

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT

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Rule 4

The Request (Contents)

4.1 *Mandatory and Optional Contents; Signature*

(a) [No change]

(b) The request shall, where applicable, contain:

(i) a priority claim, or

(ii) indications relating to an earlier search as provided in Rules 4.12(i) and

12bis.1(b) and (d),

(iii) a reference to a parent application or parent patent,

(iv) an indication of the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority.

(c) and (d) [No change]

4.2 to 4.19 [No change]

Rule 41

Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification

41.1 *[No change]*

41.2 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification in Other Cases*

(a) *[No change]*

(b) Where the receiving Office has transmitted to the International Searching Authority a copy of the results of any earlier search or of any earlier classification under Rule 23*bis*.2(a) or (c), or where such a copy is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, the International Searching Authority may take those results into account in carrying out the international search.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees	Amounts
1. to 3. [No change]	
Reductions	
4. [No change]	
5. The international filing fee under item 1 (where applicable, as reduced under item 4), the supplementary search handling fee under item 2 and the handling fee under item 3 are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:	
(a) [No change] an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below US\$ 25,000 (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US\$ values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent five-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau; or	
(b) [No change] an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country;	
provided that, at the time of filing of the international application, there are no beneficial owners of the international application who would not satisfy the criteria in sub-item (a) or (b) and provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). The lists of States referred to in sub-items (a) and (b) ¹ shall be updated by the Director General at least every five years according to directives given by the Assembly. The criteria set out in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be reviewed by the Assembly at least every five years.	

¹ *Editor's Note:* The first lists of States were published in the Gazette of February 12, 2015, page 32 (see www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html).