

### 57.3 *Time and Mode of Payment*

- (a) The handling fee shall be due at the time the demand is submitted.
- (b) Any supplement to the handling fee shall be due at the time the later election is submitted.
- (c) The handling fee shall be payable in the currency or currencies prescribed by the International Preliminary Examining Authority to which the demand is submitted, it being understood that, when transferred by that Authority to the International Bureau, it shall be freely convertible into Swiss currency.
- (d) Any supplement to the handling fee shall be payable in Swiss currency.

### 57.4 *Failure to Pay (Handling Fee)*

- (a) Where the handling fee is not paid as required, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall invite the applicant to pay the fee within one month from the date of the invitation.
- (b) If the applicant complies with the invitation within the one-month time limit, the handling fee shall be considered as if it had been paid on the due date.
- (c) If the applicant does not comply with the invitation within the prescribed time limit, the demand shall be considered as if it had not been submitted.

### 57.5 *Failure to Pay (Supplement to the Handling Fee)*

- (a) Where the supplement to the handling fee is not paid as required, the International Bureau shall invite the applicant to pay the supplement within one month from the date of the invitation.
- (b) If the applicant complies with the invitation within the one-month time limit, the supplement to the handling fee shall be considered as if it had been paid on the due date.
- (c) If the applicant does not comply with the invitation within the prescribed time limit, the later election shall be considered as if it had not been submitted.

### 57.6 *Refund*

In no case shall the handling fee, or the supplement to the handling fee, be refunded.

## **Rule 58**

### **The Preliminary Examination Fee**

#### 58.1 *Right to Ask for a Fee*

- (a) Each International Preliminary Examining Authority may require that the applicant pay a fee ("preliminary examination fee") for its own benefit for carrying out the international preliminary examination and for performing all other tasks entrusted to International Preliminary Examining Authorities under the Treaty and these Regulations.