

# Worry-free use of ePCT with EFS-Web and e-filing PCT applications at the USPTO

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## About this presentation

I wear two hats today:

- Consultant for WIPO
- Private practitioner

My goal as a consultant for WIPO is to provide accurate factual information about PCT and ePCT.

When I express opinions from a practitioner point of view, I am speaking for myself and not for WIPO.

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## Format of today's presentation

This is a webinar. We have set aside 90 minutes for the webinar. We might not use all of the time. Feel free to ask questions as they arise. There is no need to save questions for the end.

## Chief goals of the day

Walk back the May 6, 2016 Federal Register notice warning you not to use ePCT

Talk through a September 30, 2020 rule change that relates to use of ePCT

Reassure you that you could have used ePCT all along

Reassure you that you can use ePCT now

Help you appreciate that it is tantamount to malpractice not to use ePCT

This will take most of our 90 minutes

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## What we will not tackle today

For those who have not already learned to use ePCT...

Today is not the day that we will be teaching new users how to use ePCT

Nor is today the day that we will be teaching users how to become power users

That is for the next few webinars over the next few weeks

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# What EFS-Web is good for

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## What's with the ZIP files?

We all have a shared goal that auto-loading of bibliographic data into patent office systems is a Good Thing

Every time we deny a patent office person an opportunity to hand-key something, we avoid having to proofread their work later

We win

Yes the patent office also wins

But we win

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## What's with the ZIP files?

Most PCT Receiving Offices around the world accept e-filing in which a single system provides the patent application itself (electronically) as well as the bibliographic data (electronically)

That system is called ePCT

The USPTO has chosen to accept only EFS-Web as its e-filing system for PCT patent applications

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## What's with the ZIP files?

USPTO chose to allow auto-loading of bibliographic data by means of a ZIP file from PCT-SAFE

You run PCT-SAFE on your computer in the US

You enter your bib data into PCT-SAFE on your computer

PCT-SAFE creates the ZIP file

You upload the ZIP file to EFS-Web

In this way the bib data can auto-load into the RO/US's system

## Polling question



## What happened in 2016?

In early 2016, WIPO announced a new way that US filers could create ZIP files for uploading to EFS-Web

You run ePCT which is a web-based system hosted by WIPO

You enter your bib data into ePCT

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## What's wrong with that?

USPTO people worried about this part:

- You run ePCT which is a web-based system hosted by WIPO
- You enter your bib data into ePCT

USPTO people worried that when you do this, maybe you are exporting national security information

- In the Title
- In the Abstract

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## But you probably already have a Foreign Filing License in the priority case!

If you already have an FFL in the priority case, then you could perfectly legally export the Title and the Abstract (and the specification and the figures and the claims) to any foreign country anywhere in the world.

So how can it possibly not be okay to do this:

- You run ePCT which is a web-based system hosted by WIPO
- You enter your bib data into ePCT

USPTO people interpreted 37 CFR § 5.15 in such a way that this particular activity was supposedly not protected by the FFL

## Hence the May 6, 2016 Federal Register notice

USPTO people interpreted 37 CFR § 5.15 in such a way that this particular activity (using ePCT to generate the ZIP file for uploading into EFS-Web) was supposedly not protected by the FFL

The FR notice warned would-be users of ePCT that their use of ePCT might run afoul of national security export controls of “the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) at the Department of Commerce, the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) at the Department of State, or the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) at the Department of Energy.”

## How did practitioners react to the May 6, 2016 FR notice?

The FR notice warned would-be users of ePCT that certain uses of ePCT might run afoul of national security export controls of “the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) at the Department of Commerce, the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) at the Department of State, or the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) at the Department of Energy.”

Did practitioners immediately set to work devising detailed policies to provide guidance to their staff as to which particular uses of ePCT they could adopt and which they would avoid?

It is perhaps understandable that some practitioners chose to set a bright-line rule such as “no one is permitted to use ePCT in any way until further notice” or “no way am I risking going to prison for violating export control laws by using ePCT or allowing anyone who works for me to use ePCT”

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## Actually all that you had to do was ...

Not paste the Abstract into ePCT

Not paste the Title into ePCT

ePCT was specially configured to allow the user to indicate that the title would appear at the top of the first page of the specification (which was not being uploaded to ePCT, but rather, uploaded in EFS-Web

ePCT permitted you to skip over the place where you could optionally paste the Abstract into ePCT

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## So actually all along you could use ePCT at no risk

You just had to not paste the title into ePCT

And not paste the Abstract into ePCT

Or if you had an FFL, just e-file in RO/IB instead of  
RO/US

And anyway, use ePCT for all of the other things that it  
was good for such as the functions that are similar to  
Private PAIR

You could have safely ignored the May 6, 2016 FR notice

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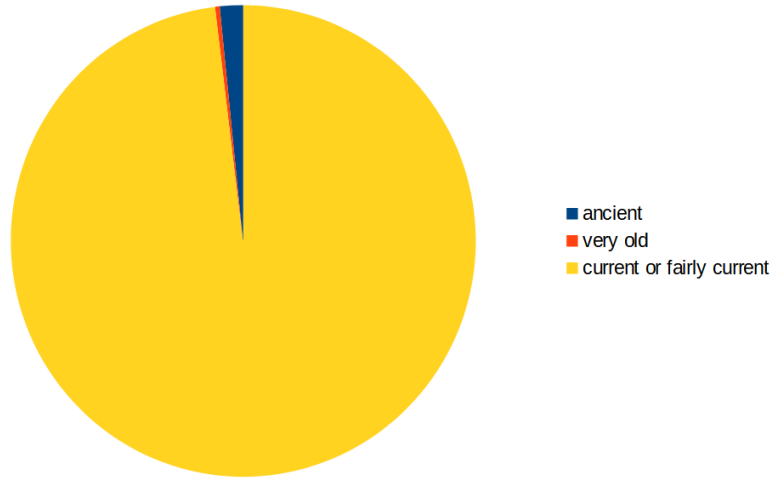
## Dating from May 6, 2016, some people said “I’ll just use PCT-SAFE”

Several problems with this

- PCT-SAFE does not validate your priority claims (ePCT does)
- PCT-SAFE is constantly getting out of date (ePCT is always up to date)
- PCT-SAFE does not by itself set up the ZIP file so that your case will later be visible in your ePCT Workbench (the thing that is like Private PAIR) (ePCT does set up the ZIP file that way)
- PCT-SAFE will be discontinued (effective date yet to be announced by WIPO)

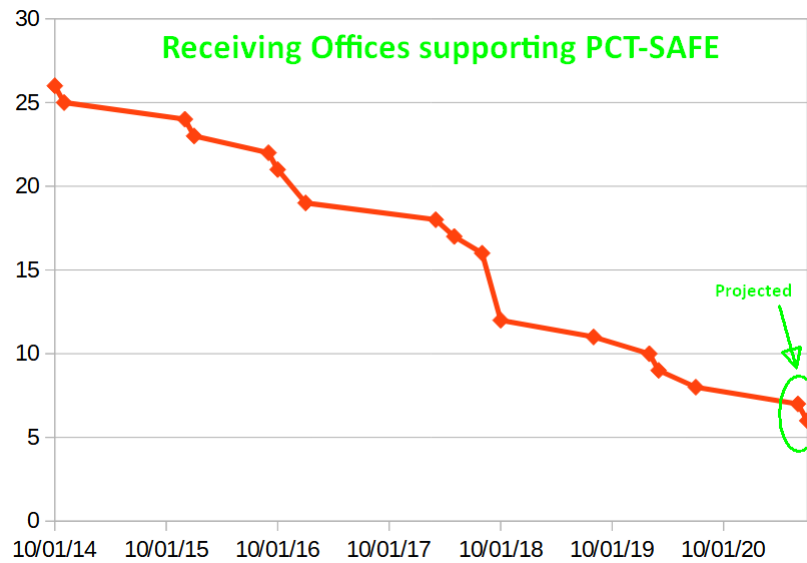
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## PCT-SAFE is constantly getting out of date ==what versions did people use in 2020 for RO/US filings?



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## PCT-SAFE will be discontinued



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## PCT-SAFE does not validate your priority claims (ePCT does)

If you ever had to pick something to get wrong, pick almost anything else, but not getting a priority claim wrong

If you get a priority claim wrong, and do not catch it until after the crucial 4-and-16 date has come and gone, in most patent offices around the world, the priority claim is irrevocably lost

Did I mention it is irrevocably lost?

So let's see. If you use ePCT, it protects you against this category of malpractice liability. If you use PCT-SAFE, it does not protect you against this category of malpractice liability.

Irrevocable loss of a priority claim. This category of malpractice liability.

What are the pros and cons of these two ways of generating the ZIP file?

I'm going to suggest it is better to use ePCT instead of PCT-SAFE to generate the ZIP file

Indeed it was better all along to do so, but now we are looking forward

Time to start using ePCT to generate your ZIP files if you have not already been doing so

## PCT-SAFE does not by itself set up the ZIP file so that your case will later be visible in your ePCT Workbench (the thing that is like Private PAIR)

As we will discuss, of course what you want is that any time you file a new PCT application, you want to be able to see it in your ePCT Workbench (the thing that is like Private PAIR)

PCT-SAFE does not by itself set up the ZIP file this way

There is a way to do this in PCT-SAFE but it requires extra steps

When ePCT generates your ZIP file, it automatically makes it so that your PCT application will later be visible in your ePCT Workbench (the thing that is like Private PAIR)

Dealing with the perceived problem with 37 CFR § 5.15

Given that the USPTO had published the May 6,  
2016 Federal Register notice that stated  
USPTO's interpretation of 37 CFR § 5.15 ...

Which placed a cloud over the use of ePCT ...

What could be done to lift the cloud?

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## I tried

I posted a blog article October 29, 2016, urging  
the USPTO to update its FFL rule as needed to  
lift this cloud over the use of ePCT.

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## AIPLA tried

AIPLA adopted Resolution 702-20 on February 1, 2019, urging the USPTO to update its FFL rule as needed to lift this cloud over the use of ePCT. (I was chair of the AIPLA PCT Issues Committee at that time and I drafted that Resolution.)

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## January 30, 2020 NPR

On January 30, 2020 the USPTO published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, proposing a change to 37 CFR § 5.15 which would eliminate the risk that USPTO perceived in the old wording of 37 CFR § 5.15

A comment was filed by Twenty-One Patent Practitioners supporting the proposed change, ***and explicitly asking that the USPTO “walk back” the May 6, 2016 Federal Register notice***

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## What changed on September 30, 2020?

For practitioners who avoided pasting the Title and Abstract into ePCT for generation of a ZIP file for uploading into EFS-Web, nothing changed on September 30, 2020

For some practitioners who interpreted 37 CFR § 5.15 differently than USPTO in May of 2016, nothing changed on September 30, 2020

But anyway, on September 30, 2020, the USPTO promulgated a change to the wording of 37 CFR § 5.15. The change was such that the risk that USPTO perceived in the old wording of 37 CFR § 5.15 was eliminated

## What changed on September 30, 2020?

### The USPTO did walk back the May 6, 2016 FR notice!

Comment 1: While all the written submissions received supported the proposed rule changes, several submitters [the Twenty-One Practitioners] also requested that the USPTO expressly state, in this final rule, that the warnings set forth in the notice titled *Use of WIPO's ePCT System for Preparing the PCT Request for Filing as Part of an International Application with the USPTO as Receiving Office*, 81 FR 27417 (May 6, 2016) (hereafter "2016 notice") no longer apply. Those comments explained that such a statement would help in training and outreach efforts to encourage the use of ePCT, which, in turn, would benefit applicants, patent practitioners, and offices.

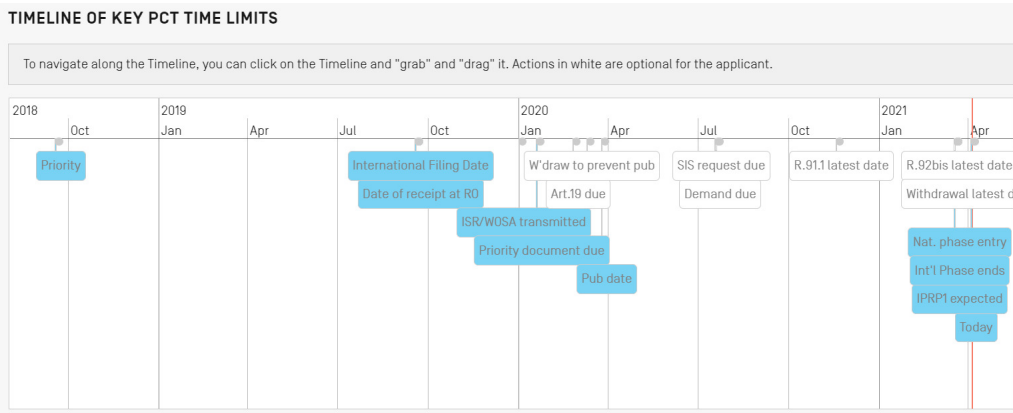
Response: The USPTO agrees that as a result of this rulemaking, the warning in the 2016 notice regarding exporting subject matter, pursuant to a foreign filing license from the USPTO, into ePCT for preparing an international application for filing with the RO/US no longer applies. However, applicants are cautioned that the warnings in the 2016 notice are still applicable in the limited situations where the applicant either does not have a foreign filing license or would be exporting additional subject matter not included within the scope of the foreign filing license from the USPTO.

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## ePCT provides a timeline of due dates



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# Polling question

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## ePCT provides notifications and warnings

Notify me about the following events for all IAs in my workbench

- I am eOwner and access rights are changed by another person
- Priority document(s) still outstanding and international publication is scheduled to take place in 2 weeks
- Priority document(s) still outstanding and the time limit under Rule 17.1(a) has expired
- Time limit for submitting Article 19 amendments expires in 2 weeks
- Technical preparations for publication scheduled to close in 2 weeks
- Time limit for submitting Rectification of Obvious Mistakes to ISA Office (Rule 91.1) expires in 2 weeks
- Republication event has been scheduled by the IB
- Time limit to request supplementary international search expires in 2 weeks
- Time limit to file Chapter II Demand expires in 2 weeks
- 30 month time limit (end of the international phase) expires in 1 month
- IA Warning added/modified
- New document processed and/or new form issued
- ePCT-Filing confirmation - documents and bibliographic data available in ePCT

What are other scenarios where notifications and warnings would be useful? See a question about this in the evaluation survey at the end of the webinar.

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## Calculating dates

Often we have to calculate dates

- Priority date plus 30 months
- Priority date plus 22 months
- Mailing date of International Search Report plus 3 months
- Date of technical preparations for publication by the International Bureau

You can cross-check your calculation with a trusted external source for these dates

## Systems that run in parallel

ePCT generates warnings of upcoming due dates that can run in parallel with your own warnings from your own docket system

ePCT takes into account closed dates at the IB and other Offices (eg. IPEA for time limit to submit a Chapter II Demand) when calculating due dates (provided that the Office has notified the IB of its closed dates)

## ePCT

ePCT has a function that is somewhat like Private PAIR

It lets you see the content and status of your pending PCT applications, just as

Private PAIR lets you see the content and status of your pending US applications

But does Private PAIR send you warnings of upcoming due dates? No!

ePCT sends you warnings of upcoming due dates!

Does Private PAIR maintain a time line for each application, listing upcoming due dates? No!

ePCT maintains a time line for each application, listing upcoming due dates.

It would be daft not to make full use of the automatic warnings that ePCT sends you for your upcoming due dates on your PCT applications.

Right?

## ePCT

Clearly you are going to want to make sure that all of your pending PCT applications are visible to you in ePCT, just as all of your pending US applications are visible to you in Private PAIR

It would be daft not to make it so. Right?

## ePCT

This means that you need to do what it takes to make it so that each new PCT application that you file automatically gets loaded into the part of ePCT that is like Private PAIR

This means that you need to do what it takes to get all of your old pending PCT applications loaded into the part of ePCT that is like Private PAIR

## Polling question

# One of my favorite things about ePCT

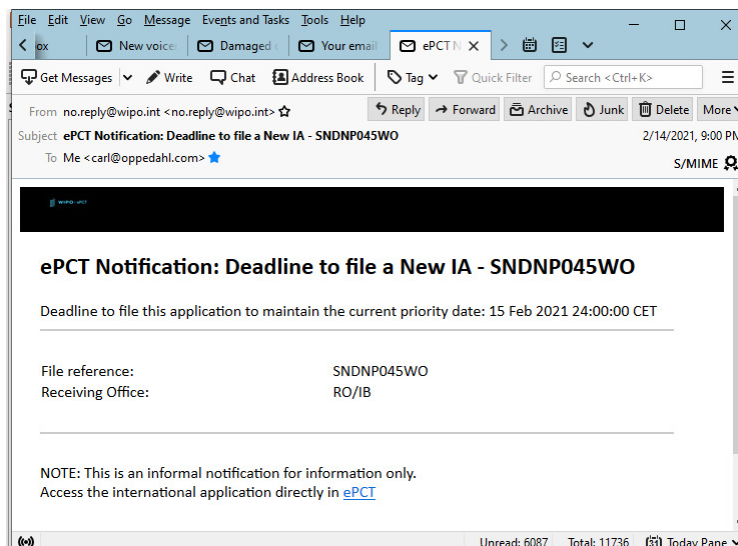
You start preparing a PCT Request and you enter a priority  
claim for an application that was filed 364 days ago

In other words, the one-year period runs out one day from  
now

Wouldn't it be nice if some system somewhere would  
remind you that you have only one day left to get the PCT  
application filed?

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# One of my favorite things about ePCT



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## Returning to docketing when a priority application gets filed

Docket to check that the application has been made available to the DAS system

Docket to check that “tracking” has been set up in the DAS system

Docket to check that we have a Certificate of Availability from the DAS system

## The DAS system

This requires that an ADS (not a provisional cover sheet) was used when the provisional application was filed

This requires that somebody follow through to set up the “tracking” in DAS

This requires that somebody follow through to obtain the Certificate of Availability from the DAS system

Yes this means that somebody has to learn how to use the DAS system

Go to my blog, go to the search box, plug in “DAS quiz”

## Polling question

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## What about your cases that you filed a year ago?

Cases that you filed a year ago that are not yet in ePCT?

You need to get them loaded into ePCT

One reason is to benefit from the many post-filing features of ePCT, e.g. “Actions” that reuse data already on file such as *92bis* requests and Chapter II Demands

Another reason is the notifications and warnings of upcoming due dates

In the case of large numbers of applications, contact [pct.eservices@wipo.int](mailto:pct.eservices@wipo.int) for assistance

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## The 4-and-16 date

If you are going to make a priority claim in your PCT application, you need to make it by the 4-and-16 date

Within four months of when the PCT application was filed, or

within sixteen months of when the priority application was filed,

whichever is later.

## The 4-and-16 date

What are the consequences of missing the 4-and-16 date?

In most Offices around the world, missing the date means the priority claim is irrevocably lost.

What are the consequences of presenting a priority claim prior to that date but getting a digit wrong?

It still means the priority claim is lost.

## The 4-and-16 date

Hmmm. Who knows where I am going with this?

Maybe it would be really good if there were a way to avoid getting a digit wrong in the priority claim, right?

Wouldn't it be nice if there were a way to know absolutely for sure that we had not gotten a digit wrong in the priority claim?

Who knows where I am going with this?

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## Avoiding getting a digit wrong

Yeah. ePCT. When you enter the priority application number into ePCT, it cross-checks with what the USPTO entered into DAS eleven months earlier. If they match, great. If they don't match, you can try to figure out what went wrong.

But PCT-SAFE doesn't do this cross check.

If you use a PDF-type PCT Request, it doesn't do this cross-check.

Did I mention it is good to use ePCT?

Maybe this reduces the need to docket the 4-and-16 date.

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## Docketing the last date for withdrawing the application to avoid publication

When is the last possible date to file a successful request to withdraw the application to avoid publication?

Technical preparations for publication day, of course, everybody knows that!

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## Technical preparations for publication day

How do you calculate TPDF day?

You work out publication day. That's easy. You take the priority date, and add eighteen months. If it's a Thursday, fine. Otherwise, keep counting until you hit a Thursday.

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## Technical preparations for publication day

Now you know publication day, which is of course a Thursday. So now you back off fifteen days. That is of course a Wednesday. That will be TFPF day. Except not if that Wednesday is a holiday in Switzerland. Which it might be, in which case you back off another day, and that is TFPF day.

Bear in mind that the Thursday on which publication would normally take place could also be a holiday, in which case publication will take place the following day, on Friday.

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## Technical preparations for publication day

Once you have calculated when you think TFPF day is, then check the “time line” in ePCT for your particular PCT application to see the TFPF day that is cited there.

This will be the last day for requesting withdrawal of the application to avoid publication.

Alternatively, you could look it up in ePCT and re-calculate to check if you must ... ePCT will always know the correct date because it is built on the IB database that drives the publication schedule. IMPORTANT - bear in mind that it is a target date and might be subject to change.

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## Receiving and reporting the International Search Report and Written Opinion

- It is good to receive the ISR/WO as soon as possible
- Best Practice is to check the box in the Request authorizing email communications
- Some ISAs send the ISR/WO by email
- ePCT will notify you when the IB receives the ISR/WO

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## Yet more consequences of receiving the International Search Report and Written Opinion

- Previously you had docketed P+22 for the Demand and Article 34 amendment
- Now you get to calculate ISR+3 (mailing date of ISR plus 3 months) to see if this changes the due date
- You might need to redocket this due date
- The time line in ePCT will calculate this for you as well

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## Client communications after receiving the ISR/WO

- Ideally you already gave ePCT access (perhaps eReader access) to the client for this application
- If so, the client may learn of the ISR/WO at about the same time that you do

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## Filing an Article 19 amendment

- The client might make a choice to file an Article 19 amendment
- If this is going to be filed, it must be filed by the later of three dates:
  - Two months after the ISR was mailed
  - Prior to the IB's completion of technical preparations for publication
  - Sixteen months after the priority date
- ePCT will calculate this date for you
- Make sure it has been docketed

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## Docketing after your Article 19 amendment

- When an Article 19 amendment has been filed, docket to check for receipt of Form PCT/IB/346
- This is the IB's way of letting you know it received the Article 19 amendment
- When the Form arrives, check to see that it says the Article 19 amendment was filed “within the time limit”

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## Filing a Demand and Article 34 amendment (“D&34”)

- The client might make a choice to file a D&34
- If this is going to be filed, it must be filed by the later of two dates:
  - Three months after the ISR was mailed
  - 22 months after the priority date
- ePCT will calculate this date for you
- Make sure it has been docketed

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Note that ePCT will warn you that the time limit for the Demand is imminent

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To carl@oppedahl.com

Signed By no.reply@wipo.int



### **ePCT Notification: Time Limit for Chapter II Demand - PCT/IB2019/040221 - DEMO**

The time limit to file a Chapter II Demand for PCT/IB2019/040221 will expire in 2 weeks.

IMPORTANT - This date could still be subject to change. The calculation of the time limit depends on data that has not yet been notified to the IB.

NOTE: This is an informal notification for information only.  
Access the international application directly in [ePCT](#)

## The end of the international phase

- The international phase ends when you enter the national phase
- You could enter the national phase a day after filing a PCT application
- You could wait until almost the end of 30 or 31 months to enter the national phase
- It is important to keep close track of the 30-month period
- It is important to remind the client about the 30-month period

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Note that ePCT will warn you that the end of the 30 months is imminent



**ePCT Notification: End of International Phase - PCT/IB2018/030175 - DEMO**

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The 30 months time limit (end of the international phase) for PCT/IB2018/030175 will expire in 1 month.

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## How a corporate patent department can keep tabs on outside counsel

Outside counsel should do e-handshakes with people in the corporate patent department

Outside counsel should extend access in ePCT to people in the corporate patent department

I suggest eOwner access (not mere eViewer) so that people in the corporate patent department can easily and promptly extend access to new hires in the corporate patent department

And to inventors and heads of business units (as eViewers)

## How the docket department can make use of ePCT

Clearly you are going to want everybody in the docket department to have access to every pending case in ePCT

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## ePCT

The benefits of validating your priority claims only work if your priority applications are in DAS

You need to make sure all of your priority applications are in DAS

Did I mention you need to make sure all of your priority applications need to be in DAS?

Maybe you need to learn about DAS!

Take the “DAS quiz” (see *Ant-Like Persistence* blog search box)

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## ePCT

The benefits of receiving notifications and warnings only work for your PCT applications that are in your ePCT Workbench (the thing that is similar to Private PAIR)

Clearly you need to make sure that all of your pending PCT applications are in your ePCT Workbench

This includes all of your newly filed PCT applications going forward

This includes your PCT applications that you filed in the past

Somehow you need to get them into your ePCT Workbench

Maybe this means you need to learn how to do this

We will cover this in upcoming webinars

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## ePCT

None of this works unless you personally have a WIPO user ID and password and two-factor authentication (what WIPO calls “strong authentication”) set up

Maybe this means you need to get a WIPO user ID and password

Maybe this means you need to set up two-factor authentication for your WIPO user ID and password

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## ePCT

Maybe you need to learn how to share access in PCT applications with colleagues

Maybe your colleagues need to learn how to share access in PCT applications with you

Maybe you need to learn what to do when somebody has their last day of work and they need to no longer have access to the PCT applications

See upcoming webinars as needed

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Many very helpful resources at <http://www.wipo.int>

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Join the PCT-L listserv at

<http://www.oppedahl.com/listserves.html>

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