

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY			
	Subject	Articles and Rules	Key Topics
L	The Patent Cooperation Treaty		
L1 3h	Introduction PCT	<p>PCT Art. 1, 2, 9, 10, 27(7), 43-45, 49, 53, 55, 58</p> <p>PCT Rules 2, 79-82, 82<i>quater</i>, 83, 90, 90<i>bis</i>, 91, 92, 94</p> <p>Art. 150 EPC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure of the PCT</li> <li>• International phase / national phase</li> <li>• International Bureau</li> <li>• General articles and rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Definition of application</li> <li>- Definition of priority date</li> <li>- Definition of national Office</li> <li>- Applicant</li> <li>- Receiving Office</li> <li>- Seeking certain kinds of protection</li> <li>- Seeking two kinds of protection</li> <li>- Regional Patent Treaties</li> <li>- Right to Practice before International Authorities</li> <li>- Assembly</li> <li>- International Bureau</li> <li>- Time limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Excuse of delay in meeting time limits</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Irregularities in the mail service</li> <li>- Agents and common representatives</li> <li>- Obvious errors in documents</li> <li>- Correspondence</li> <li>- Withdrawals</li> <li>- Access to files</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Patent Prosecution Highway</li> </ul>
L2 3h	International application	<p>PCT Art. 3-14</p> <p>PCT Rules 3-11, 12-13<i>ter</i>, 14-16<i>bis</i>, 17, 18, 19-23, 24-26, 26<i>bis</i>, 26<i>ter</i>, 27-32, 92<i>bis</i></p> <p>Art. 151 EPC</p> <p>Rule 157 EPC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filing an international application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request</li> <li>- Applicant</li> <li>- Where to file</li> <li>- Languages</li> <li>- Agent</li> <li>- Inventor</li> <li>- Signature</li> <li>- Fees</li> <li>- Designation of States</li> <li>- Priority</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Filing date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Right to file international application</li> <li>- Procedure for correction</li> <li>- Filing missing elements or missing parts</li> <li>- Effect on filing date</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Defects in international application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Procedure for correction</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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L3 3h	<b>International search, supplementary international search, international publication and international preliminary examination</b>	PCT Art. 15-19, 20-30, 31-38  PCT Rules 33-45, 45 <i>bis</i> , 46, 48, 53-78, 94  Art. 152 EPC  Rule 158 EPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International search                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Competent ISA</li> <li>- Subject-matter not searched</li> <li>- Oral disclosure</li> <li>- Lack of unity and protest procedure</li> <li>- International search report [ISR]</li> <li>- Written opinion of ISA</li> <li>- Filing amendments of the claims</li> <li>- IPRP (Chapter I)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• EPO as ISA                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Subject-matter not searched</li> <li>- Limitation US: business methods</li> <li>- Lack of unity and protest procedure</li> <li>- Refund of search fee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• International publication                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Languages of publication</li> <li>- Contents publication</li> <li>- PCT Gazette</li> <li>- Preventing/postponing publication</li> <li>- Technical preparations</li> <li>- Provisional protection</li> </ul> </li> <li>• International publication - EPO as designated/elected Office                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provisional protection</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supplementary international search                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supplementary search request</li> <li>- Supplementary search handling fee</li> <li>- Supplementary search fee</li> <li>- Correction of defects</li> <li>- Start, basis and scope</li> <li>- Unity of invention                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Review of opinion of SISA</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Supplementary international search report                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Explanations PCT R.45<i>bis</i>.7(e)</li> <li>o Transmittal to applicant</li> </ul> </li> <li>- ISA competent to carry out supplementary international search (SISA)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• EPO as SISA                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refund of supplementary search fee</li> <li>- Subject-matter not searched</li> <li>- Non-unity and review</li> </ul> </li> <li>• International preliminary examination                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Filing demand and fee payment</li> <li>- Competent IPEA</li> <li>- Written opinion of IPEA</li> <li>- Response to written opinion</li> <li>- Amendment</li> <li>- Lack of unity and protest procedure</li> <li>- Subject-matter not searched</li> <li>- IPER = IPRP (Chapter II)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• EPO as IPEA                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Subject-matter not searched</li> <li>- Limitation US: business methods</li> <li>- Non unity and protest procedure</li> <li>- Filing amendments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>