

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.

If the application contains a sequence listing as part of the description, the pages forming that part are not taken into account for calculating the page fee if the following requirements are met:

- (i) the application is filed in electronic form,
- (ii) the sequence listing forming part of the application is filed in XML format in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 (see *Annex C* to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, paragraph 4).

If any other option for filing a sequence listing is chosen – filing on paper, in image format or in another electronic format which is not XML – the additional amount of the international filing fee is calculated taking into account each page of the sequence listing. If necessary, this additional amount is calculated after conversion by the RO/EP of the file into the format of the main part of the description. The RO/EP then invites the applicant to confirm whether the content of that converted file is intended to form part of the description and to pay any corresponding page fee (Form PCT/RO/132) within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation. The content of the converted file is not considered part of the international application if the applicant so indicates or fails, within that time limit, to pay the applicable fees.

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4.3 International search fee

The international search fee is collected by the RO/EP for the benefit of the EPO as International Searching Authority (ISA/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. For any reductions that may apply, see GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 8.2.

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If the international search fee is not fully paid within the prescribed time limit, the RO/EP proceeds as described under GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 4.5.