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<b>International Application</b> - Request (Form PCT/RO/101) - application (description, claims, drawings, abstract, etc.)	
- for US applicant	RO/US or RO/IB <sup>1</sup>
- for applicant from any PCT contracting state	appropriate RO <sup>2</sup> or RO/IB
<b>Response to Receiving Offices (RO)</b> - Forms PCT/RO/###	with the RO issuing the form
<b>Response to International Searching Authority (ISA)</b> - Forms PCT/ISA/###	with the ISA issuing the form
<b>Response to lack of unity during Chapter I</b>	with the ISA issuing the form
<b>Later filed reference to a deposited microorganism (PCT Rule Rule13bis.4)</b>	<b>IB only</b>
<b>Non-US priority document (PCT Rule 17)</b>	IB*
<b>Article 19 amendments</b>	<b>IB only</b>
<b>Informal response to the Written Opinion of the ISA (PCT/ISA/237) and no demand filed</b>	<b>IB only</b>
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<b>Article 34 amendments</b>	<b>with the competent IPEA only</b>
<b>Response to International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)</b> - Forms PCT/IPEA/###	with the IPEA issuing the form
<b>Reply to written opinion of the IPEA (PCT/IPEA/408)</b>	with the IPEA issuing the form
<b>Response to lack of unity during Chapter II</b>	with the IPEA issuing the form
<b>Withdrawal (PCT Rule 90bis)</b>	
- of the international Application	IB*
- of a designation	IB*
- of a priority claim	IB*
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<b>Change in applicant, agent, etc. (PCT Rule 92bis)</b>	IB*

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