

## **7. Fees to be paid to the IPEA/EP**

### **7.1 Handling fee**

Art. 31(5)  
Rule 57  
GL/ISPE 22.44  
OJ EPO 2018, A101

The handling fee is collected by the EPO as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA/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 on which the demand (Form PCT/IPEA/401) was submitted or within 22 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of payment. For any reductions that may apply, see GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 8.3.

If the handling fee is not fully paid within the prescribed time limit, the IPEA/EP proceeds as described under GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 7.5.

### **7.2 Preliminary examination fee**

Art. 31(5)  
Rule 58  
Art. 2(1) RFees  
OJ EPO 2018, A4  
GL/ISPE 22.44

The preliminary examination fee is collected by the IPEA/EP for its own benefit and its amount is fixed by the EPO. It is to be paid within one month from the date on which the demand (Form PCT/IPEA/401) was submitted or within 22 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of payment. For any reductions that may apply, see GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 8.4.

If the preliminary examination fee is not fully paid within the prescribed time limit, the IPEA/EP proceeds as described under GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 7.5.

#### **7.2.1 Additional preliminary examination fee**

Rule 68.3

The additional preliminary examination fee paid in response to an invitation to pay additional examination fees after a finding of lack of unity (Form PCT/IPEA/405, see GL/PCT-EPO C-V, 4.2) is collected by the IPEA/EP and its amount is fixed by the EPO. It is to be paid within one month from the date of the invitation. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of payment. For any reductions that may apply, see GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 8.4.1.

### **7.3 Protest fee**

Rule 68.3(e)

The protest fee is paid for the benefit of the IPEA/EP and its amount is fixed by the EPO. It is payable within one month from the date of the invitation to pay additional examination fees after a finding of lack of unity (Form PCT/IPEA/405, see GL/PCT-EPO C-V, 4.3). The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of payment.

### **7.4 Fee for the late furnishing of sequence listings**

Rule 13ter.2  
OJ EPO 2011, 372  
OJ EPO 2019, A14  
and A15

The late furnishing fee is paid for the benefit of the IPEA/EP and its amount is fixed by the EPO. It is payable within one month from the date of the invitation to furnish the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing (Form PCT/IPEA/441, see GL/PCT-EPO C-VIII, 2.1). The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of payment.