

R. 82quater.2 In the event of a general unavailability of the permitted electronic means of communication, the EPO will make use of the extension of time limits for the payment of fees, as for the performance of any other procedural acts, and will inform the IB accordingly.

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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Applicants must compute the additional amount themselves 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 applicants that all fees have been duly paid, nor inform them 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 to debit any missing amount from the applicant's deposit account where the applicant has authorised it to do so, 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