

**9.6 Refund of the handling fee**

Rule 57.4

Where the demand for international preliminary examination is withdrawn before it has been sent by the IPEA/EP to the IB, or where the demand is considered not to have been submitted, 100% of the handling fee is refunded.

**9.7 Refund of the preliminary examination fee**

Rule 58.3 and

90bis.4(a)

Agreement

EPO-WIPO,

Annex D-II,

OJ EPO 2017, A115

OJ EPO 2020, A68

Where the international application or the demand for international preliminary examination is withdrawn before examination has commenced and within 30 months from the priority date, or where the demand is considered not to have been submitted, 100% of the fee for international preliminary examination is refunded.

**9.8 Refund of additional examination fees and, where applicable, the protest fee**

Rule 68.3(c) and (e)

If the Review Panel finds that a protest was entirely justified, the additional examination fees and the protest fee will be refunded.

If it finds that the protest was justified only in part, the corresponding additional examination fees will be refunded, but not the protest fee (see GL/PCT-EPO C-V, 5.2).