

OJ EPO 2007, 626

Payment of fees by cheque delivered or sent directly to the EPO was abolished with effect from 1 April 2008.

Art. 7(1) RFees

The date to be considered as the date on which a payment is made is established in accordance with the EPO's Rules relating to Fees.

4. Fees to be paid to the EPO as receiving Office

4.1 Transmittal fee

Rule 14

Art. 2(1) RFees

Rule 157(4) EPC

OJ EPO 2018, A4

OJ EPO 2019, A3

OJ EPO 2019, A6

The transmittal fee is paid for the benefit of the EPO as receiving Office (RO/EP) and its amount is fixed by the EPO. It is to be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. The amount payable is the amount applicable on that date of receipt. As of a date to be set by the President of the EPO, if the international application is filed online in character-coded format, no transmittal fee will have to be paid. That date will be published in advance in the EPO's Official Journal.

4.2 International filing fee

Rule 15

OJ EPO 2018, A101

The international filing fee is collected by the RO/EP for the benefit of the IB and its amount is fixed by the IB. It is to be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. The amount payable is the amount applicable on that date of receipt.

The international filing fee is made up of

- a fixed amount (the "basic" filing fee part); and
- an additional amount (the "page fee" part) for each sheet above 30 (including the abstract, even if missing at the time of filing the international application).

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The applicant must compute the additional amount himself and not wait for a communication from the EPO, because as from expiry of the one-month time limit any missing amount may only be validly paid together with a late payment fee (see GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 4.5). For any reductions that may apply, see GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 8.1.

The RO/EP will not confirm to the applicant that all fees have been duly paid, nor inform him in advance that an overpayment will be refunded (e.g. using Form PCT/RO/102).

However, if the RO/EP notes before the expiry of the time limit for payment of the relevant fee that the amount paid is not sufficient, it will either proceed according to the applicant's authorisation to debit his deposit account for any missing amount, or it may informally (e.g. by phone) invite the applicant to pay the shortfall before expiry of the time limit. If full payment of the amounts due has not been received upon expiry of the time limit, the RO/EP will proceed as described under GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 4.5.

In the event of overpayment, the RO/EP will inform the applicant by means of Form PCT/RO/132 that the refund due has been processed. No communication giving advance notice of the refund is sent.