee [<i>Schriftengebühr</i>]:		[No change]
Search and examination fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	292
Claims fee, from the 11 th claim, for each group of up to 10 claims:	EUR	104

For a utility model:

Fee for entry into the national phase:	EUR	52
Document fee [<i>Schriftengebühr</i>]:		[No change]
Search fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	156
Claims fee, from the 11 th claim, for each group of up to 10 claims:	EUR	104

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

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2014, is USD 1,011.

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

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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified changes concerning the language requirements relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – as from 1 July 2014, the Office will accept the furnishing of a translation into English¹ or Swedish, or, if the international application was filed in English² or Swedish, of a copy of the application as filed.

[Updating of Annex B1(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application – as from 1 July 2014, earlier searches which will give rise to a refund for a search with written opinion will include a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE³, CY, FR, GR, IT, LT⁴, LU, MT, NL³, SM⁴, TR).

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

¹ Only the claims must be in Swedish.

² Only the claims in English must be translated into Swedish. The claims in English are considered to be the original claims.

³ Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the EPO and that Office.

⁴ Applicable, as from 1 July 2014, to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 January 2014.

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2014, consists of the addition of Georgia to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), with effect from 1 July 2014.

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

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has specified the Indian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran), with effect since 13 May 2014.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified changes, with effect from 1 July 2014, concerning:

- the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation can be furnished in English⁶ or Swedish;
- its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – a copy will not be required where the application was filed in a language other than English or Swedish, whereas it will be required where the application was filed in English⁷ or Swedish.

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

⁶ Only the claims must be in Swedish.

⁷ Only the claims in English must be translated into Swedish. The claims in English are considered to be the original claims.

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CL Chile

Agreement between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 22 October 2014.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 88 to 95, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 1 to 9 October 2012, to appoint the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 22 October 2014.

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 October 2014, consists of the addition of the United States of America to the State indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Israel, United States of America;
- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cl.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 December 2012, page 177.

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Israel Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), with effect from 1 October 2014.

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

ST Sao Tome and Principe

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Sao Tome and Principe deposited, on 19 May 2014, its instrument of accession to the **Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)** and will become bound by that Protocol on 19 August 2014. Thus, any international application filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Moreover, from 19 August 2014, nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Further to the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 June 2014, page 78, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2014, are KRW 2,651,000, SGD 3,240 and ZAR 27,130, respectively.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 168,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 12,600
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 25,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 37,900

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Korean by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2014, is SGD 551.

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

**Agreement
between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

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

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

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

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

Article 2

Basic Obligations

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

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

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

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

Article 3

Competence of Authority

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

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

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

Article 4 **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

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

Article 5 **Fees and Charges**

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

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

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

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

Article 6 **Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

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

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on October 22, 2014.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

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

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

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

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;

- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
 - (i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

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

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this fourth day of June two thousand and fourteen, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the National Institute of Industrial
Property of Chile by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
 - any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
 - where the Authority has prepared the international search report, any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region;

- (iii) the following language which it will accept:
Spanish.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

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

all subject matter searched or examined in Chilean national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	
– general fee	2,000
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion)	400
– reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee 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))	300

Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)):

- general fee 2,000
- reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities
(see search fee, above) 400
- reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above) 300

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):

- general fee 1,500
- reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities
(see search fee, above) 400
- reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above) 300

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):

- general fee 1,500
- reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities
(see search fee, above) 400
- reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above) 300

Late payment fee for preliminary examination

[amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*]

- Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)) 350
- Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document 10
- Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per document 10

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

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

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

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application, 25% of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

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

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

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

English and Spanish.

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PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

jwaz@uprp.pl

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes to the components of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Request to prepare the priority document (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 16
– plus, for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity) (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 16
– plus, for a patent application:	[No change]
– or, for a utility model application:	[No change]

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

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes concerning:

– the number of copies on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three;

– its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any Italian agent whose name appears on a list maintained by the Office, or any lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll, can now act as such.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 30 June 2014, it is prepared to receive and process the demand under PCT Chapter II filed in electronic form via the EPO Online Filing software.¹

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

BE Belgium

The International Bureau has been notified of changes in the addresses of the **Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCM™)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new addresses are as follows:

Headquarters:

BCCM Coordination Cell
Federal Public Planning Service Science Policy
231, avenue Louise
1050 Brussels
Belgium

Collections:

BCCM/IHEM Biomedical fungi and yeasts collection
Scientific Institute of Public Health
Service Mycology and Aerobiology
Rue J. Wytsmanstraat, 14
1050 Brussels
Belgium

¹ More information on this new service is available on the EPO's website at: www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/download.html.

BCCM/LMBP Plasmid and DNA Library collection
Universiteit Gent
Vakgroep Biomedische Moleculaire Biologie
Technologiepark, 927
9052 Zwijnaarde
Belgium

BCCM/LMG Bacteria collection
Universiteit Gent
Laboratorium voor Microbiologie
K.L. Ledeganckstraat, 35
9000 Gent
Belgium

BCCM/MUCL Agro-industrial fungi, yeasts and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi collection
Université catholique de Louvain
Mycothèque de l'Université catholique de Louvain
Croix du Sud, 3 – box L7.05.06
1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Belgium

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

5 Gianni Stavroulaki St.
Paradissos Amaroussiou
15125 Athens
Greece

[Updating of Annex B1(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Via 28 Luglio 212
47893 Republic of San Marino

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 28 February 2014, as follows:

		<i>Natural person</i>	<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Others</i>
– Up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:				
– electronic filing:	INR 1,600	4,000	8,000	
– physical (paper) filing:	INR 1,760	4,400	8,800	
– For each additional priority, multiple of:				
– electronic filing:	INR 1,600	4,000	8,000	
– physical (paper) filing:	INR 1,760	4,400	8,800	
– For each additional sheet in addition to 30:				
– electronic filing:	INR 160	400	800	
– physical (paper) filing:	INR 176	440	880	

- For each claim in addition to 10:
 - electronic filing: INR 320 800 1,600
 - physical (paper) filing: INR 352 880 1,760

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified that, since 2 July 2014, an agent is no longer required.

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

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

FR France

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, with effect since 2 June 2014.

However, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has also indicated the particular instances in which a power of attorney is still required, i.e.:

- if the agent is:
 - a person indicated in Article L.422-5 of the Code of Intellectual Property,
 - an enterprise or a public institution contractually bound to the applicant, or
 - a specialized professional organization;
- in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act;
- in case of a common representative.

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

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BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)
Location and mailing address:	4 th Floor, Block 2D Jalan Kumbang Pasang Bandar Seri Begawan, BA 1311 Negara Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(673) 223 01 11
E-mail:	enquiries@bruipo.com.bn
Internet:	www.bruipo.com.bn

[Updating of Annex B1(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone numbers and e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Unidad de Patentes Edificio FORUM 300 Avenida República # 396 y Diego de Almagro Quito Ecuador
Telephone:	(593-2) 394 00 00, 394 00 01 to 394 00 10
E-mail:	info@iepi.gob.ec info@propiedadintelectual.gob.ec
Internet:	www.propiedadintelectual.gob.ec

The Office has also notified the discontinuance of the use of its facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified that it will now send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), with effect since 12 May 2014.

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

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2014, is EUR 742.

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

IE Ireland

Further to the notification by the **Patents Office (Ireland)** as receiving Office that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies.

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

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:

- when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 38,000
- when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 58,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20¹

For a utility model:

Filing fee:

- when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 17,000
- when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 27,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20¹

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

¹ This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), and as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 (Expedited consideration of change proposals) of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 5.1 (Demand form) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2014.

These modifications are intended to address the requirements for rendering the current version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Due to their highly technical content, they are not reproduced here.

The consolidated text of Appendix I as in force from 1 July 2014 (PCT/AI/DTD/9) is available on the WIPO website at:

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is CHF 905.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in English by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is SGD 1,593.

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

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any resident of Mexico can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) and of the National Chapter, Summary (MX), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is ZAR 22,260.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is GBP 1,490.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2014, are HUF 44,700 for international applications filed in Russian and HUF 185,500 for international applications filed in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

Information on the requirements of the **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (BN), which is published on the following pages.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**BRUNEI INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE (BRUIPO)**

BN

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ²), any text matter of drawings, abstract ³ Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract ³ (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report ²)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Brunei dollar (BND) Filing fee: ¹ BND 160
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{4, 5} Evidence of entitlement to apply for or be granted a patent ^{4, 5} Evidence of entitlement to claim priority of earlier application ^{4, 5} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date ⁵ Address for service in Brunei Darussalam if the applicant is not resident in Brunei Darussalam Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

³ The translation of the abstract is only required if the international application has not yet been published.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**BRUNEI INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE (BRUIPO)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Brunei Darussalam

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a reduction of two-thirds of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58) payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively, where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than 10 years, or a micro enterprise.

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

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	10,130
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	760
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,520
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	2,290

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2014, is SEK 1,520.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – in addition to the reduction of the fee for request for examination where an international search report has been established, reductions are available to individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, academic institutions and certain other entities.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is SEK 17,380.

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

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2014, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	20.90
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	41.80
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):		
– where the request is filed online:	EUR	156.75
– where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	313.50

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

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RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 November 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Further to the notification by the **Australian Patent Office** as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 November 2014, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2014, is ISK 290,000.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2014, are SEK 17,380 for each of the fees.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2014, is ISK 290,000.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is SEK 17,380.

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

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organisation

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 8 August 2014, the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2014, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgment of receipt of any purported international application filed with the EAPO as receiving Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The EAPO will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgment of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgment of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the EAPO will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: deposit account or payment by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The EAPO has put in place a help desk (EAPO hot line) for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users filing applications at the EAPO.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.

The EAPO help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (74-95) 411 61 50
- by e-mail at the following address:
hotline@eapo.org

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the EAPO will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Rue du Progrès 50
1210 Bruxelles
Belgium

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 22 September 2014, is EUR 120.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the deletion of the fiscal fee (EUR 5) which was part of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) payable to it as receiving Office.

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

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2014, are as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 52.25	(online)
	EUR 104.50	(on paper)

For a utility model:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 52.25	(online)
	EUR 104.50	(on paper)

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



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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 28 February 2014, as follows:

		<i>Natural person</i>	<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Others</i>
Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	INR	3,250	8,800	17,600
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	INR	1,100 ¹	2,750 ²	5,500 ³
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 16 <i>bis</i> .2):	INR	3,250 ⁴	8,800 ⁴	17,600 ⁴

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – in certain cases and for language reasons, the examination fee is now reduced by 30%.

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

¹ Up to 30 pages and, thereafter, INR 30 for each extra page.

² Up to 30 pages and, thereafter, INR 75 for each extra page.

³ Up to 30 pages and, thereafter, INR 150 for each extra page.

⁴ Minimum amount for the late payment fee. This fee is payable in US dollar (equivalent amount of the amount in INR).

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2014, is HUF 588,100.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has specified the following International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities as competent for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cuba with the Cuban Industrial Property Office, or with the International Bureau:

- the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as from 5 August 2014, and
- the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), as from 22 October 2014 (the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority).

These specifications are in addition to those of the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office,

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

EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ecuador with the Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Panama with the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2014, is EUR 1,584.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2014, are EUR 984 for searches carried out in English and EUR 340 for searches carried out in Korean.

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

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

CL Chile

Further to the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 22 October 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 June 2014, page 85), information on the requirements of the Office in this regard is given in Annexes D(CL) and E(CL), which are published on the following pages.

D International Searching Authorities D
CL NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL CL
PROPERTY (CHILE)¹

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	US dollar (USD) 2,000 (400) ³ (300) ⁴ Euro (EUR) 1,473 (295) ³ (221) ⁴ Swiss franc (CHF) 1,808 (362) ³ (271) ⁴
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁵	USD 2,000 (400) ³ (300) ⁴
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	USD 10 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search carried out by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of 25%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	USD 350
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	None
Languages accepted for international search:	Spanish
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD or DVD.
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Chilean national applications

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¹ The Office will begin operating as an International Searching Authority as from 22 October 2014.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity where the applicant is a national of and a resident 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, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a university 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 in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
CL **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL** **CL**
PROPERTY (CHILE)⁶

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the
requirement that a separate power of
attorney be submitted? No

Has the Authority waived the
requirement that a copy of a general
power of attorney be submitted? No

⁶ See footnote 1.

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities
CL **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF** **CL**
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(CHILE)¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	US dollar (USD)	1,500	(400) ³	(300) ⁴
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁵	USD	1,500	(400) ³	(300) ⁴
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁶	USD	221		
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	USD	10	per document	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	USD	10	per document	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%			
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	USD	350		
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	None			
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Spanish			
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Chilean national applications			

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¹ The Office will begin operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 22 October 2014.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity where the applicant is a national of and a resident 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, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a university 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 in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf.

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**International Preliminary
Examining Authorities**

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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(CHILE)⁷**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁷ See footnote 1.

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2014, is CHF 1,858.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2014, are CHF 1,171 for searches carried out in English and CHF 405 for searches carried out in Korean.

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

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

MY Malaysia

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 44/2006, of 2 November 2006, pages 19118 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect from 1 October 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software¹

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

¹ Until 31 October 2014.

- by telephone at: +603-2299 8400
- by fax at: +603-2299 8989
- by e-mail at: ipmalaysia@myipo.gov.my, pct@myipo.gov.my

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.myipo.gov.my).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

NZ New Zealand

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 24 September 2014, the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 October 2014, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service.

The help desk will be available between:

- 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday
- 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Friday
(excluding official holidays)

The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at:
 - freephone within New Zealand: 0508 447 669
 - freephone from Australia: 1800 796 338
 - international callers: +64 3 962 2607
- by fax at: +64 4 978 3691
- by e-mail at: epct@iponz.govt.nz

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.iponz.govt.nz).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified that, as from 1 November 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software and will only accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as international applications filed on paper.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2014, is USD 2,393.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Following the notification by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 September 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 August 2014, pages 121 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	221
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	332

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

NZ New Zealand

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 October 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NZD	266
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NZD	399

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified a change in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows: (374-11) 59 75 34, 59 75 30.

[Updating of Annex B1(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2014, are KRW 2,505,000 and SGD 3,050, respectively.

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

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,574
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	237
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	355

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 December 2014, is AUD 237.

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

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 December 2014, is KRW 222,000.

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 2 October 2014, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form filed by the following means:

– as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO web-form filing service¹;

– using the EPO case management system under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO case management system².

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 2 October 2014, it is prepared to receive and process subsequently filed documents (including the demand under PCT Chapter II) in electronic form filed by the following means:

¹ See under:
www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notice/archive/webformfiling.html

² See under:
www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notice/archive/cms.html

– as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO web-form filing service³;

– using the EPO case management system under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO case management system⁴.

³ See footnote 1.

⁴ See footnote 2.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and mailing address and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (Albania)
Location and mailing address:	Bulevardi “Gjergj Fishta” Godina Nr. 10 Kati V Tirana Albania
E-mail:	mailinf@dppm.gov.al

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Belgium concerning international-type search. These provisions now consist in Article XI.23, paragraph 10, of the Code of Economic Law.

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2014, are USD 174 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 724 for searches carried out in English.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

EE Estonia

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it now applies the “due care” criterion instead of the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (EE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 March 2014.² The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge³	Amount (Brazilian reals)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,685 (online); 2,525 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,360 (online); 2,040 (on paper)
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	630 (online); 945 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	365 (online); 545 (on paper)
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,220 (online); 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	180 (online); 270 (on paper)
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	1.5 (online); 2 (on paper) per page

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf.

² The notification was made on 10 October 2014.

³ These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority⁴ and applicable since 1 March 2014, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	BRL 1,685 (online)
	BRL 2,525 (on paper)
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	BRL 1,360 (online)
	BRL 2,040 (on paper)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	BRL 1.5 (online)
	BRL 2 (on paper) per page
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	BRL 1,220 (online)
	BRL 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	BRL 180 (online)
	BRL 270 (on paper)

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority⁴ and also applicable from 1 March 2014, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	BRL 630 (online)
	BRL 945 (on paper)
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	BRL 365 (online)
	BRL 545 (on paper)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	BRL 1.5 (online)
	BRL 2 (on paper) per page

⁴ These fees are reduced by 60% where the international application 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.

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the
international application
(PCT Rule 94.2):

BRL 1.5 (online)
BRL 2 (on paper) per page

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):

BRL 1,220 (online)
BRL 1,830 (on paper)

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2):

BRL 180 (online)
BRL 270 (on paper)

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

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 20.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any Italian agent whose name appears on a list maintained by the Office, any 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, can now act as such.

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified that it no longer accepts, for an international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102^{bis}(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

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

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

BR Brazil

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 October 2014, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 20 October 2014, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application ; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: faleconosco@inpi.gov.br

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inpi.gov.br).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(27-12) 394 50 01, 394 50 72, 394 50 84
Facsimile machine:	(27-12) 394 60 84
E-mail:	epct@cipc.co.za

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Costa Rica with the Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 15 November 2014.

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

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of El Salvador with the National Center of Registries (El Salvador), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 15 November 2014.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Following the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 20 October 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 October 2014, pages 157 *et seq.*), the reduction under item 4(c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees is applicable since the same date. The amount of this reduction is the equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** of CHF 200.

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

Furthermore, following the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 October 2014, page 155, notifying new amounts of the search fee for a search carried out by the Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable since 1 March 2014, are as follows:¹

CHF	667 (online)	1,000 (on paper)
EUR	550 (online)	824 (on paper)
USD	694 (online)	1,040 (on paper)

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

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 18 December 2013, is EUR 40.

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

¹ These amounts supersede the amounts published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 January 2014, page 6, of 5 June 2014, page 79, of 10 July 2014, page 105, and of 17 July 2014, page 108.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to previous notifications published in the PCT Gazette and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), and, in particular, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 1 November 2014. Hence, the current means for filing international applications with the Office are EPO Online Filing, PCT-SAFE, EPO web-form filing service, EPO case management system and ePCT-Filing. With the exception of ePCT-Filing, all of the aforementioned means are also available for transmitting subsequently filed documents to the Office.

Consequently, since 1 November 2014, the following notification replaces the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, of 21 November 2002, pages 23832 *et seq.*, and No. 47/2005, of 24 November 2005, page 31396, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 91, of 15 May 2014, pages 69 and 71, of 26 June 2014, page 98, and of 9 October 2014, pages 148 *et seq.*

“FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING AND PCT-SAFE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
- DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO Online Filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Västöräkisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register”

IN India

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 3 November 2014, the **Indian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 November 2014, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgment of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: patentin-pct@nic.in

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipindia.nic.in).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO Customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

NZ New Zealand – Corrigendum

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq.*, the part relating to electronic filing software should be corrected to read as follows:

“As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– ePCT-Filing”

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that, with effect from 15 November 2014, it will apply only the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(CR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2015 and will be applicable to all international applications filed on or after that date, consists in withdrawing the limitation of competence applied by the Office, as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, to international applications filed by nationals or residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) or the International Bureau as receiving Office, where such applications contain claims relating to business methods. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A Languages and Kinds of Application

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [no change]
- (ii) the following kinds of application for which it will not act:
as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications where the international search is to be, or has been, performed by an International Searching Authority other than the European Patent Office or the industrial property Office of a State party to the European Patent Convention.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified an additional condition for refund and an additional amount of refund, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office – where a declaration of non-establishment of the international search report is issued under PCT Article 17(2)(a), the amount of AUD 1,500 will be refunded.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

IN India

Following the notification by the **Indian Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 15 November 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 November 2014, pages 170 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	221
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	332

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, with effect since 10 November 2014.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Standartlaşdırma, Metrologiya və Patent üzrə Dövlət Komitəsi State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(99-412) 449 99 59, 594 37 75
Facsimile machine:	(99-412) 449 36 81, 594 37 75
E-mail:	azs@azstand.gov.az info@azstand.gov.az

[Updating of Annex B1(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism
Corner Makarios Ave. and Karpenssiou St.
1427 Nicosia
Cyprus

[Updating of Annex B1(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any attorney-at-law licensed and registered with the Office to practice as a patent agent in Barbados can now act as such.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2015, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 182.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2015, as indicated in the table published on pages 183 to 185.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2015, as indicated in the table published on page 186.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

Annexes SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE) and (XN),

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b))¹, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are AZN 30 and AZN 20, respectively.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee¹, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent or a utility model:

Filing fee (including examination):	AZN	20
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	25
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	AZN	20
Annual fee for the third year:	AZN	50

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

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 163.

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

EG Egypt

Further to the notification by the **Egyptian Patent Office** as receiving Office that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies.

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

¹ These fees are subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2015, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 82	USD 104
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR [No change]	USD 52
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR [No change]	USD 10

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

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 December 2014, as follows:

Basic fee:	ISK 56,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK 3,500
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK 15,000
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK 28,500

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

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2015)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 06.10.14	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	Item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.84051876	1,574 1,582	18 18	n.a. n.a.	237 238	355 357	237 238	Current amount* New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.86158835	1,638 1,544	18 17	123 116	246 232	369 348	246 232	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.16290796	8,090 8,160	90 90	610 610	1,220 1,230	1,820 1,840	1,220 1,230	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.21266264	1,084 1,097	12 12	81 82	163 165	244 247	163 165	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.54251006	914 862	10 10	n.a. n.a.	138 130	206 194	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00394061	341,400 337,500	3,900 3,800	25,700 25,400	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00792815	168,000 167,800	1,900 1,900	12,600 12,600	25,300 25,200	37,900 37,800	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00881503	154,800 150,900	1,700 1,700	11,600 11,300	n.a. n.a.	34,900 34,000	23,300 22,700	Current amount New amount
KR - Korean won	0.00090060	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	222,000 222,000	Current amount* New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.14799670	8,780 8,990	100 100	n.a. n.a.	1,320 1,350	1,980 2,030	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.75138665	1,767 1,770	20 20	133 133	266 266	399 399	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.13340572	10,130 9,970	110 110	760 750	1,520 1,500	2,290 2,250	1,520 1,500	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.75280935	1,835 1,767	21 20	138 133	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.96081206	1,471 1,384	17 16	111 104	221 208	332 312	221 208	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.08538092	15,860 15,580	180 180	1,190 1,170	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2014.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL		ISA/CN				
	EUR	1,864	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		
Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.14															
CHF - Swiss franc	1.2126264	2,272	0.84051876	1,858	0.39594780	n.a.	n.a.	0.86158835	1,299 ¹	0.96081206	1,808 ¹	362 ¹	271 ¹	0.15663831	310
		2,260		1,849		1,000¹			1,379¹		1,922¹	384¹	288¹		329
USD - US dollar	0.79231604	2,393 ²	1.14311793	1,972	2.42722598	n.a.	n.a.	1.11516371	1,442					6.13787182	343
		2,353		1,925		1,040			1,435						342
EUR - Euro			1.44275500	1,584 ¹	3.06345682	n.a.	n.a.	1.40747334	1,066 ¹	1.26212282	1,473 ¹	295 ¹	221 ¹	7.74674689	253 ¹
				1,525¹		824¹			1,137¹		1,585¹	317¹	238¹		271¹
AUD - Australian dollar															Current amount
															New amount
DKK - Danish krone															Current amount
															New amount
GBP - Pound sterling															Current amount
															New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint															Current amount
															New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona															Current amount
															New amount
JPY - Japanese yen															Current amount
															New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00074266	2,505,000 ²	0.00107148	2,070,000											Current amount
		2,510,000		2,053,000											New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone															Current amount
															New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.89395584	2,345											Current amount
				2,461											New amount
SEK - Swedish krona															Current amount
															New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.62079042	3,050 ²	0.89564848	2,590											Current amount
		3,000		2,460											New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07040781	27,130	0.10158122	22,260											Current amount
		26,470		21,660											New amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2014.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/EG		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		ISA/JP				
	Amount	Exch. rate	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	ILS	Exch. rate	INR	INR	JPY	JPY			
Reference currency & Amount	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	ILS	3,564	INR	10,000	INR	2,500	JPY	70,000	
Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.14			Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		
CHF - Swiss franc		525 ³ 538³	1.21266264	2,301 2,274	1.21266264	2,301 ³ 2,274³	1.21266264	2,301 ³ 2,274³	0.26118747	913 ³ 931³	0.01565646	147 ³ 157³	0.00881503	37 ³ 39³	0.00881503	601 617	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar		580 559	0.79231604	2,545 2,366	0.79231604	2,545 2,366	0.79231604	2,545 ³ 2,366³	3.67863006	1,021 969	61.36839999	162 ³ 163³	108.99699939	41 ³ 41³	108.99699939	673 642	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro		427 ³ 443³							4.64288222	745 ³ 768³	77.45444606	119 ³ 129³	137.56757883	30 ³ 32³	137.56757883	491 ³ 509³	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar																	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone			0.13433906	13,990 13,960													Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling			1.27200262	1,490 1,474													Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint			0.00324955	588,100 577,000													Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona			0.00653780	290,000 287,000													Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen			0.00726915	267,300 257,900													Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won															0.10216622	716,000 685,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone			0.12204276	15,180 15,360													Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.61961722	3,057 3,026													Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona			0.11001058	17,380 17,040													Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar			0.62079042	3,180 3,020												850 820	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand			0.07040781	27,580 26,650													Current amount New amount

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³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISAKR		ISARU		ISA/SE ⁴		IS AUS			ISAXN ⁵				
	Reference currency & Amount	KRW	450,000	RUB	28,000	6,750	SEK	17,380	USD		2,080	1,040	520	DKK
Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.14	Exch. rate			Exch. rate					Exch. rate					
CHF - Swiss franc	0.00090060	1,171	405	0.02416473	709	171	2,301	1,880	0.96081206	940	470	2,301 ⁶	2,274 ⁶	Current amount
		1,171	405		677	163	2,274	1,998		999	500	2,545 ⁶	2,366 ⁶	New amount
USD - US dollar	1.066.65949321	1,219	420	39.76092938	724 ⁷	174 ⁷	2,545					2,545 ⁶	2,366 ⁶	Current amount
		1,219	422		704	170	2,366					1,875 ⁶	1,875 ⁶	New amount
EUR - Euro	1346.50750351	984 ⁶	340 ⁶	50.18316854	580	140	1,875	1,532 ⁶	1,26212262	766 ⁶	383 ⁶	1,875 ⁶	1,875 ⁶	Current amount
		965 ⁶	334 ⁶		558	135	1,875	1,648 ⁶		824 ⁶	412 ⁶	1,875 ⁶	1,875 ⁶	New amount
AUD - Australian dollar	1.376	476	476											Current amount
	933.28909164	1,393	482				13,990							New amount
DKK - Danish krone							13,960							Current amount
GBP - Pound sterling														New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint														Current amount
														New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint					185,500	44,700								Current amount
				0.16307277	171,700	41,400								New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona														Current amount
							290,000							New amount
JPY - Japanese yen							287,000							Current amount
														New amount
KRW - Korean won														Current amount
														New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone														Current amount
							15,180							New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	834.31923482	1,456	504					2,500	0.78203291	1,249	625			Current amount
		1,558	539					2,660		1,330	660			New amount
SEK - Swedish krona														Current amount
														New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	835.68895631	1,593	551											Current amount
		1,560	540											New amount
ZAR - South African rand								22,550		11,280	5,640			Current amount
								23,410	0.08866329	11,700	5,850			New amount

[End of Table 2]

⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁷ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2014.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN		
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	SEK	DKK	SEK	DKK	4,000 ⁸
Exchange rate applicable on 06.10.14	CHF - Swiss franc	Exch. rate	1.21266264	Exch. rate	1.21266264	Exch. rate	1.21266264	Exch. rate	0.02416473	Exch. rate	1.21266264	Exch. rate	0.02416473
			1,031				2,274					2,274	
			1,443				2,274					2,274	
			2,062				2,274					456	
												17,040	
												13,960	
													2,274
													650

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation.

² For a search of the European or North American documentation.

³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

⁴ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

⁵ 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).

⁶ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2015.

⁷ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2015.

⁸ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

⁹ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2015.

¹⁰ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2015.

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LC Saint Lucia

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, as well as its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 2nd Floor, Hewanorra House
Trou Garnier Financial Centre
Pointe Seraphine
Castries
Saint Lucia

Telephone: (1-758) 468 32 30, 468 32 31

Internet: www.rocip.gov.lc

[Updating of Annex B1(LC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the discontinuance of its mailing address. The location and mailing address of the Office is now as follows:

7(70) Citadeles iela
1010 Riga
Latvia

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address and in its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office: Industrial Property Registrations
Directorate
Commerce Department
Ministry for the Economy, Investment
and Small Business (Malta)

Location and mailing address: Lascaris
Valletta
VLT 1933
Malta

Internet: <https://secure2.gov.mt/IPO/default.aspx?ct=1>

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
Location and mailing address:	3 th Floor, Capital Plaza 11-13, Frederick Street Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago
Telephone:	(1-868) 625 99 72, 625 19 07, 627 07 06
Facsimile machine:	(1-868) 624 12 21, 624 37 69

[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2015, consists of the addition of Georgia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Israel, United States of America, Georgia;
- (ii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has specified the Israel Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 January 2015.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified changes concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau 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).

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

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

CL Chile

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 17 October 2014, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (56-2) 28 87 05 50
- by e-mail at: pct@inapi.cl

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inapi.cl).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location: Arkadiankatu 6A
00100 Helsinki
Finland

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1160
00101 Helsinki
Finland

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished only upon invitation;

– the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – after international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Finnish or Swedish or, if the international application was filed in Finnish or Swedish, a copy of the international application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages; these are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patent Law).

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (7-495) 531 63 64 (general)
(7-499) 240 25 91 (application processing)

E-mail: rospatent@rupto.ru (general)
ro-ru@rupto.ru (RO)
isa-ipea@rupto.ru (ISA, SISA, IPEA)

Internet: www.rupto.ru
www1.fips.ru

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

Following the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 January 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 December 2014, pages 190 *et seq.*), the reductions under sub-items 4(c) and (d) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions will be the equivalent amounts in **Chilean peso (CLP)** of 208 and 312 US dollars (USD), respectively.

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2015,
3 and 6 April 2015,
25 May 2015,
10 September 2015,
24 September 2015¹,
24, 25 and 31 December 2015.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has informed the International Bureau that it now applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

¹ This date may eventually change.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 March 2015, consists of the addition of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

China, Angola, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia, Thailand, Turkey, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]”

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2015, consists of the addition of Saudi Arabia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LT Lithuania

As a result of the change in the official currency of Lithuania from **Lithuanian litas (LTL)** to **euro (EUR)** from 1 January 2015, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable from the same date, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	92
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	23
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	115

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)

The **Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Indian Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 March 2015.

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

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

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

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

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

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed in English by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia with the Saudi Patent Office (SPO), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 January 2015.

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

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GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/intellectual-property-office

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified that, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications, if authorized, to applicants who did not file their international application with the Office as receiving Office, with effect since 1 December 2014. For a transitional period of six months, these applicants will also receive notifications by post.

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 January 2015, is ILS 766.

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

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

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of the following change to its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 06/2005, of 10 February 2005, pages 3766 *et seq.*), applicable from 1 January 2015:

“As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)”

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