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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IL Israel**

The **Patents, Designs and Trademarks Office of Israel** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Israel Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex B1(IL), page 12881]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of fee in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee: KRW 45,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex C(KR), page 13022]

RU Russian Federation

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: USD 200

Examination fee:

— for one invention: USD 300

— for each invention in excess of one: USD 240

For utility model:

Filing fee: USD 100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Summary (RU), page 13150]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(c), an amount in **Spanish pesetas (ESP)** has been established for the handling fee, payable to the European Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as specified below:

Handling fee: ESP 23,500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 32/1996, Annex E(EP), page 13068]

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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5,* the days on which the International Bureau **is not open for business** are, for the period from February 1, 1997, to February 1, 1998, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and	11 September 1997
28 March 1997	25 December 1997
31 March 1997	26 December 1997
8 May 1997	1 January 1998
19 May 1997	2 January 1998

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.

* Rule 80.5 **Expiration on a Non-Working Day**

“If the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, or on which ordinary mail is not delivered in the locality in which such Office or organization is situated, the period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which neither of the said two circumstances exists.”

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GR Greece

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts in **Greek drachmas (GRD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 March 1997.

Basic fee:	GRD	145,000
Supplement per sheet over 30:	GRD	3,000
Designation fee:	GRD	35,000
Handling fee:	GRD	44,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(GR), page 195, and Annex E(EP), page 253]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Basic fee:	ISK	28,700
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK	1,330
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK	10,250
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK	7,680

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Summary (IS), page 307]

Certain fees payable in US dollars (USD)

As notified in PCT Gazette No. 56/1996, Section IV, page 25217, new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee (Annex C) and the handling fee (Annex E). It is to be noted that the new amounts are applicable to the following receiving Offices and International Preliminary Examining Authorities as from 1 February 1997:

Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AZ, BY, CU, EA, GE, IB, IL, KE, KG, KZ, LR, LT, LV, MD, RU, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ;

Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): RU, US.

The new amounts were published in the corresponding annexes in PCT Gazette No. 01/1997 (special issue).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES

ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex B

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex B thereof. The new amounts of fees are applicable as from 17 February 1997. The amended Annex B, Part I, reads as follows:

“ANNEX B

FEES AND CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

Part I: Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount Peseta
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	72,190
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	72,190
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b))	
(national documents)	500
(foreign documents)	700
	per document”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 March 1997.

Search fee (international search by the Austrian Patent Office):	SGD 290	CHF 268	USD 200
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(AT), page 240]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16627, and No. 11/1996, page 4517.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**ES Spain**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), a new amount in **Spanish pesetas (ESP)**, as well as equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts are applicable as from 17 February 1997.

Search fee (international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office):	ESP 72,190	CHF 737	USD 539
Additional search fee:	ESP 72,190	CHF 737	USD 539

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(ES), page 245]

NO Norway

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 March 1997.

Basic fee:	NOK 3,660
Supplement per sheet over 30:	NOK 70
Designation fee:	NOK 890

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(NO), page 221]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Russian Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 March 1997.

Search fee (international search by the Russian Patent Office):	CHF 270
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(RU), page 247]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 March 1997.

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	CHF 926 (600)
	The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic filing fee paid

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(US), page 249]

RECEIVING OFFICES**BR Brazil**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil** has notified the International Bureau of the addition of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to the list of competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with it as receiving Office. The amended specification now reads as follows:

Competent Preliminary
Examining Authority:

Austrian Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office or, for international applications for which the Austrian Patent Office, the Swedish Patent Office or the European Patent Office has established the international search report, European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(BR), page 178]

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CORRIGENDUM—Fees Payable under the PCT

ES Spain

The new amount of the additional search fee for an international search by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, published in PCT Gazette No. 06/1997, can *only* be paid in **Spanish pesetas (ESP)**, and should be corrected as follows:

Additional search fee:	ESP 72,190
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 06/1997, page 2418]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Spanish pesetas (ESP)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	ESP 9,470
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Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ESP 3,790
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National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	ESP 13,020
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For utility model:

Filing fee:	ESP 13,020
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(ES), page 190, and Summary (ES), page 300]

PT Portugal

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts in **Portuguese escudos (PTE)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 15 March 1997.

Basic fee:	PTE 89,000
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Supplement per sheet over 30:	PTE 1,800
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Designation fee:	PTE 22,000
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Handling fee:	PTE 27,000
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(PT), page 224, and Annex E(EP), page 253]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

IT Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13^{bis}.7(b), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution with which deposits of microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before that Office, as follows:

Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG)*
Applied Microbiology Section
Department of Plant Biology
Faculty of Agriculture
University of Perugia
Borgo 20 Giugno, 74
06122 Perugia
Italy

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex L, page 273]

* Depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

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CORRIGENDUM—Receiving Offices

IL Israel

The text in Annex C(IL) of the PCT Applicant's Guide concerning the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority should read as follows:

Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	United States Patent and Trademark Office (for international applications for which the United States Patent and Trademark Office has established the international search report), or European Patent Office (for international applications for which the European Patent Office has established the international search report)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(IL), page 200]

NZ New Zealand

The text in Annex C(NZ) of the PCT Applicant's Guide concerning the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority should read as follows:

Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office (for international applications for which the United States Patent and Trademark Office has established the international search report), or European Patent Office (for international applications for which the European Patent Office has established the international search report)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(NZ), page 222]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 April 1997.

Basic fee:	ISK 37,400
Supplement per sheet over 30:	ISK 700
Designation fee:	ISK 9,100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(IS), page 201]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**MW Malawi**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 April 1997.

Basic fee:	MWK 8,600
Supplement per sheet over 30:	MWK 200
Designation fee:	MWK 2,100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(MW), page 218]

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

The Request Form has been modified to take into account: (i) the entry into force of the PCT for **Cuba** (as from 16 July 1996), **Saint Lucia** (as from 30 August 1996) and **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (as from 7 September 1996); (ii) that patents of addition are available in **Israel**; and (iii) that European patents may be extended to **Romania**.

The above-mentioned modifications concern Box No. V on the second sheet of the Request Form, the Notes to the request form relating to Box No. V and the Notes to the fee calculation sheet (Annex to the Request Form) relating to the reduction of the international fee for applicants from certain States.

Furthermore, in order to avoid possible problems arising from the omission of the applicant's State of residence from Boxes Nos. II and III, those Boxes on the first sheet and the continuation sheet of the Request Form, as well as the Supplemental Box on the supplemental sheet of the Request Form, have been modified to include, in italics, a phrase stating that the country of the address indicated in these Boxes is the applicant's State (i.e. country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated in these Boxes. The wording of the phrase included in these Boxes reflects that presently used in the Notes to the request form.

The other sheets of the Request Form and of the Notes thereto as well as the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the Request Form) and the other sheets of the Notes thereto have not been modified except for the inclusion of an indication of the date of reprinting on each sheet.

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the Request, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes relating thereto, are dated January 1997 (either as the date of issuance or as the date of reprint of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed from 1 January 1997. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau.

Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)

The Demand Form itself and the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the Demand Form) have not been modified except for the inclusion of an indication of the date of reprinting on each sheet (January 1997). The Notes to the demand form relating to Box No. V have been modified to take into account the withdrawal by Greece of its reservation under PCT Article 64(1) concerning Chapter II of the PCT. Otherwise, the Notes to the demand form have not been modified except for the inclusion of an indication of the date of reprinting on each sheet. The Notes

Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand) (Cont'd)

to the fee calculation sheet (Annex to the Demand Form) relating to the reduction of the handling fee for applicants from certain States have been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Cuba**, **Saint Lucia**, and **Bosnia and Herzegovina**.

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Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Spanish pesetas (ESP)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 April 1997.

Basic fee:	ESP 74,300
Supplement per sheet over 30:	ESP 1,500
Designation fee:	ESP 18,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(ES), page 190]

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BR Brazil

The text in Annex C(BR) of the PCT Applicant's Guide concerning the competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil as receiving Office, which was published on page 2419 of PCT Gazette No. 06/1997, should read as follows:

Competent International Preliminary
Examining Authority:

Austrian Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office (for international applications for which the United States Patent and Trademark Office has established the international search report), or European Patent Office (for international applications for which the Austrian Patent Office, the Swedish Patent Office or the European Patent Office has established the international search report)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(BR), page 178]

STATISTICS RELATING TO RECORD COPIES RECEIVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU IN 1996

Guidance Note Concerning Statistics

Certain codes are used in the statistical tables to indicate the identity of receiving Offices and of designated States. These codes have, pursuant to Section 115 of the Administrative Instructions, been taken from WIPO Standard ST.3*. The codes and the States to which they refer are set out on page 4234 of this Gazette.

In the case of receiving Offices, the codes indicate the Contracting State of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for which the receiving Office acts, except in the case of the ARIPO Office and the European Patent Office which act (as well as the respective national industrial property offices) as receiving Offices for the Contracting States of the PCT which are also party to the Harare Protocol or the European Patent Convention, respectively, and that of the International Bureau ("IB") where it acts pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(a)(iii) as receiving Office for applicants from all Contracting States of the PCT. In the statistical table relating to the designation of States, the figures shown relate to the indications as to designations contained in record copies as received by the International Bureau and notified by it to the designated Offices. Against the code of each designated State, the abbreviations "NAT", "AP", "EA" and/or "EP" are indicated. The abbreviations mean that the figures shown in the table for the designated State relate to national patents ("NAT") and/or ARIPO patents ("AP") and/or Eurasian patents ("EA") and/or European patents ("EP"). The code "OA" relates to all designations of the member States of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).

* Published in the WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*.

**DESIGNATIONS OF STATES BROKEN DOWN ACCORDING TO RECEIVING OFFICES
(From 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1996)**

	RECEIVING OFFICES													
	AP	AL	AM	AT	AU	BE	BG	BR	BY	CA	CH	CN	CU	CZ
AL NAT	0	1	0	90	668	91	5	12	1	551	148	80	0	8
AM EA	0	0	0	86	549	72	7	16	1	475	141	71	0	7
AM NAT	0	0	0	93	681	87	6	17	2	603	161	86	0	13
AT EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
AT NAT	0	0	0	82	681	68	8	16	3	582	158	86	0	16
AU NAT	1	1	0	149	838	103	12	28	3	741	242	95	2	21
AZ EA	0	0	0	94	614	87	8	16	1	536	149	81	0	10
AZ NAT	0	0	0	87	623	68	5	13	2	538	134	79	0	8
BA NAT	0	0	0	24	193	17	0	0	0	99	25	2	0	1
BB NAT	0	0	0	91	685	91	5	18	1	608	168	86	0	11
BE EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
BG NAT	0	1	0	102	685	92	2	20	4	616	176	87	0	17
BR NAT	0	1	0	141	710	101	12	14	4	684	214	95	4	18
BY EA	0	0	0	94	614	87	8	16	1	536	149	81	0	10
BY NAT	0	1	0	103	680	77	8	17	3	596	159	88	0	13
CA NAT	0	1	0	156	807	121	15	39	7	724	288	97	3	25
CH EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
CH NAT	0	0	0	86	680	69	8	16	2	581	156	82	0	14
CN NAT	0	1	0	144	725	98	13	34	5	714	250	71	2	22
CU NAT	0	0	0	39	281	28	0	0	0	145	27	2	1	1
CZ NAT	0	1	0	147	689	99	17	23	4	647	213	88	0	9
DE EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
DE NAT	0	0	0	95	696	82	8	18	6	590	168	91	0	17
DK EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
DK NAT	0	0	0	88	680	68	7	17	2	582	154	86	0	15
ES EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
ES NAT	0	0	0	88	682	70	7	17	3	582	156	86	0	16
EE NAT	0	0	0	99	685	92	9	17	3	611	169	85	0	14
FI EP	1	1	0	199	685	105	15	38	6	709	374	88	4	17
FI NAT	0	0	0	98	689	88	8	20	4	625	186	88	0	19
FR EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
GB EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
GB NAT	1	0	0	89	705	69	7	17	3	591	155	87	0	15
GE NAT	0	1	0	99	685	92	7	19	3	611	166	86	0	13
GR EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
HU NAT	0	1	0	133	690	96	14	20	3	638	204	88	0	22
IE EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
IL NAT	0	0	0	55	369	53	4	6	2	278	81	42	0	5
IS NAT	0	1	0	94	684	90	6	14	2	603	157	78	0	12
IT EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
JP NAT	1	1	0	191	802	126	17	47	10	829	399	110	2	27
KE AP	2	0	0	89	684	85	5	15	1	602	162	85	0	12
KE NAT	0	0	0	89	680	73	4	16	1	573	152	85	0	11
KG EA	0	0	0	94	606	85	8	16	1	527	146	80	0	9
KG NAT	0	0	0	91	681	80	8	17	2	605	160	85	0	11
KP NAT	0	0	0	99	690	91	6	21	2	603	173	86	0	11
KR NAT	0	1	0	145	728	102	15	28	7	705	257	95	2	19
KZ EA	0	0	0	94	614	87	8	16	1	536	149	81	0	10
KZ NAT	0	0	0	98	679	75	8	18	2	593	158	86	0	12
LC NAT	0	0	0	25	210	19	0	0	0	107	23	2	0	1
LK NAT	0	0	0	89	687	92	5	17	2	613	169	86	0	13
LR NAT	0	0	0	89	684	88	5	17	2	604	164	85	0	11
LS AP	2	0	0	89	684	85	5	15	1	602	162	85	0	12
LS NAT	0	0	0	84	662	71	3	12	1	510	133	80	0	6
LT NAT	0	0	0	102	680	92	6	19	3	609	169	86	0	12

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	RECEIVING OFFICES													
	AP	AL	AM	AT	AU	BE	BG	BR	BY	CA	CH	CN	CU	CZ
LU EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
LU NAT	0	0	0	84	678	70	6	16	1	575	154	86	0	15
LV NAT	0	0	0	101	684	93	8	17	3	611	169	87	0	13
MC EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
MD EA	0	0	0	88	565	79	7	16	1	490	141	72	0	7
MD NAT	0	0	0	90	681	82	8	17	2	605	161	85	0	12
MG NAT	0	0	0	90	685	93	5	17	1	607	169	86	0	12
MK NAT	0	0	0	93	671	92	7	13	3	550	151	81	0	12
MN NAT	0	0	0	90	685	92	6	18	3	608	168	86	0	12
MW AP	2	0	0	89	684	85	5	15	1	602	162	85	0	12
MW NAT	0	1	0	87	680	73	4	16	1	574	155	86	0	10
MX NAT	0	1	0	125	698	98	11	29	4	707	193	88	4	20
NL EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
NO NAT	0	1	0	121	697	97	8	21	3	652	220	89	0	20
NZ NAT	0	1	0	111	756	93	8	21	2	659	193	89	0	18
PL NAT	0	1	0	124	690	99	14	23	5	640	207	88	0	21
PT EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
PT NAT	0	0	0	87	680	69	7	19	2	578	154	87	0	15
RO NAT	0	1	0	105	685	97	12	22	3	621	179	87	0	20
RU EA	0	0	0	94	614	87	8	16	1	536	149	81	0	10
RU NAT	0	1	0	129	694	81	15	23	7	637	198	96	0	20
SD AP	2	0	0	89	684	85	5	15	1	602	162	85	0	12
SD NAT	0	0	0	90	680	69	4	18	1	572	155	86	0	11
SE EP	1	1	2	243	845	136	19	50	7	853	454	110	4	29
SE NAT	0	0	0	89	683	70	8	17	3	586	154	87	0	15
SG NAT	0	1	0	103	708	95	8	16	2	640	189	88	2	15
SI NAT	0	1	0	127	685	92	10	17	3	610	177	85	0	18
SK NAT	0	1	0	125	686	95	12	17	4	631	187	87	0	25
SZ AP	2	0	0	89	684	85	5	15	1	602	162	85	0	12
TJ EA	0	0	0	94	614	87	8	16	1	536	149	81	0	10
TJ NAT	0	0	0	86	680	72	6	17	2	592	155	85	0	12
TM EA	0	0	0	94	614	87	8	16	1	536	149	81	0	10
TM NAT	0	0	0	86	679	71	7	13	2	585	143	85	0	12
TR NAT	0	1	0	107	627	90	7	13	3	560	161	82	0	11
TT NAT	0	0	0	94	685	90	5	20	1	606	164	85	0	11
UA NAT	0	1	0	119	685	94	13	20	3	625	188	90	0	21
UG AP	2	0	0	89	684	85	5	15	1	602	162	85	0	12
UG NAT	0	0	0	89	683	74	4	13	1	567	140	78	0	11
US NAT	2	1	0	219	835	133	17	51	10	440	435	104	3	28
UZ NAT	0	0	0	93	685	87	9	17	3	609	167	86	0	12
VN NAT	0	0	0	98	690	94	6	18	3	619	183	89	1	15
OA*	0	0	0	1274	9590	1274	70	224	14	8456	2366	1162	0	168
TOT NAT	5	26	0	6536	42729	5374	505	1183	185	37357	11141	5265	26	916
TOT EP	17	17	32	4087	14205	2281	319	838	118	14357	7638	1848	68	481
TOT EA [#]	0	0	0	832	5404	758	70	144	9	4708	1322	709	0	83
TOT AP ⁺	12	0	0	534	4104	510	30	90	6	3612	972	510	0	72
TOT DES	34	43	32	13263	76032	10197	994	2479	332	68490	23439	9494	94	1720

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AL NAT	195	451	1	95	487	531	1911	1	13	46	64	138	3	100	357
AM EA	164	375	0	95	386	467	1617	1	12	45	57	138	2	92	362
AM NAT	232	497	1	107	490	516	2006	1	4	47	62	142	3	126	338
AT EP	1887	540	2	235	680	2012	3089	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	2949
AT NAT	213	493	1	107	496	368	1959	1	3	42	63	155	4	108	195
AU NAT	456	509	2	168	556	1020	2428	1	21	64	81	166	5	180	1126
AZ EA	184	452	1	108	467	517	1850	1	13	48	65	138	3	101	389
AZ NAT	164	423	0	91	462	347	1838	1	3	39	57	138	4	102	262
BA NAT	14	98	0	6	86	106	361	0	2	5	1	42	0	9	85
BB NAT	236	457	1	110	489	616	2016	1	10	46	68	146	3	126	383
BE EP	1887	540	2	235	680	2013	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	2976
BG NAT	275	497	2	121	505	649	2036	1	16	59	70	148	4	138	411
BR NAT	505	500	2	167	533	994	2218	1	20	58	74	155	5	171	614
BY EA	184	452	1	108	467	517	1850	1	13	48	65	138	3	101	389
BY NAT	244	495	0	106	497	491	2009	1	3	44	62	143	4	126	299
CA NAT	674	508	2	202	616	1443	2563	1	20	68	84	167	5	202	1549
CH EP	1887	540	2	235	680	2012	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	2983
CH NAT	210	493	1	105	495	367	1961	1	4	41	62	154	4	108	191
CN NAT	854	509	2	162	544	1109	2335	1	18	64	73	162	5	185	2257
CU NAT	32	125	0	8	119	163	622	0	3	7	4	85	1	14	125
CZ NAT	473	501	2	129	520	769	2121	1	12	62	72	152	4	153	463
DE EP	1886	540	2	236	680	2018	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	3282
DE NAT	216	499	1	108	519	389	2008	1	4	43	63	161	4	109	404
DK EP	1887	540	2	236	680	2012	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	258	2945
DK NAT	203	495	1	106	497	363	1971	1	4	40	63	155	4	106	192
ES EP	1887	540	2	236	680	2018	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	3011
ES NAT	208	494	1	83	494	370	1966	1	4	41	63	156	4	109	201
EE NAT	259	498	0	110	515	638	2020	1	10	54	68	147	4	133	379
FI EP	1402	413	1	181	518	1497	2528	1	20	60	70	184	4	196	2435
FI NAT	306	498	2	132	518	538	2018	1	6	53	63	155	5	125	348
FR EP	1887	540	2	237	680	2013	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	3258
GB EP	1887	540	2	236	680	2018	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	3263
GB NAT	218	495	1	109	502	374	2259	1	4	42	63	161	4	108	288
GE NAT	242	498	1	111	500	632	2026	1	13	49	69	147	4	130	385
GR EP	1887	540	2	236	680	2013	3089	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	2925
HU NAT	402	499	2	134	522	763	2104	1	13	29	73	156	4	153	525
IE EP	1887	540	2	236	680	2013	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	258	2925
IL NAT	82	231	0	38	224	311	1064	1	9	30	38	145	1	47	206
IS NAT	216	497	2	113	503	586	2008	1	9	48	71	147	5	131	381
IT EP	1887	540	2	237	680	2019	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	3128
JP NAT	1539	528	2	200	642	1757	2878	1	21	69	83	179	5	235	1804
KE AP	220	456	1	110	482	608	1990	1	12	45	69	138	3	126	379
KE NAT	196	455	0	102	483	410	1998	1	3	39	62	144	3	118	228
KG EA	182	430	1	107	447	511	1816	1	13	48	65	138	3	96	387
KG NAT	227	462	1	108	491	510	2008	1	4	47	62	145	4	126	340
KP NAT	265	457	1	119	498	659	2024	1	10	50	70	146	4	136	2
KR NAT	865	509	1	145	557	1101	2344	1	19	63	74	160	4	169	2548
KZ EA	184	452	1	108	467	517	1850	1	13	48	65	138	3	101	389
KZ NAT	223	498	0	105	487	474	2016	1	3	40	62	144	4	124	294
LC NAT	12	83	0	6	83	106	429	0	2	5	2	44	0	9	88
LK NAT	240	458	1	109	491	621	2022	1	10	47	69	143	3	130	398
LR NAT	220	457	1	107	489	610	2005	1	9	48	63	144	3	126	378
LS AP	220	456	1	110	482	608	1990	1	12	45	69	138	3	126	378
LS NAT	159	445	1	90	474	360	1890	1	4	38	58	138	3	95	208
LT NAT	266	498	1	110	509	645	2027	1	10	53	69	150	4	131	390

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LU EP	1887	540	2	235	680	2013	3089	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	2933
LU NAT	207	492	1	107	491	365	1962	1	3	41	62	149	4	109	186
LV NAT	270	498	1	111	511	643	2027	1	9	54	68	149	4	129	387
MC EP	1887	540	2	235	680	2013	3089	1	26	73	85	184	5	258	2917
MD EA	167	385	0	98	404	472	1659	1	12	46	59	138	2	93	370
MD NAT	231	497	1	108	488	522	2008	1	4	48	62	145	4	127	335
MG NAT	235	457	1	109	489	622	2027	1	11	46	63	143	3	129	378
MK NAT	202	486	1	97	494	538	1921	1	13	51	64	139	4	101	358
MN NAT	238	457	1	109	490	621	2013	1	10	49	63	143	3	127	388
MW AP	220	456	1	110	482	609	1990	1	12	45	69	138	3	126	378
MW NAT	196	455	0	101	479	410	1998	1	3	39	62	142	3	115	228
MX NAT	360	500	1	180	513	905	2189	1	18	57	72	156	5	166	665
NL EP	1887	540	2	236	680	2014	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	3049
NO NAT	377	510	2	148	573	812	2204	1	14	55	76	155	5	154	624
NZ NAT	293	502	1	133	520	746	2149	1	14	53	83	153	5	144	556
PL NAT	421	508	2	138	532	827	2130	1	17	62	73	154	4	159	464
PT EP	1887	540	2	237	680	2013	3090	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	2931
PT NAT	206	492	1	109	495	366	1965	1	4	41	64	154	4	111	192
RO NAT	285	498	1	122	508	680	2040	1	16	63	69	152	4	153	422
RU EA	184	452	1	108	467	517	1850	1	13	48	65	138	3	101	389
RU NAT	531	507	1	143	536	768	2133	1	9	54	69	159	5	161	509
SD AP	220	456	1	110	482	609	1991	1	12	45	69	138	3	126	378
SD NAT	199	455	0	103	481	411	2000	1	3	39	62	140	3	117	228
SE EP	1887	540	2	236	680	2018	3089	1	26	73	85	184	5	259	3018
SE NAT	210	492	1	108	515	365	1965	1	4	41	64	156	4	110	204
SG NAT	287	499	2	119	509	702	2140	1	13	51	71	155	3	146	932
SI NAT	287	499	2	111	504	663	2028	1	12	59	68	149	4	145	398
SK NAT	342	499	2	117	513	719	2058	1	13	65	68	152	4	143	422
SZ AP	220	456	1	110	482	609	1991	1	12	45	69	138	3	126	378
TJ EA	184	452	1	108	467	517	1850	1	13	48	65	138	3	101	389
TJ NAT	215	463	0	102	485	460	2003	1	3	41	62	144	4	123	288
TM EA	184	452	1	108	467	517	1850	1	13	48	65	138	3	101	389
TM NAT	183	459	0	101	485	422	1984	1	3	39	62	144	4	122	279
TR NAT	241	456	1	107	476	582	1926	1	21	51	65	147	4	117	367
TT NAT	231	458	1	107	489	618	2011	1	11	46	68	143	3	126	380
UA NAT	377	501	1	121	508	742	2057	1	13	60	69	151	4	140	425
UG AP	220	456	1	110	482	607	1991	1	12	45	69	138	3	126	378
UG NAT	177	454	0	101	483	395	1983	1	3	40	62	142	3	121	217
US NAT	1794	509	2	233	649	1979	2930	1	23	70	81	175	5	250	3639
UZ NAT	238	498	1	107	497	630	2018	1	11	49	63	145	4	126	388
VN NAT	269	500	1	110	494	689	2055	1	11	53	71	142	4	128	637
OA*	3150	6384	14	1568	6692	9030	27916	14	154	630	952	1946	42	1764	5390
TOT NAT	20443	29711	66	7291	31100	39908	127393	61	612	3037	4091	9338	240	8197	33138
TOT EP	31593	9053	33	3955	11398	33729	51963	17	436	1228	1430	3128	84	4337	50928
TOT EA [#]	1617	3902	7	948	4039	4552	16192	9	115	427	571	1242	25	887	3453
TOT AP ⁺	1320	2736	6	660	2892	3650	11943	6	72	270	414	828	18	756	2269
TOT DES	58123	51786	126	14422	56121	90869	235407	107	1389	5592	7458	16482	409	15941	95178

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AL NAT	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	378	243	144	3	5	4	70	933
AM EA	1	47	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	5	291	194	124	2	4	6	96	771
AM NAT	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	349	249	144	5	6	6	110	1013
AT EP	1	218	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	324	1783
AT NAT	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	321	252	145	4	6	0	119	1012
AU NAT	1	137	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	11	432	269	149	4	9	8	183	1244
AZ EA	1	55	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	6	358	224	136	2	4	6	101	864
AZ NAT	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	310	226	136	3	4	0	70	865
BA NAT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	30	53	0	1	0	1	191
BB NAT	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	389	249	144	2	6	6	106	1024
BE EP	1	220	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783
BG NAT	1	57	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	8	390	252	144	6	8	9	142	1039
BR NAT	1	117	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	13	402	266	149	4	9	7	169	1150
BY EA	1	55	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	6	358	224	136	2	4	6	101	864
BY NAT	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	339	252	144	6	6	2	130	1022
CA NAT	1	164	1	0	1	0	3	2	1	16	456	276	150	6	8	10	239	1350
CH EP	1	220	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	324	1783
CH NAT	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	322	252	144	3	6	1	114	1011
CN NAT	1	223	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	12	408	271	147	4	8	10	208	1208
CU NAT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	42	68	0	1	0	1	231
CZ NAT	1	75	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	8	394	259	144	8	7	8	161	1120
DE EP	1	226	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	324	1783
DE NAT	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	324	256	146	5	6	0	151	1060
DK EP	1	218	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783
DK NAT	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	321	254	145	3	6	0	113	1017
ES EP	1	221	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783
ES NAT	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	323	254	146	4	6	0	122	1013
EE NAT	0	48	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	8	390	251	144	4	6	6	111	1046
FI EP	1	171	2	1	1	1	5	1	2	14	388	224	127	13	9	8	233	1325
FI NAT	1	58	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	10	348	261	144	4	7	6	151	1128
FR EP	1	227	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	324	1783
GB EP	1	225	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	324	1783
GB NAT	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	323	257	147	4	6	0	134	1022
GE NAT	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	390	249	144	4	6	6	118	1022
GR EP	1	218	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	324	1783
HU NAT	1	79	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	9	396	259	145	8	7	9	149	1103
IE EP	1	218	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783
IL NAT	0	20	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	191	110	86	2	2	3	26	479
IS NAT	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	8	388	256	143	3	6	6	98	1021
IT EP	1	226	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783
JP NAT	1	246	1	1	1	0	4	2	1	16	485	280	148	10	8	11	279	1621
KE AP	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	389	247	145	2	6	6	88	999
KE NAT	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	324	249	145	4	7	2	101	1009
KG EA	1	53	0	0	1	0	5	2	0	6	345	217	134	2	4	6	101	862
KG NAT	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	348	248	144	5	6	5	110	1014
KP NAT	1	46	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	10	390	254	144	2	6	7	126	1038
KR NAT	1	42	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	11	415	267	147	4	8	9	213	1182
KZ EA	1	55	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	6	358	224	136	2	4	6	101	864
KZ NAT	0	50	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	340	253	144	6	7	2	123	1014
LC NAT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	29	55	0	1	0	1	193
LK NAT	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	390	249	144	3	7	6	112	1024
LR NAT	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	390	249	144	3	6	6	93	1015
LS AP	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	389	247	145	2	6	6	88	999
LS NAT	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	320	229	144	2	5	0	66	898
LT NAT	0	51	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	8	390	250	144	6	6	6	128	1045

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LU EP	1	218	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783	
LU NAT	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	322	251	144	3	6	1	110	1005	
LV NAT	0	48	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	7	390	250	144	6	6	6	134	1048	
MC EP	1	218	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783	
MD EA	1	48	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	6	309	198	127	2	4	6	97	782	
MD NAT	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	349	249	144	4	6	9	112	1016	
MG NAT	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	390	248	145	2	6	6	107	1024	
MK NAT	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	377	242	144	3	5	6	79	940	
MN NAT	1	51	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	7	390	249	144	6	6	6	122	1024	
MW AP	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	389	247	145	2	6	6	88	999	
MW NAT	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	322	248	144	3	6	1	102	1013	
MX NAT	1	101	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	397	261	147	5	8	8	130	1108	
NL EP	1	225	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783	
NO NAT	0	73	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	9	401	259	144	4	8	8	141	1257	
NZ NAT	0	82	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	9	396	263	146	4	7	7	126	1106	
PL NAT	1	86	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	9	397	264	145	3	8	9	160	1132	
PT EP	1	218	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783	
PT NAT	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	321	252	145	3	6	0	119	1011	
RO NAT	1	72	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	9	393	256	144	7	9	0	141	1039	
RU EA	1	55	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	6	358	224	136	2	4	6	101	864	
RU NAT	0	106	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	8	349	267	146	6	8	4	124	1091	
SD AP	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	389	247	145	2	6	6	88	999	
SD NAT	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	324	248	144	4	7	1	106	1014	
SE EP	1	219	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	18	512	295	148	16	10	12	323	1783	
SE NAT	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	321	255	145	3	7	1	118	1019	
SG NAT	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	393	259	143	4	6	6	102	1049	
SI NAT	0	51	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	7	390	256	144	4	6	7	125	1034	
SK NAT	0	60	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	8	391	257	144	6	6	8	139	1075	
SZ AP	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	389	247	145	2	6	6	88	999	
TJ EA	1	55	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	6	358	224	136	2	4	6	101	864	
TJ NAT	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	338	249	144	5	6	2	105	1010	
TM EA	1	55	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	6	358	224	136	2	4	6	101	864	
TM NAT	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	336	249	143	3	6	2	75	995	
TR NAT	0	57	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	362	233	136	3	6	6	95	904	
TT NAT	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	390	249	144	2	6	6	102	1019	
UA NAT	0	69	1	0	1	0	3	3	1	9	392	254	144	7	8	8	167	1043	
UG AP	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	389	247	145	2	6	6	88	999	
UG NAT	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	322	249	143	2	7	1	80	994	
US NAT	1	195	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	17	502	285	148	11	8	11	326	1571	
UZ NAT	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	391	249	144	6	6	6	129	1019	
VN NAT	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	390	250	145	3	6	6	121	1035	
OA*	14	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	5474	3458	2030	42	84	84	1400	14070	
TOT NAT	17	4027	20	14	22	0	15	84	60	458	22794	15453	8935	266	401	303	7845	64972	
TOT EP	17	3706	50	17	17	17	85	65	50	302	8580	4944	2495	269	169	200	5407	29853	
TOT EA #	9	478	0	0	9	0	45	22	0	53	3093	1953	1201	18	36	54	900	7599	
TOT AP+	6	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	2334	1482	870	12	36	36	528	5994	
TOT DES	63	9211	70	31	48	17	145	171	110	953	42275	27290	15531	607	726	677	16080	122488	

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DESIGNATIONS	RECEIVING OFFICES										TOT DES	
	SG	SI	SK	TR	UA	UZ	US	EP	IB			
AL NAT	11	23	7	2	4	0	8809	1660	354	18752	AL NAT	
AM EA	12	12	10	2	5	0	7281	1481	300	15889	AM EA	
AM NAT	12	25	8	2	6	0	9922	1628	384	20246	AM NAT	
AT EP	18	32	15	2	14	1	19826	5630	1449	45123	AT EP	
AT NAT	12	22	11	2	6	0	8950	1311	364	18498	AT NAT	
AU NAT	15	25	12	2	8	0	14235	2997	574	29339	AU NAT	
AZ EA	12	15	10	2	5	0	8170	1708	339	17960	AZ EA	
AZ NAT	10	23	9	2	5	0	7722	1225	308	16447	AZ NAT	
BA NAT	0	2	0	0	0	0	1185	275	60	3054	BA NAT	
BB NAT	12	25	8	2	5	0	10067	1961	392	20926	BB NAT	
BE EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19827	5630	1449	45153	BE EP	
BG NAT	12	26	10	2	6	0	10212	2327	417	21808	BG NAT	
BR NAT	12	26	12	2	7	0	12124	3008	550	26047	BR NAT	
BY EA	12	15	10	2	5	0	8170	1708	339	17960	BY EA	
BY NAT	12	25	9	2	6	0	9695	1888	374	20229	BY NAT	
CA NAT	15	28	13	2	9	0	17435	3696	722	34991	CA NAT	
CH EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19827	5631	1449	45161	CH EP	
CH NAT	12	21	9	2	5	0	8936	1307	352	18437	CH NAT	
CN NAT	16	27	11	2	8	0	13042	3424	838	30234	CN NAT	
CU NAT	0	2	0	0	0	0	1974	417	98	4787	CU NAT	
CZ NAT	12	27	13	2	8	0	10617	2923	460	23624	CZ NAT	
DE EP	18	32	15	2	14	1	19834	5636	1449	45485	DE EP	
DE NAT	12	23	12	3	6	1	9319	1384	395	19475	DE NAT	
DK EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19826	5630	1449	45118	DK EP	
DK NAT	12	23	10	2	5	0	8942	1306	353	18462	DK NAT	
ES EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19828	5635	1449	45201	ES EP	
ES NAT	12	20	11	2	6	0	8932	1311	360	18482	ES NAT	
EE NAT	12	25	9	2	7	0	10079	1910	399	21081	EE NAT	
FI EP	15	28	14	2	11	1	15100	4270	1232	34951	FI EP	
FI NAT	12	26	11	2	7	0	10113	1804	404	21094	FI NAT	
FR EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19834	5637	1450	45460	FR EP	
GB EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19831	5636	1448	45461	GB EP	
GB NAT	10	21	9	3	6	0	9224	1325	371	19295	GB NAT	
GE NAT	12	25	7	2	8	0	10128	1922	400	21092	GE NAT	
GR EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19827	5630	1449	45101	GR EP	
HU NAT	12	28	14	2	8	0	10568	2751	455	23297	HU NAT	
IE EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19827	5628	1448	45097	IE EP	
IL NAT	7	10	5	1	1	0	4668	1020	229	10185	IL NAT	
IS NAT	12	23	9	2	6	0	9775	1795	397	20458	IS NAT	
IT EP	18	32	15	2	14	1	19831	5635	1451	45331	IT EP	
JP NAT	18	28	15	3	11	0	18930	5077	1424	41126	JP NAT	
KE AP	12	13	7	2	5	0	9754	1781	375	20271	KE AP	
KE NAT	12	23	7	2	5	0	9037	1410	353	18661	KE NAT	
KG EA	12	15	10	2	5	0	8024	1670	336	17630	KG EA	
KG NAT	12	25	7	2	6	0	9902	1599	380	20145	KG NAT	
KP NAT	13	25	8	2	6	0	9956	1893	405	20561	KP NAT	
KR NAT	14	27	10	2	10	0	13759	3519	939	31248	KR NAT	
KZ EA	12	15	10	2	5	0	8170	1708	339	17960	KZ EA	
KZ NAT	12	25	8	2	6	0	9649	1754	371	19979	KZ NAT	
LC NAT	0	1	0	0	0	0	1262	269	53	3204	LC NAT	
LK NAT	12	25	7	2	6	0	10047	1989	404	21008	LK NAT	
LR NAT	12	25	7	2	6	0	9889	1782	388	20482	LR NAT	
LS AP	12	13	7	2	5	0	9735	1781	374	20250	LS AP	
LS NAT	11	23	7	2	4	0	7879	1276	309	16743	LS NAT	
LT NAT	12	25	9	2	7	0	10130	1951	401	21218	LT NAT	

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	RECEIVING OFFICES										
	SG	SI	SK	TR	UA	UZ	US	EP	IB	TOT DES	
LU EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19825	5628	1449	45103	LU EP
LU NAT	12	23	8	2	5	0	8903	1298	348	18350	LU NAT
LV NAT	12	25	10	2	8	0	10155	2025	412	21340	LV NAT
MC EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19826	5627	1449	45086	MC EP
MD EA	12	12	10	2	5	0	7440	1518	303	16261	MD EA
MD NAT	12	25	7	2	7	0	9880	1635	387	20223	MD NAT
MG NAT	12	25	9	2	6	0	10056	1820	389	20782	MG NAT
MK NAT	11	25	9	2	5	0	8835	1675	353	18913	MK NAT
MN NAT	12	25	7	2	6	0	10091	1828	390	20852	MN NAT
MW AP	12	13	7	2	5	0	9755	1781	375	20272	MW AP
MW NAT	12	23	7	2	5	0	9053	1419	351	18672	MW NAT
MX NAT	12	25	9	2	7	0	13143	2754	563	26455	MX NAT
NL EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19828	5632	1450	45237	NL EP
NO NAT	13	26	11	2	7	0	11047	2705	480	24239	NO NAT
NZ NAT	14	25	9	2	7	0	11026	2487	458	23481	NZ NAT
PL NAT	12	27	15	2	8	0	10612	2807	466	23573	PL NAT
PT EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19825	5628	1449	45104	PT EP
PT NAT	12	21	10	2	6	0	8947	1311	354	18475	PT NAT
RO NAT	12	25	9	2	8	0	10271	2272	424	21945	RO NAT
RU EA	12	15	10	2	5	0	8170	1708	339	17960	RU EA
RU NAT	12	28	12	2	7	1	10548	2386	446	23044	RU NAT
SD AP	12	13	7	2	5	0	9755	1781	375	20273	SD AP
SD NAT	12	23	7	2	5	0	9091	1417	350	18726	SD NAT
SE EP	18	32	15	2	13	1	19829	5632	1450	45204	SE EP
SE NAT	12	21	9	2	6	0	9013	1313	369	18619	SE NAT
SG NAT	15	23	8	2	5	0	11122	2270	594	23582	SG NAT
SI NAT	12	14	12	2	7	0	10151	2199	409	21590	SI NAT
SK NAT	12	26	6	2	8	0	10308	2552	421	22421	SK NAT
SZ AP	12	13	7	2	5	0	9755	1781	376	20274	SZ AP
TJ EA	12	15	10	2	5	0	8170	1708	339	17960	TJ EA
TJ NAT	12	25	8	2	5	0	9622	1515	357	19550	TJ NAT
TM EA	12	15	10	2	5	0	8170	1708	339	17960	TM EA
TM NAT	12	23	8	2	5	0	9255	1447	340	18915	TM NAT
TR NAT	10	23	9	2	6	0	8390	2081	377	18933	TR NAT
TT NAT	12	25	7	2	5	0	10030	1804	390	20703	TT NAT
UA NAT	12	26	12	2	4	0	10399	2466	432	22492	UA NAT
UG AP	12	13	7	2	5	0	9755	1781	375	20271	UG AP
UG NAT	12	23	7	2	5	0	8680	1391	340	18143	UG NAT
US NAT	14	31	15	3	14	1	5202	5040	517	28544	US NAT
UZ NAT	12	25	7	2	6	0	10102	1893	403	21018	UZ NAT
VN NAT	13	25	8	2	6	0	10257	1984	435	21763	VN NAT
OA*	168	182	98	28	70	0	138067	27510	5447	289268	OA*
TOT NAT	746	1484	569	125	389	3	621302	126888	26992	1330058	TOT NAT
TOT EP	303	540	254	34	222	17	332351	94375	24419	758376	TOT EP
TOT EA#	108	129	90	18	45	0	71765	14917	2973	157540	TOT EA
TOT AP+	72	78	42	12	30	0	58509	10686	2250	121611	TOT AP+
TOT DES	1397	2413	1053	217	756	20	1221994	274376	62081	2656853	TOT DES

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Receiving Offices	Languages of Filing								Total Number of Record Copies Received
	Chinese	English	French	German	Japanese	Russian	Spanish	Other	
AL		1							1
AM						2			2
AT				247					247
AU		867							867
BE		39	74					26 (Dutch)	139
BG		20							20
BR		55							55
BY		1				10			11
CA		862	6						868
CH			62	401					463
CN	109	4							113
CU							4		4
CZ		25		4					29
DE				1924					1924
DK		373						168 (Danish)	541
EE		2							2
ES							246		246
FI		373						320 (Finnish)	693
FR			2152						2152
GB		3128							3128
GE		1							1
GR		26							26
HU		65		10					75
IE		85							85
IL		188							188
IS		5							5
IT		254	3	2					259
JP		274			3560				3834
KG						1			1
KR		255			5				260
KZ		3							3
LS		1							1
LT							1		1
LU			1						1
LV		4				1			5
MD						4			4
MK		3							3
MX							20		20
NL		208		2				309 (Dutch)	519
NO		124						175 (Norwegian)	299
NZ		152							152
PL		16		2					18
PT		8	2						10
RO		9	3						12
RU		28				332			360
SE		936						862 (Swedish)	1798
SG		20							20
SI		32							32
SK		16		1					17
TR		3							3
UA		2				12			14
US		20504							20504
UZ						1			1
AP ¹		2							2
EP ²		1814	64	3888					5766
IB ³		1342	67	77	1				1487
Total Number of Record Copies Received	109	32130	2434	6558	3566	364	270	1860	47291

- 1 The record copies received from the African Regional Industrial Property Organization related to international applications filed by applicants from States party to the Harare Protocol.
- 2 The record copies received from the European Patent Office related to international applications filed by applicants from States party to the European Patent Convention.
- 3 The record copies received from the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office related to international applications filed by applicants from the following States: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT) IN 1996*

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, announces the main events which occurred in 1996 in relation to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the results of operations under the PCT for that year.

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1. Since 1978, the PCT system has offered inventors and industry an advantageous route for obtaining patent protection internationally. By filing one “international” patent application under the PCT, protection for an invention can be sought simultaneously in each of a large number of countries.
2. **Developments in 1996.** The worldwide use of the PCT route continued to increase considerably during 1996. In that year, the International Bureau of WIPO received 47,291 international applications filed worldwide,¹ which is 8,385 (21.6%) more than in 1995—the greatest increase in the number of filings since PCT operations began. In February 1996, the International Bureau received the 250,000th international application filed under the PCT, only five years after receiving the 100,000th. The 47,291 international applications received in 1996 had the effect of 1,330,058 national applications, and of 104,410 regional applications, which in turn had the effect of 1,326,795 applications for patent protection in the member States of the regional patent systems, that is, a total equivalent effect of 2,656,853 national applications.
3. During 1996, the PCT entered into force with respect to five new Contracting States:
Turkey became bound by the PCT on January 1, 1996;
Israel became bound by the PCT on June 1, 1996;
Cuba became bound by the PCT on July 16, 1996;
Saint Lucia became bound by the PCT on August 30, 1996;
Bosnia and Herzegovina became bound by the PCT on September 7, 1996.

* This is the text of WIPO Press Release PCT/106, as published on January 30, 1997.

¹ Figures based on the number of copies of international applications sent, under PCT Article 12, to the International Bureau by PCT receiving Offices (including by the International Bureau itself as a receiving Office).

4. The 87 States party to the PCT on December 31, 1996, were the following:

Albania	Democratic People's	Lithuania	Spain
Armenia	Republic of Korea	Luxembourg	Sri Lanka
Australia	Denmark	Madagascar	Sudan
Austria	Estonia	Malawi	Swaziland
Azerbaijan	Finland	Mali	Sweden
Barbados	France	Mauritania	Switzerland
Belarus	Gabon	Mexico	Tajikistan
Belgium	Georgia	Monaco	The former Yugoslav
Benin	Germany	Mongolia	Republic of Macedonia
Bosnia	Greece	Netherlands	Togo
and Herzegovina	Guinea	New Zealand	Trinidad and Tobago
Brazil	Hungary	Niger	Turkey
Bulgaria	Iceland	Norway	Turkmenistan
Burkina Faso	Ireland	Poland	Uganda
Cameroon	Israel	Portugal	Ukraine
Canada	Italy	Republic of Korea	United Kingdom
Central African	Japan	Republic of Moldova	United States of
Republic	Kazakstan	Romania	America
Chad	Kenya	Russian Federation	Uzbekistan
China	Kyrgyzstan	Saint Lucia	Viet Nam
Congo	Latvia	Senegal	
Côte d'Ivoire	Lesotho	Singapore	
Cuba	Liberia	Slovakia	
Czech Republic	Liechtenstein	Slovenia	

5. Instruments of accession to the PCT were deposited on November 1, by *Yugoslavia* and on November 26, 1996, by *Ghana*, which will become bound by the PCT on February 1 and February 26, 1997, respectively, as the 88th and 89th Contracting States.

6. On January 1, 1996, it became possible to include in an international application a designation for a Eurasian patent. Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia became bound by the Eurasian Patent Convention on January 13, February 16 and February 27, 1996, respectively. Therefore, those States, in addition to Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, may now be designated either for a national or a Eurasian patent, or for both a national and a Eurasian patent, and nationals and residents of those States may file international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to their respective national Offices and the International Bureau of WIPO.

7. On March 1, 1996, Finland became bound by the European Patent Convention. Therefore, Finland may now be designated either for a national or a European patent, or for both a national and a European patent, and nationals and residents of Finland may file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of WIPO.

8. On September 7, 1996, Greece became bound by Chapter II of the PCT (International Preliminary Examination), following the withdrawal of its declaration under PCT Article 64(1)(a). Consequently, nationals and residents of Greece are now entitled to file demands for international preliminary examination of their international applications, and it is now possible to elect Greece for the purpose of a European patent. The only PCT Contracting State not yet bound by Chapter II at the end of 1996 was Spain.

9. With effect from January 1, 1996, certain fees (the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee, the confirmation fee and the handling fee) were reduced by 75% in respect of international applications filed by certain applicants from countries whose per capita national income is below a specified level.² With effect from May 1, 1996, a 75% reduction also became applicable to the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office.

10. Following the adoption of a revised Schedule of Fees by the Assembly of the PCT Union in October 1995, the maximum number of designation fees payable was increased from 10 to 11, with effect from January 1, 1996.

11. *Summary of the procedure under the PCT.* The system of patent cooperation established by the PCT means that, by filing only one international application with one Office, the PCT applicant can obtain the effect of regular national filings in any or all PCT Contracting States without initially having to furnish a translation of the application or to pay national fees. The national patent granting procedure and the related high expenses are postponed, in the majority of cases, by up to 18 months (or even longer in the case of some Offices).

12. In addition to designations of PCT Contracting States for national patents, an international application may include designations for regional patents: ARIPO (African Regional Industrial Property Organization) patents having effect in those States party to the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs which are also Contracting States of the PCT, Eurasian patents having effect in States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, European patents having effect in States party to the European Patent Convention, and OAPI (African Intellectual Property Organization) patents having effect in States party to the Bangui Agreement.

13. Each international application is subjected to an international search carried out by one of the major patent Offices of the world acting as an International Searching Authority under the PCT which establishes an international search report setting out the relevant prior art. That report is received by the applicant about 16 months from the priority date. The international application is published, along with the international search report, by the International Bureau 18 months after the priority date and is then transmitted to the designated Offices and to the applicant.

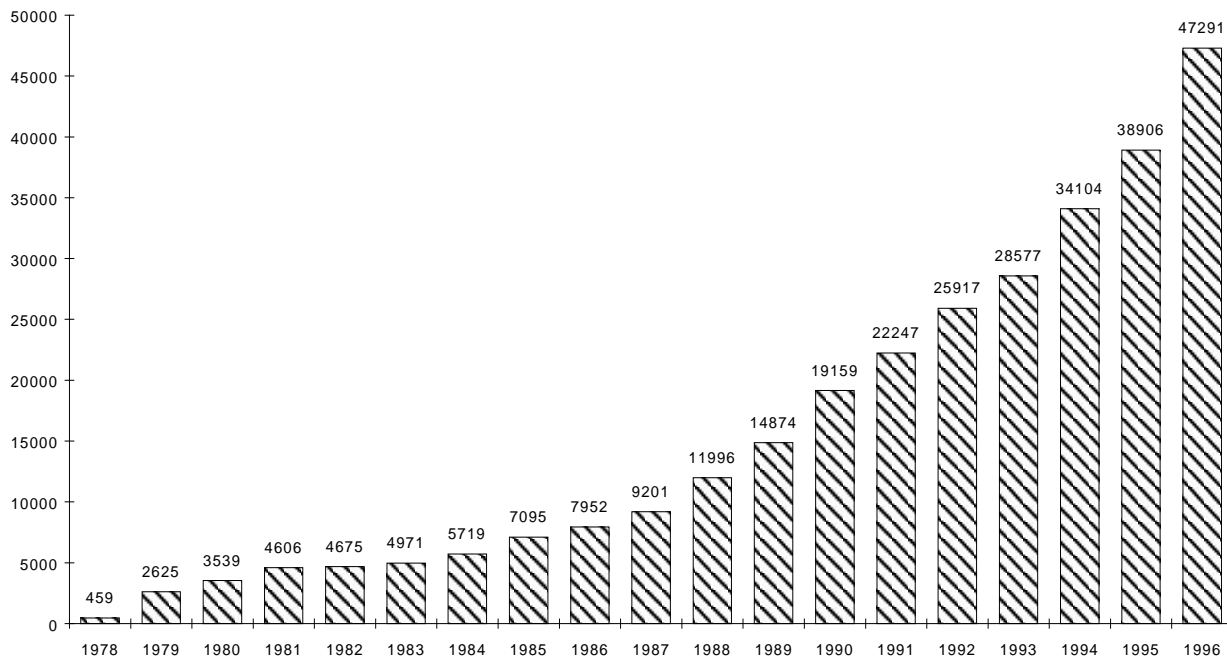
14. If the applicant so requests, and most do (see paragraph 25, below), the international application is also subjected to international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the PCT carried out by one of the Offices which act as International Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT. That examination results in a report which includes an opinion as to whether the claimed invention fulfills the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. The international preliminary examination report is received by the applicant about 28 months from the priority date.

15. With the international search report, and, where it has been requested, the international preliminary examination report, the applicant is in a much better position to decide whether to initiate the national patent granting procedure before the various designated patent Offices. It is only if the applicant is convinced, in the light of such reports, that it is worthwhile to seek patent protection in the various countries, that he will normally decide to pay national fees, the cost of preparing translations and professional fees for patent agents abroad. This need not be done until eight or 18 months later than under the traditional system (that is, when the PCT is not used, in which case separate patent applications would have to be filed for all countries and regions of interest), depending on whether there is only an international search report or also an international preliminary examination report. At that later time, the applicant is also in a much better position to decide about the need for patent protection having regard to increased knowledge of the technical and economic prospects of the invention.

². Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana (as from February 26, 1997), Guinea, Hungary, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia (as from February 1, 1997).

16. *Statistics.* The following graph shows the number of international applications received by the International Bureau³ in each calendar year since the beginning of PCT operations:

Number of international applications received since 1978



17. The following table shows, by country of origin, the number of international applications received by the International Bureau,³ and the corresponding percentages of the total, in 1996 as compared with 1995:

Country of origin ⁴	Number of applications		Percentage	
	1996	(1995)	1996	(1995)
US United States of America	20,828	(16,588)	44.0	(42.6)
DE Germany	5,695	(5,054)	12.0	(13.0)
JP Japan	3,861	(2,700)	8.2	(6.9)
GB United Kingdom ⁵	3,440	(3,425)	7.3	(8.8)
FR France	2,307	(1,808)	4.9	(4.6)
SE Sweden	1,844	(1,572)	3.9	(4.0)
NL Netherlands	1,589	(1,297)	3.4	(3.3)
CH Switzerland ⁶	1,075	(786)	2.3	(2.0)
CA Canada	940	(786)	2.0	(2.0)
AU Australia	873	(877)	1.8	(2.2)
FI Finland	703	(718)	1.5	(1.8)
IT Italy	652	(570)	1.4	(1.5)

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^{3.} Figures based on the number of copies of international applications sent, under PCT Article 12, to the International Bureau by PCT receiving Offices (including by the International Bureau itself as a receiving Office).

^{4.} Of the international applications received by the International Bureau, 5,766 (= 12.2%) were received from the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 1,487 (= 3.1%) were received from the International Bureau as receiving Office; those applications, and applications received from other regional Offices as receiving Offices, are included in the figures concerning the country of origin of the applicant.

^{5.} Includes figures for Hong Kong and the Isle of Man, since the national Office of the United Kingdom also acts as receiving Office for residents of Hong Kong and the Isle of Man.

^{6.} Includes figures for Liechtenstein, since the national Office of Switzerland also acts as receiving Office for nationals and residents of Liechtenstein.

[number of international applications received by the International Bureau in 1996 and 1995, continued]

Country of origin ⁷		Number of applications		Percentage	
		1996	(1995)	1996	(1995)
DK	Denmark	580	(554)	1.2	(1.4)
RU	Russian Federation	366	(288)	0.8	(0.7)
AT	Austria	335	(332)	0.7	(0.8)
NO	Norway	312	(246)	0.7	(0.6)
BE	Belgium	291	(232)	0.6	(0.6)
ES	Spain	273	(170)	0.6	(0.4)
KR	Republic of Korea	260	(192)	0.5	(0.5)
IL	Israel	203	(–)	0.4	(–)
NZ	New Zealand	153	(140)	0.3	(0.4)
IE	Ireland	119	(76)	0.2	(0.2)
CN	China	114	(106)	0.2	(0.3)
HU	Hungary	77	(68)	0.2	(0.2)
BR	Brazil	57	(66)	0.1	(0.2)
LU	Luxembourg	41	(31)	<0.1	(<0.1)
SI	Slovenia	32	(32)	<0.1	(<0.1)
CZ	Czech Republic	31	(28)	<0.1	(<0.1)
GR	Greece	28	(25)	<0.1	(<0.1)
SG	Singapore	25	(21)	<0.1	(<0.1)
MX	Mexico	24	(10)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BG	Bulgaria	21	(12)	<0.1	(<0.1)
SK	Slovakia	21	(10)	<0.1	(<0.1)
PL	Poland	19	(22)	<0.1	(<0.1)
UA	Ukraine	14	(10)	<0.1	(<0.1)
RO	Romania	13	(16)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BY	Belarus	11	(11)	<0.1	(<0.1)
PT	Portugal	11	(6)	<0.1	(<0.1)
MC	Monaco	7	(3)	<0.1	(<0.1)
IS	Iceland	5	(3)	<0.1	(<0.1)
LV	Latvia	5	(0)	<0.1	(0)
CU	Cuba	4	(–)	<0.1	(–)
MD	Republic of Moldova	4	(2)	<0.1	(<0.1)
TR	Turkey	4	(–)	<0.1	(–)
KZ	Kazakistan	3	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
LT	Lithuania	3	(0)	<0.1	(0)
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3	(0)	<0.1	(0)
AM	Armenia	2	(0)	<0.1	(0)
EE	Estonia	2	(0)	<0.1	(0)
LK	Sri Lanka	2	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
OA	OAPI States	2	(2)	<0.1	(<0.1)
AL	Albania	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
GE	Georgia	1	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
KG	Kyrgyzstan	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
LS	Lesotho	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
MW	Malawi	1	(2)	<0.1	(<0.1)
SZ	Swaziland	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
UZ	Uzbekistan	1	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BB	Barbados	0	(1)	0	(<0.1)
KE	Kenya	0	(2)	0	(<0.1)
LR	Liberia	0	(2)	0	(<0.1)
TOTAL		47,291	(38,906)	100.00	(100.00)

⁷. Of the international applications received by the International Bureau, 5,766 (= 12.2%) were received from the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 1,487 (= 3.1%) were received from the International Bureau as receiving Office; those applications, and applications received from other regional Offices as receiving Offices, are included in the figures concerning the country of origin of the applicant.

The table above shows that in 1996 there was a notable increase in the number of international applications received from the following major user countries: Japan (1,161 more than in 1995 (43% increase)), Switzerland (289 more than in 1995 (36.8% increase)), France (499 more than in 1995 (27.6% increase)), the United States of America (4,240 more than in 1995 (25.6% increase)) and the Netherlands (292 more than in 1995 (22.5% increase)).

18. In 1996, the average number of designations made per international application was 30.3 (1995: 25.3), having the effect, on average, of national or regional applications in 56.2 (1995: 46.5) Contracting States. This figure is much higher than the number of States where patent protection will eventually be sought because the applicants in respect of 45.2% (1995: 46.1%) of all international applications received by the International Bureau in 1996 used the possibility of paying the maximum of 11 designation fees while designating any number of (and frequently all) PCT Contracting States in order to extend the effects of the international application to as many States as might be of interest to them, retaining the option of deciding at a later stage in which States they wished to proceed. The difference between the number of designations and their effect as national or regional applications is due to the fact that each designation for a regional (ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI) patent covers several States. Many applicants make such designations for regional patents; for example, in 1996, a European patent was sought in 96.2% of all international applications.

19. In 1996, the International Bureau of WIPO as PCT receiving Office received 1,500 international applications (1995: 1,151) from applicants from 38 countries, including 344 which benefited from the safeguard procedure under which an international application that is filed with a “non-competent” receiving Office is transmitted to the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office, allowing applicants to retain the date of receipt by the “non-competent” receiving Office as the international filing date.

20. A copy of every international application is sent to the International Searching Authority competent for carrying out the international search. Where more than one Authority is competent, the applicant chooses the one he prefers. The number of international applications sent to each International Searching Authority in 1996 is indicated below:

<i>International Searching Authority</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	1996	(1995)	1996	(1995)
European Patent Office	26,029	(21,541)	55.0	(55.4)
United States of America	11,889	(9,628)	25.1	(24.7)
Sweden	3,791	(3,490)	8.0	(8.9)
Japan	3,562	(2,522)	7.5	(6.5)
Australia	999	(1,011)	2.1	(2.6)
Russian Federation	383	(302)	0.8	(0.8)
Austria	283	(244)	0.6	(0.6)
Spain	240	(60)	0.5	(0.2)
China	115	(108)	0.2	(0.3)
TOTAL	47,291	(38,906)	100.0	(100.0)

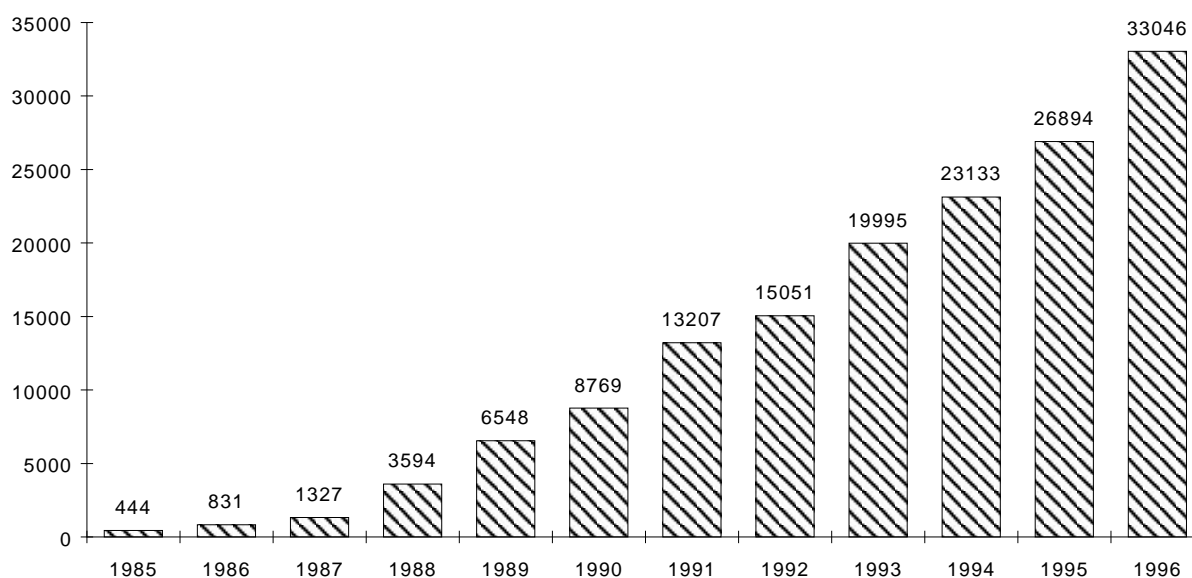
21. The international applications received by the International Bureau in 1996 were filed in the following languages:

<i>Language of filing</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	1996	(1995)	1996	(1995)
English	32,130	(26,519)	67.9	(68.1)
German	6,558	(5,733)	13.9	(14.7)
Japanese	3,566	(2,526)	7.5	(6.5)
French	2,434	(1,895)	5.1	(4.9)
Swedish	862	(744)	1.8	(1.9)
Russian	364	(302)	0.8	(0.8)
Dutch	335	(225)	0.7	(0.6)
Finnish	320	(387)	0.7	(1.0)
Spanish	270	(160)	0.6	(0.4)
Norwegian	175	(143)	0.4	(0.4)
Danish	168	(175)	0.4	(0.4)
Chinese	109	(97)	0.2	(0.3)
TOTAL	47,291	(38,906)	100.0	(100.0)

22. In 1996, the International Bureau sent the final batch of notifications to applicants about the possibility of requesting the extension of the effects of their international applications to certain successor States of the former Soviet Union that had made a declaration of continued application of the PCT.

23. The number of demands for international preliminary examination received by the International Bureau from the International Preliminary Examining Authorities in 1996 amounted to 33,046, which represents an increase over 1995 of 22.9%. The number of demands in each calendar year since 1985 is as follows:

Number of demands filed worldwide



24. Those demands were received by the International Bureau from the Offices indicated below in their capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authorities:

<i>International Preliminary Examining Authority</i>	<i>Number of demands</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	1996	(1995)	1996	(1995)
European Patent Office	18,213	(14,428)	55.1	(53.7)
United States of America	9,569	(8,178)	29.0	(30.4)
Sweden	2,478	(1,969)	7.5	(7.3)
Japan	1,563	(1,110)	4.7	(4.1)
Australia	893	(864)	2.7	(3.2)
Russian Federation	138	(127)	0.4	(0.5)
Austria	117	(138)	0.4	(0.5)
China	75	(80)	0.2	(0.3)
TOTAL	33,046	(26,894)	100.0	(100.0)

25. The demands for international preliminary examination received in 1996 relate mainly to international applications filed in 1995. Applicants are increasingly (in about 80% of applications) taking advantage of the benefits of the procedure under Chapter II of the PCT.

26. **Meetings.** The PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters (PCT/CAL) held its sixth session from April 29 to May 2, 1996, in Geneva, and discussed the following:

- a proposal for a supplementary international search system giving applicants the possibility of requesting a supplementary international search report from an International Searching Authority different from the one that carries out the usual “mandatory” international search; it was concluded that further consultation with interested parties would be necessary;
- a proposal according to which the *PCT Gazette*, which is currently published in separate English- and French-language editions, would be published as a single bilingual edition, and would no longer contain abstracts and drawings relating to published international applications; the Committee agreed to this proposal in principle but requested the International Bureau to study the matter further and to put it before an appropriate PCT body;
- an outline proposal which would permit the filing of international applications in a broader range of languages than is currently possible; the Committee generally welcomed the envisaged liberalization and invited the International Bureau to draw up detailed proposals for further consideration at a later date.

27. In 1996, officials of the International Bureau participated in 95 seminars which dealt with the use and advantages of the PCT. In the course of those seminars, which were held in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Libya, Mexico, Morocco, Panama, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Singapore, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Venezuela, presentations were given in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish to about 7,700 users and potential users of the PCT system.

28. **Publications under the PCT.** The weekly publication of the *PCT Gazette*, in separate English and French editions, continued in 1996. It included entries relating to the 42,186 international applications (1995: 35,638) which were published in 1996 in the form of PCT pamphlets (in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish, depending on the language of filing) on the same day as the relevant issue of the *PCT Gazette*. The *PCT Gazette* also included, in Section IV, a substantial volume of information of a general character concerning new Contracting States and the requirements of the various Offices and International Authorities. In January and July, special issues of the *PCT Gazette* (Nos. 01/1996 and 32/1996) were published, containing consolidated general information relating to Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities. In May, two special issues of the *PCT Gazette* were published, one (No. 19/1996) containing the

amended list of PCT minimum documentation (list of periodicals), and another (No. 24/1996) containing the consolidated text of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as in force from May 6, 1996. In August, a bilingual (English and French) index of the *PCT Gazette* was published for 1995, containing a consolidated version of the indexes published in Section II and an index to Section IV.

29. The number of international applications published in 1996 in each of the languages of publication was as follows:

<i>Language of publication</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	1996	(1995)	1996	(1995)
English	30,878	(26,004)	73.2	(73.0)
German	6,023	(5,082)	14.3	(14.3)
Japanese	2,768	(2,267)	6.5	(6.4)
French	1,987	(1,799)	4.7	(5.0)
Russian	240	(273)	0.6	(0.7)
Spanish	200	(129)	0.5	(0.4)
Chinese	90	(84)	0.2	(0.2)
TOTAL	42,186	(35,638)	100.0	(100.0)

30. The *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contains information on the filing of international applications and the procedure during the international phase as well as information on the national phase and the procedure before the designated (or elected) Offices, was updated twice in 1996 to include the many changes that had occurred during the year in respect of the PCT. About 600 updating sheets were sent to each subscriber in 1996.

31. Twelve issues of the *PCT Newsletter* were published in 1996. This monthly publication provides up-to-date news for users of the PCT. It contains information on the essential items included in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette* and supplements the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, with practical advice for applicants and agents, a list of forthcoming PCT seminars, consolidated tables of PCT fees in various currencies, and other items of general interest. It also includes tear-out provisional sheets permitting easy inclusion of certain important changes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* prior to the issuance of six-monthly updates.

32. In 1996, the International Bureau continued, in cooperation with the European Patent Office, the production of ESPACE WORLD CD-ROMs, each disk containing the full text and the drawings of about 500 published international applications in facsimile form as well as the corresponding bibliographic data in coded, searchable form. All international applications published since 1978 are available in CD-ROM format (on a total of 593 CD-ROMs).

33. **Ordering of PCT publications.** PCT publications may be ordered from WIPO, Publications Sales and Distribution Section, P.O. Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, facsimile No. (41-22) 740 18 12 or 733 54 28. Publications of particular interest include:

- the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a five-binder loose-leaf publication of more than 1,000 pages (available in English and French from WIPO, also available from other sources in German and Japanese—contact WIPO for details);
- PCT pamphlets containing published international applications (in various languages—see paragraph 28, above—and containing the title and the abstract in both the language of publication and English);
- the *PCT Gazette* (available in English and French);
- the *PCT Newsletter* (available in English only);
- booklets containing the text of the PCT and the PCT Regulations (in Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish);
- special issues of the *PCT Gazette* (see paragraph 28, above) (in English and French).

34. A leaflet entitled *Basic Facts about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* is available free of charge in English, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish.

35. The ESPACE WORLD CD-ROMs containing published international applications may be ordered from the European Patent Office, Schottenfeldgasse 29, Postfach 82, A-1072 Vienna, Austria. However, CD-ROMs containing the international applications published between 1978 and 1989 can be obtained only from WIPO, at the address indicated in paragraph 33, above.

36. **Internet site.** WIPO's home page on the Internet includes general information on the PCT. Further material will be added in 1997. The World Wide Web address is: <http://www.wipo.int>.

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SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 May 1997.

Basic fee:	AUD	685
Supplement per sheet over 30:	AUD	13
Designation fee:	AUD	166
Handling fee:	AUD	210

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(AU), page 174, and Annex E(AU), page 251]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 May 1997.

Basic fee:	CAD	708
Supplement per sheet over 30:	CAD	14
Designation fee:	CAD	172

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(CA), page 180]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 May 1997.

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	USD	1,425
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(EP), page 243]

GB United Kingdom

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 May 1997.

Basic fee:	GBP	328
Supplement per sheet over 30:	GBP	6
Designation fee:	GBP	80
Handling fee:	GBP	100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(GB), page 193, and Annex E(EP), page 253]

IE Ireland

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts in **Irish pounds (IEP)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 May 1997.

Basic fee:	IEP	335
Supplement per sheet over 30:	IEP	7
Designation fee:	IEP	82
Handling fee:	IEP	102

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(IE), page 199, and Annex E(EP), page 253]

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 May 1997.

Basic fee:	NZD	784
Supplement per sheet over 30:	NZD	15
Designation fee:	NZD	190

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(NZ), page 222]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Russian Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 May 1997.

Search fee (international search by the Russian Patent Office):	CHF	292
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 06/1997, Annex D(RU), page 2418]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 May 1997.

Basic fee:	SGD	743
Supplement per sheet over 30:	SGD	15
Designation fee:	SGD	180

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(SG), page 229]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable from 1 May to 30 June 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): NOK 9,570

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(EP), page 243]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 May 1997.

Search fee (international search by the
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office): USD 500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 06/1997, Annex D(ES), page 2418]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, as specified below:

Telephone: (972-2) 531 67 83, 531 85 81, 531 85 82

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(IL), page 66]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

ZW Zimbabwe

On 11 March 1997, **Zimbabwe** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Zimbabwe will become the 90th Contracting State of the PCT on 11 June 1997.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 11 June 1997, Zimbabwe (country code: ZW) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Zimbabwe will be entitled from 11 June 1997 to file international applications under the PCT.

Since Zimbabwe is party to the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), Zimbabwe will be able to be designated for a patent granted by ARIPO. Any designation in an international application for an ARIPO patent will, as from 11 June 1997, automatically include the designation of Zimbabwe for that purpose.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex A, page 6]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of Slovakia** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone:	(421-88) 73 25 30
Facsimile machine:	(421-88) 73 25 66

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(SK), page 136]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

SL Sierra Leone

On 17 March 1997, **Sierra Leone** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Sierra Leone will become the 91st Contracting State of the PCT on 17 June 1997.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 17 June 1997, Sierra Leone (country code: SL) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Sierra Leone will be entitled from 17 June 1997 to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex A, page 5]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has informed the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 July 1997, there will be a reduction in the fee payable for an international search by the EPO, as well as in the basic national fee, the designation fee and the search fee payable to the EPO as designated (or elected) Office.

The new amounts in **Deutsche Mark (DEM)** are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	DEM 2,200
National (regional) fees:	
Basic national fee:	DEM 250
Designation fee:	DEM 150
Search fee:	DEM 1,700

The equivalent amounts in other currencies are not yet known but will be published as soon as they are established by the EPO.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(EP), page 243, and Summary (EP), page 298]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable to the receiving Offices and International Preliminary Examining Authorities identified below as from 1 May 1997.

Basic fee:	USD 530
Supplement per sheet over 30:	USD 10
Designation fee:	USD 128
Handling fee:	USD 162

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C (receiving Offices): AM, AP, AZ, BY, CU, EA, GE, IB, IL, KE, KG, KZ, LR, LT, LV, MD, RU, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, and Annex E (International Preliminary Examining Authorities): RU, US]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**CZ Czech Republic**

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone:	(420-2) 20 38 31 11 (operator service) (420-2) 24 31 90 02 (PCT Department)
Facsimile machine:	(420-2) 32 00 13

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(CZ), page 41]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Uzbek Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its telephone and teleprinter numbers, as specified below:

Location and mailing address:	2a, Toitepa St., 700047 Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Telephone:	(73712) 32 00 13
Teleprinter:	(064) 116509 DEDAL RU

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(UZ), page 156]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Australian Patent Office. The new amount is applicable from 15 May 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): CHF 912

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(AU), page 241]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

The **Georgian Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as specified below:

Location and mailing address: 6, I. Chavchavadze Lane 1, Tbilisi 380079, Georgia

Telephone: (99532) 25 17 60, 98 85 18, 98 84 19

Facsimile machine: (99532) 98 84 26

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(GE), page 58]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 July 1997, are specified below:

Search fee (international search	CAD	1,800	ISK	93,000	JPY	162,000
by the European Patent Office):	MWK	19,600	NOK	8,800	NZD	1,890
	SGD	1,890	USD	1,310		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(EP), page 243]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (420-2) 24 32 47 18

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(CZ), page 41]

RECEIVING OFFICES

YU Yugoslavia

The **Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia** notified the International Bureau on 15 April 1997 of the specification of the European Patent Office as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia as receiving Office.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

UA Ukraine

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified new amounts of a fee in **Ukrainian hryvnia (UAH)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as specified below:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	UAH 17 plus UAH 0.85 for each sheet in excess of 20 plus UAH 85 for mailing plus UAH 1.70 for each sheet in excess of 30 when mailed
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(UA), page 236]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakstan

The **Kazak Patent Office** has notified the discontinuance of the use of the teleprinter as a means of communication with the Office and modifications in its requirements as to the acceptance of filing documents by means of telecommunication and as to whether, in such cases, the original of the document must be sent, as follows:

Teleprinter:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of document
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(KZ), page 82]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Industrial Property Office** has notified a change concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before the Office, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as originally filed or as amended, at applicant's option, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Summary (KR), page 314]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Australian Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 15 June 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): KRW 609,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(AU), page 241]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Chinese Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 15 June 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the Chinese Patent Office): CHF 144

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(CN), page 242]

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization of Greece** has notified new amounts of fees in **Greek drachmas (GRD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee: GRD 39,500
Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): GRD 14,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(GR), page 195]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Japanese Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 15 June 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the Japanese Patent Office): KRW 607,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(JP), page 246]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**KR Republic of Korea**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 15 June 1997.

Basic fee:	KRW 507,000
Supplement per sheet over 30:	KRW 10,000
Designation fee:	KRW 123,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(KR), page 207]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, as specified below, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

National fee:	
Annual fees for the first three years:	NOK 1,500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Summary (NO), page 330]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change in its location and has indicated its World Wide Web address, as specified below:

Location:	Discovery House, 47 Bowes Street, Phillip, Canberra A.C.T. 2606, Australia
World Wide Web:	http://www.aipo.gov.au/

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(AU), page 13]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the discontinuance of the use of the teleprinter and has indicated its World Wide Web address, as specified below:

Teleprinter:	—
World Wide Web:	http://www.prh.fi/

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(FI), page 51]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**LS Lesotho**

The **Registrar General's Office of Lesotho** has notified a change in its location, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as specified below:

Location: Maseru, Lesotho
Telephone: (266) 31 28 56, 31 32 11
Facsimile machine: (266) 31 10 92

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(LS), page 89]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified a change in its facsimile numbers, as specified below:

Facsimile machine: (46-8) 666 02 86 (Group 3), 667 72 88

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(SE), page 130]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**JP Japan**

The **Japanese Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the furnishing and presentation of sequence listings under PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1. The changed requirements, applicable as from 1 April 1997, read as follows:

Requirements concerning nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing: A sequence listing must comply with WIPO Standard ST.23 (see *PCT Gazette* No. 20/1992, pages 8465 to 8485) and be presented on a diskette, as provided in Annex C of the PCT Administrative Instructions (see *PCT Gazette* No. 21/1997, page 10747, and also Japanese Regulations concerning the filing of international applications, Sec. 50^{ter})

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(JP), page 246]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**JP Japan**

The **Japanese Patent Office** has notified a change in its special requirements for entry into the national phase. The consolidated list of those requirements reads as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51^{bis}):

When the applicant is a legal entity, indication of the name of an officer representing that entity.

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Japan.

Where the person, the name or the residence of the applicant is changed during the international phase and the change has not been reflected in the PCT pamphlet or in a Notification of the Recording of a Change (Form PCT/IB/306), a statement indicating the change (preferably on a special request form) and, in case of a change in the person or the name of the applicant, a document evidencing the change.

Where a change (addition and/or deletion) in the person of the inventor during the international phase has not been reflected in the PCT pamphlet or in a Notification of the Recording of a Change (Form PCT/IB/306), the correct indications relating to the inventor (preferably on a special transmittal form (Form 53)), a statement explaining the reasons for the change and a written oath of all inventors.

Furnishing, where applicable, of a diskette which contains coded data of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings as prescribed, together with required documents (see Japanese Patent Regulations, Sec. 27.5).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Summary (JP), page 308]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES****JP Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13^{bis}.7, the **Japanese Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the furnishing of references to deposits of microorganisms, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from the priority date by which applicant must furnish the indications prescribed in Rule 13^{bis}.3(a)(i) to (iii):

At the time of filing (must be in the description) (late furnishing of the accession number is allowed, provided that the name of the depositary institution and the relevant information specified in the right-hand column are contained in the description as originally filed; furnishing of the date of deposit is not necessary)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex L, page 263]

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
ANNEX C—FORMAT FOR NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN MACHINE READABLE FORM**

Modification of Annex C—Requirements of the Japanese Patent Office

The **Japanese Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings must be furnished to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority (and also as designated (or elected) Office), in machine readable form on diskette complying with the details laid down in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as modified below. The corresponding part of Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, relating to the Japanese Patent Office and applicable as from 1 April 1997, reads as follows:

“Japanese Patent Office

Machine readable form on diskette is required (in addition to the disclosure of the sequence listing in the description part of the international application).

Data items to be recorded on the diskette together with the sequence listing and proper recording format are as follows:

1. Data items
 - (1) Applicant's name;
 - (2) Title of invention;
 - (3) File reference;
 - (4) Current application number (if available);
 - (5) Current filing date (if available);
 - (6) Earlier application number (if available);
 - (7) Earlier filing date (if available);
 - (8) Number of sequences;
 - (9) Other (if any).

2. Recording format

- 2.1 File format and code

Files to be recorded on the diskette should conform to Japanese Industrial Standard X 0605 (Volume and file structure of diskette cartridges for information interchange) (see Note 1). In addition, the files should be encoded in text format using the ISO/IEC 646 code page (see Note 2), the Japanese Industrial Standard X 0201 code page (Codes for information interchange) or a compatible code page (see Note 3).

The compatible code page assigns the Roman alphabet and numerals to the hexadecimal positions, as does the specified code page.

However, where two-byte character codes (Japanese language) are used, it is mandatory to use such graphic characters (see Note 4) as prescribed in Japanese Industrial Standard X 0208 (code page of the Japanese graphic character set for information interchange), and to use the “Shift JIS Code” for character codes.

For recording DNA sequence, the ISO/IEC 646 code page should be used.

Note 1: MS-DOS format (MS-DOS is the trademark of Microsoft Corporation).

Note 2: ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange).

Note 3: Example of compatible code page: Shift JIS Code.

Note 4: For instance, Roman numerals (I, II, etc.), circled numerals, etc., may not be used.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
ANNEX C—FORMAT FOR NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN MACHINE READABLE FORM (Cont'd)**

2.2 Recording language

The data contained on the diskette should be recorded in either the Japanese or English language.

2.3 File name

Each diskette should contain only the data covered by one application using one file name.

Where one diskette cannot store all the data covered by one application, the data may be split and contained on two or more diskettes. In that case, the data on each diskette should be distinguished from others by the use of a separate file name.

2.4 Label

Each diskette should be labelled. The label should be marked with the heading “diskette recording text data of sequence listing,” and should also contain the following information:

- (1) Identification of the application:
 - (a) “Application number” or
 - (b) “Filing date” and “File reference,” where the application number is not available;
- (2) Applicant’s or agent’s name;
- (3) Serial number of the diskette (if the data concerning a single application is split and contained on two or more diskettes).

2.5 Write protection

The diskette should be write-protected.

2.6 Diskette

The diskette should conform to the following requirements:

Diskette with track format described in Japanese Industrial Standards X 6222 (Track format for 90 mm diskette cartridges—7958 ftprad), X 6224 (Track format for 90 mm diskette cartridges—13262 ftprad) or X 6225 (Track format for 90 mm diskette cartridges—15916 ftprad) (3.5 inches 720KB FD; 3.5 inches 1.2MB FD; 3.5 inches 1.44 MB FD).

2.7 Miscellaneous

Word processors, editors and other software may be used for recording the data on diskette. However, the diskette submitted should conform to the provisions in paragraphs 2.1 through 2.6.

The use of “PatentIn” software is recommended in order to facilitate the processing of the application.”

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **Belarus Patent Office** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Belarussian roubles (BYR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as specified below:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): BYR 300,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(BY), page 179]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has established new equivalent amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Finnish markkaa (FIM)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, for an international search carried out by it, as specified below. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 July 1997.

	(1)	(2)	(3)
Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	DKK 5,300 FIM 4,200 ISK 58,500 NOK 5,750 USD 815	DKK 5,300 FIM 4,200 ISK 58,500 NOK 5,750 USD 815	DKK 5,800 FIM 4,600 ISK 64,000 NOK 6,300 USD 895

- (1) If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office.
- (2) If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office—a copy of the search report must be submitted to the Swedish Patent Office.
- (3) In all other cases.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(SE), page 248]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified new amounts of fees in **Turkish liras (TRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

For patent:

Fee for grant of letters patent: TRL 9,000,000

For utility model:

First annual fee: TRL 9,000,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Summary (TR), page 346]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation**

The **European Patent Office** has established new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **French francs (FRF)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Netherlands guilders (NLG)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, **Belgian/Luxembourg francs (BEF/LUF)**, **Italian lire (ITL)**, **Austrian schillings (ATS)**, **Spanish pesetas (ESP)**, **Greek drachmas (GRD)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Portuguese escudos (PTE)**, **Irish pounds (IEP)** and **Finnish markkaa (FIM)** of fees payable to it, as specified in the revised table below.* The new equivalent amounts are applicable as from 1 July 1997.

	DEM	GBP	FRF	CHF	NLG	SEK	BEF LUF	ITL	ATS	ESP	GRD	DKK	PTE	IEP	FIM
Transmittal fee:	200	74	690	170	230	930	4 200	202 000	1 430	17 200	32 600	790	20 700	77	630
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	60	22	210	50	70	280	1 300	61 000	430	5 200	9 800	240	6 200	23	190
Search fee (for an international search):	2 200	815	7 590	1 900	2 510	10 190	46 100	2 222 000	15 710	189 700	358 300	8 640	227 800	846	6 880
Preliminary examination fee:	3 000	1 111	10 340	2 600	3 430	13 890	62 900	3 030 000	21 430	258 600	488 600	11 790	310 600	1 154	9 380
Protest fee:	2 000	741	6 900	1 730	2 290	9 260	41 900	2 020 000	14 290	172 400	325 700	7 860	207 100	769	6 250
Fee for copies (per A4 page):	1.30	0.50	4.50	1.10	1.50	6	25	1 300	9.30	110	210	5.10	135	0.50	4.10
National fee:	250	93	860	220	290	1 160	5 200	253 000	1 790	21 600	40 700	980	25 900	96	780
Search fee (for a European patent):	1 700	630	5 860	1 470	1 940	7 870	35 600	1 717 000	12 140	146 600	276 900	6 680	176 000	654	5 310
European designation fee:	150	56	520	130	170	690	3 100	152 000	1 070	12 900	24 400	590	15 500	58	470
Claims fee:	80	30	280	70	90	370	1 700	81 000	570	6 900	13 000	310	8 300	31	250
Examination fee:	2 800	1 037	9 660	2 420	3 200	12 960	58 700	2 828 000	20 000	241 400	456 000	11 000	289 900	1 077	8 750
Renewal fee for the third year:	750	278	2 590	650	860	3 470	15 700	758 000	5 360	64 700	122 100	2 950	77 700	288	2 340

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(EP), page 243, Annex E(EP), page 253, and No. 54/1996, the table published on page 23856]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BY Belarus**

The **Belarus Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (375-172) 68 50 53, 68 55 20

Facsimile machine: (375-172) 68 41 30, 64 25 83

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(BY), page 27]

* The new amounts in **deutsche mark (DEM)** of certain fees payable to the European Patent Office as from 1 July 1997 have already been published in PCT Gazette No. 15/1997, page 7653.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**CU Cuba**

The **Cuban Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Oficina Cubana de la Propiedad Industrial
Cuban Industrial Property Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(CU), page 39]

GB United Kingdom

The **Patent Office of the United Kingdom** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as specified below:

Location and mailing address: Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport,
South Wales NP9 1RH, United Kingdom.
Filings by hand may additionally be made at:
25 Southampton Buildings, London WC2A 1AY,
United Kingdom

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(GB), page 56]

RECEIVING OFFICES**UZ Uzbekistan**

The **Uzbek Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the number of copies required by the receiving Office, as follows:

Number of copies required
by the receiving Office: 1

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(UZ), page 238]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****TR Turkey**

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent: Any natural or legal person registered to practice as a patent attorney before the Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(TR), page 234, and Summary (TR), page 347]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**TM Turkmenistan**

The **Turkmen Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as modifications in its requirements as to the filing of documents by means of telecommunication, as to the mailing of documents by delivery services other than the postal authorities and as to provisional protection after international publication, as specified below:

Location:	13, Oguz khan Street, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
Telephone:	(99312) 41 58 84
Facsimile machine:	(99312) 41 58 72

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
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Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL
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Provisional protection after international publication:	None
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(TM), page 144]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property of Viet Nam** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and has informed the International Bureau of the discontinuance of the use of the teleprinter, as specified below:

Location and mailing address:	96-98 Nguyen Trai Road, Thanh xuan, Hanoi, Viet Nam
Telephone:	(84-4) 858 30 69, 858 37 93, 858 34 25
Facsimile machine:	(84-4) 858 40 02
Teleprinter:	—

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(VN), page 158]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property of Viet Nam** has notified new amounts of fees in **Vietnamese dong (VND)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	Equivalent in VND of USD 150
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Equivalent in VND of USD 40
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	USD 40
Additional fee for each sheet in excess of five:	USD 3
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	USD 70
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	USD 40

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(VN), page 239, and Summary (VN), page 355]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Canada is designated (or elected), as specified below:

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Canada is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the information is not furnished within six months after the expiration of the 20-month time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or the 30-month time limit applicable under Article 39(1)(a) or, where the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase, within six months after the late entry into the national phase, the application will be deemed abandoned. Reinstatement can take place if the applicant complies with the requirement, pays the reinstatement fee and submits an affidavit.
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(CA), page 30]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**LV Latvia**

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified a change in its mailing address, as specified below:

Mailing address: P.O. Box 824, LV-1010 Riga, Latvia

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(LV), page 95]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES****CA Canada**

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified the introduction of special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms with regard to the furnishing of references to such deposits, as specified below:

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms? Yes (see Annex L)

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from
the priority date by which the applicant
must furnish the indications prescribed in
Rule 13^{bis}.3(a)(i) to (iii): Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months
from the priority date, not later than that request.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(CA), page 30, and Annex L, page 260]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU Russian Federation

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its telephone, facsimile and teleprinter numbers, as specified below:

Location and mailing address:	ROSPATENT, Berezhkovskaya nab. 24, Moscow 121858, Russian Federation (general) VNIIGPE, Berezhkovskaya nab. 30/1, Moscow 121858, Russian Federation (application processing)
Telephone:	(70-95) 240 32 95, 240 58 22 (general) (70-95) 240 58 88 (application processing)
Facsimile machine:	(70-95) 243 33 37
Teleprinter:	411 774 BIPAT SU

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(RU), page 126]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

LV Latvia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13^{bis}.7(b), the **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution with which deposits of microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before that Office, as follows:

Microbial Strain Collection of Latvia (MSCL)
University of Latvia
Faculty of Biology
Blvd. Kronvalda 4
LV-1586 Riga
Latvia

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex L, page 274]

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS

Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)

The Request Form has been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Yugoslavia** (as from 1 February 1997), **Ghana** (as from 26 February 1997), **Zimbabwe** (as from 11 June 1997) and **Sierra Leone** (as from 17 June 1997), as well as the availability of patents of addition in **Bosnia and Herzegovina**.

The above-mentioned modifications concern Box No. V on the second sheet of the Request Form, the Notes to the request form relating to Box No. V and the Notes to the fee calculation sheet (Annex to the Request Form) relating to the reduction of the international fee for applicants from certain States.

The other sheets of the Request Form and of the Notes thereto, as well as the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the Request Form) and the other sheets of the Notes thereto have not been modified except for the inclusion on each sheet of an indication of either the date of reprinting or the date of printing due to repagination (last sheet).

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes relating thereto, are dated July 1997 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed from 1 July 1997. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau.

Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)

The Demand Form itself and the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the Demand Form) have not been modified except for the inclusion of an indication of the date of reprinting on each sheet (July 1997). The Notes to the demand form, entitled "Important General Information," have been modified to clarify the language of filing of the demand and of the amendments, the cases and the language in which, and the time limit within which, a translation of the international application should be furnished, and to give more details on the language of correspondence. The Notes to the fee calculation sheet (Annex to the Demand Form) relating to the reduction of the handling fee for applicants from certain States have been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Ghana, Sierra Leone, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe**.

All sheets of the Demand Form, including the Notes to the demand form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes relating thereto, are dated July 1997 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau.

SECTION IV

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

ID Indonesia

On 5 June 1997, **Indonesia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Indonesia will become the 92nd Contracting State of the PCT on 5 September 1997.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 5 September 1997, Indonesia (country code: ID) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Indonesia will be entitled from 5 September 1997 to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex A, page 5]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **New Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	ILS 383
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS 32 plus ILS 2.20 per page
National filing fee:	ILS 733

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(IL) page 200, and Summary (IL), page 306]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BG Bulgaria

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified its E-mail address, as specified below:

E-mail: rkazandjieva@ibm.net

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(BG), page 22]

SECTION IV

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Agreement between the USSR State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex C

The **Russian Agency for Patents and Trademarks** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“ANNEX C

FEES AND CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Part I: Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount* Rouble	Amount US dollar
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	840,000	200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	840,000	200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,260,000	300
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	840,000	200

* The amount in roubles is payable where the international application is filed by a resident of the Russian Federation or of a country which has a rouble-based payment agreement with the Russian Federation.

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16637.

Amendment to Annex C (Cont'd)**Part I: Schedule of Fees and Charges (Cont'd)**

Kind of fee or charge	Amount* Rouble	Amount US dollar
Cost of copies of cited documents (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))		Applicant receives together with the international search report or the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document cited therein free of charge; in other cases:
	2,000	0.30
	per page	per page
		for patent document
	8,000	0.30
	per page	per page
		for non-patent document
Cost of copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.1)	2,000	0.30
	per page	per page

Part II: Conditions and Extent of Refunds of the Search Fee and of the Preliminary Examination Fee

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the international search report is based on an earlier international or international-type search, the following refund shall be made:

(i) no supplementary search performed: refund of 75%;

(ii) supplementary search performed in documentation relating to one or two additional IPC subgroups: refund of 50%;

(iii) supplementary search performed in documentation concerning a new aspect of the invention claimed (for instance, the international application is based on several earlier applications, only one of which was the subject of an international or international-type search): refund of 25%.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded."

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BR Brazil**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil** has notified a change in the types of protection available in Brazil via the PCT, as follows:

Types of protection available
via the PCT: Patents, utility models, certificates of addition

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex B1(BR), page 25]

CN China

The Government of the **People's Republic of China** has informed the Director General of WIPO as follows:

“In accordance with the Joint Declaration of the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Question of Hong Kong signed on 19 December 1984, the People's Republic of China will resume the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997. Hong Kong will, with effect from that date, become a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and will enjoy a high degree of autonomy, except in foreign and defence affairs which are the responsibilities of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

“*The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* of June 19, 1970, as amended on September 28, 1979 and February 3, 1984 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘PCT’), to which the Government of the People's Republic of China deposited its instrument of accession on October 1, 1993, will apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997. The Government of the People's Republic of China also makes the following declarations:

“1. The designation of China in any international PCT application filed on or after July 1, 1997, shall also cover the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

“2. The modalities of ‘entering the national phase’ under Article 22 and Article 39 of the PCT as far as international applications filed on or after July 1, 1997, and designating China are concerned, will be communicated to the Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization not later than by the end of the current year (that is, by December 31, 1997).

“The Government of the People's Republic of China will assume responsibility for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the Treaty to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**ES Spain**

On 6 June 1997, **Spain** notified, under PCT Article 64(6)(b), the withdrawal of its declaration under PCT Article 64(1)(a) that it shall not be bound by the provisions of Chapter II of the PCT. Thus, Spain will become bound by Chapter II of the PCT on 6 September 1997.

The withdrawal of the said declaration has the effect that, on and after 6 September 1997:

(a) nationals and residents of Spain may submit demands for international preliminary examination of international applications filed by them;

(b) Spain may be elected in a demand for international preliminary examination, or in a notice of later election, submitted in respect of any international application in which Spain is a designated State;

(c) paragraphs (a) and (b) apply irrespective of whether the international application was or will be filed before, on or after 6 September 1997.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex A, page 6]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**MX Mexico**

The **Mexican Patent Office** has notified a reduction, applicable in certain cases, in the amount of the transmittal fee, as well as new amounts of fees in **Mexican pesos (MXP)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:*	Equivalent in MXP of USD 200
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	MXP 3,157 ¹
	MXP 2,105 ²
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	MXP 914 ¹
	MXP 609 ²

* This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in Mexico or any other State mentioned in the corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB). For further details, see PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234.

¹ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex C(MX), page 219, and Summary (MX), page 328]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**RU Russian Federation**

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, as specified below:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22: Request,* description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Request,* description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

* Not required if the form for entering the national phase is used.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Summary (RU), page 337]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 August 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the Austrian Patent Office): SGD 275

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex D(AT), page 240]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RECEIVING OFFICES

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, Yugoslavia

General information on **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana and Yugoslavia** as Contracting States, as well as information on the requirements of the **Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of Bosnia and Herzegovina**, the **Registrar General's Department of Ghana**, and the **Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia** as receiving Offices and designated (or elected) Offices, is given in Annexes B1(BA), C(BA), Summary (BA), Annexes B1(GH), C(GH), Summary (GH), Annexes B1(YU), C(YU) and Summary (YU), which are published in the special issue of the PCT Gazette No. 28/1997 on the same date as this issue.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil** has notified changes in its special requirements for entry into the national phase. The consolidated list of those requirements reads as follows:

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51^{bis}):

Instrument of assignment where there is a change in the applicant's name

Translation into Portuguese of priority document's filing certificate

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Brazil

Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Summary (BR), page 283]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****BE Belgium**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13^{bis}.7(b), the **Industrial Property Office of Belgium** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name and abbreviation of depository institutions of the Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCM) with which deposits of microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Office, as follows:

Institut scientifique de la Santé publique – Institut Pasteur
Section Mycologie (BCCMTM/IHEM)*
14, rue J. Wytsman
B-1050 Brussels
Belgium

Laboratorium voor Moleculaire Biologie –
Plasmidencollectie (BCCMTM/LMBP)*
Universiteit Gent
K.L. Ledeganckstraat 35
B-9000 Ghent
Belgium

Laboratorium voor Microbiologie –
Bacteriënverzameling (BCCMTM/LMG)*
Universiteit Gent
K.L. Ledeganckstraat 35
B-9000 Ghent
Belgium

Mycothèque de l'Université Catholique de
Louvain (BCCMTM/MUCL)*
Place Croix du Sud 3
B-1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Belgium

* Depository institution having acquired the status of international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex L, page 272]

GB United Kingdom

The **Patent Office of the United Kingdom** has notified the International Bureau of the termination of the status of international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with respect to the National Collection of Food Bacteria (NCFB). The notification took effect on 5 June 1997.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 01/1997, Annex L, page 258]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 15 August 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): JPY 145,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex D(EP), page 14084]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**UZ Uzbekistan**

The **Uzbek Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (73712) 132 00 13
Facsimile machine: (73712) 133 45 56

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(UZ), page 13992]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GB United Kingdom

The Government of the United Kingdom informed the Director General of WIPO on 16 June 1997 as follows:

“... [I]n accordance with the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong signed on 19 December 1984, the Government of the United Kingdom will restore Hong Kong to the People’s Republic of China with effect from 1 July 1997. The Government of the United Kingdom will continue to have international responsibility for Hong Kong until that date. Therefore, from that date the Government of the United Kingdom will cease to be responsible for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the [Patent Cooperation Treaty done at Washington on 19 June 1970 as amended on 28 September 1979 and modified on 3 February 1984] to Hong Kong.”

CORRIGENDUM—Receiving Offices

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The text in Annex C(BA) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide concerning the competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of Bosnia and Herzegovina as receiving Office, which was published on page 14014 of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, should read as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(BA), page 14014]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**VN Viet Nam**

The **National Office of Industrial Property of Viet Nam** has notified changes in its special requirements for entry into the national phase. The consolidated list of those requirements reads as follows:

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51^{bis}):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Instrument of assignment where the applicant is not the inventor

Instrument of assignment of the priority rights where the applicants are not identical

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Viet Nam

Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies

Certified translation into Vietnamese of the priority document to be furnished in one copy¹

¹ A certified translation is required only in certain cases, where required for examination. If it is not furnished, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish it within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Summary (VN), page 14234]

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DEMAND FORM (SPANISH LANGUAGE VERSION)

The Demand Form (PCT/IPEA/401) is now available in Spanish. This form is for use before those International Preliminary Examining Authorities which carry out international preliminary examination in Spanish. Copies can be obtained free of charge from the receiving Offices and International Preliminary Examining Authorities concerned and from the International Bureau.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Deutsche mark (DEM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

Filing fee: DEM 53

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Summary (BA), page 14122]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Finnish markkaa (FIM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

Annual fees for the first three years: FIM 850

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Summary (FI), page 14144]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IB International Bureau**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office, the Australian Patent Office, the Chinese Patent Office and the Japanese Patent Office. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 September 1997.

Search fee (international search by the Austrian Patent Office):		USD 177
Search fee (international search by the Australian Patent Office):	CHF 856	USD 592
Search fee (international search by the Chinese Patent Office):	CHF 136	
Search fee (international search by the Japanese Patent Office):	CHF 990	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex D(AT), page 14081, Annex D(AU), page 14082, Annex D(CN), page 14083, and Annex D(JP), page 14087]

RECEIVING OFFICES**GH Ghana**

The **Registrar General's Department of Ghana** has notified the International Bureau of the addition of the Australian Patent Office to the list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Registrar General's Department as receiving Office. The amended list now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(GH), page 14034]

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DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13^{bis}.7(b), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of a depositary institution with which deposits of microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before that Office, as follows:

Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT)
Universidad de Valencia
Edificio de Investigación
Campus de Burjasot
46100 Burjasot (Valencia)
Spain

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex L, page 14114]

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CORRIGENDUM—Receiving Offices

GH Ghana

The text concerning the competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the **Registrar General's Department of Ghana** as receiving Office, which was published in PCT Gazette No. 34/1997, page 17451, should read as follows:

Competent International Preliminary
Examining Authority:

Australian Patent Office or, for international applications for which the European Patent Office has established the international search report, European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(GH), page 14034]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex C

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. The new amounts of fees are applicable as from 1 October 1997. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“ANNEX C

FEES AND CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Part I: Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount US Dollar
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	
(i) where no corresponding prior United States national application with basic filing fee has been filed	700
(ii) where a corresponding prior United States national application with basic filing fee has been filed	450

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16650, No. 16/1996, page 6619, and No. 39/1996, page 16259.

Amendment to Annex C (Cont'd)**Part I: Schedule of Fees and Charges (Cont'd)**

Kind of fee or charge	Amount US Dollar
Supplemental search fee (Rule 40.2(a)), per additional invention	210
Preparation of an international-type search report in a United States national application	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
(i) where an international search fee has been paid on the international application for the benefit of the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority	490
(ii) where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the United States Patent and Trademark Office	750
Additional preliminary examination fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
(i) where a supplemental search fee has been paid on the international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority, per additional invention	[no change]
(ii) where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the United States Patent and Trademark Office, per additional invention	270
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1)	
(i) per copy of US patent	[no change]
(ii) per copy of non-US patent document.....	[no change]

Part II: [No change].”**FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

IB International Bureau
NZ New Zealand
US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, and corresponding amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** for the search fee for an international search by the USPTO have been established pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), as specified below. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 October 1997.

Transmittal fee:	USD 240	
Search fee:		
– where no corresponding prior United States national application with basic national fee has been filed:	USD 700	CHF 1,020 NZD 1,048

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)

Search fee:

- where a corresponding prior United States national application with basic national fee has been filed:

USD	450	CHF	656
		NZD	673

Additional search fee: USD 210

Preliminary examination fee:

- where an international search fee has been paid on the international application for the benefit of the USPTO as an International Searching Authority: USD 490
- where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the USPTO: USD 750

Additional preliminary examination fee:

- where a supplemental search fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority: [No change]
- where the International Searching Authority for the international application was an authority other than the USPTO: USD 270

Fee for copies: [No change]

Basic national fee (amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”):

- where an international preliminary examination fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO: USD 720 (360)
- where no international preliminary examination fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO, but an international search fee has been paid for an international search by the USPTO: USD 790 (395)
- where no international preliminary examination fee has been paid to and no international search report has been prepared by the USPTO: USD 1,070 (535)
- where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office: USD 930 (465)
- where the international preliminary examination report prepared by the USPTO states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness), and industrial applicability, as defined in PCT Article 33(1) to (4), have been satisfied for all the claims presented in the application entering the national phase: USD 98 (49)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: USD 82 (41)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: [No change]

In addition, if the application contains a multiple dependent claim(s), per application: USD 270 (135)

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)

Surcharge for filing oath or declaration after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

Processing fee for filing English language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(US), page 14077, Annex D(US), page 14090, Annex E(US), page 14099, and Summary (US), page 14197]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, as specified below, have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 October 1997.

Basic fee:	JPY 59,800
Supplement per sheet over 30:	JPY 1,200
Designation fee:	JPY 14,500
Handling fee:	JPY 18,300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(JP), page 14043, and Annex E(JP), page 14096]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 October 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): USD 1,180

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex D(EP), page 14084]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 15 October 1997.

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): CAD 1,646

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex D(EP), page 14084]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

GM Gambia

On 9 September 1997, the **Gambia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. The Gambia will become the 93rd Contracting State of the PCT on 9 December 1997.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 9 December 1997, the Gambia (country code: GM) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Gambia will be entitled from 9 December 1997 to file international applications under the PCT.

Since the Gambia is party to the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), the Gambia will be able to be designated for a patent granted by ARIPO. Any designation in an international application for an ARIPO patent will, as from 9 December 1997, automatically include the designation of the Gambia for that purpose.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex A, page 13837]

RECEIVING OFFICES

Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, noting that Spain became bound by Chapter II of the PCT on 6 September 1997, has notified the International Bureau of the specification of the European Patent Office as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(ES), page 14029]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

GW Guinea-Bissau

On 12 September 1997, **Guinea-Bissau** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Guinea-Bissau will become the 94th Contracting State of the PCT on 12 December 1997.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 12 December 1997, Guinea-Bissau (country code: GW) may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Guinea-Bissau will be entitled from 12 December 1997 to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex A, page 13837]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to the languages of translation of the international application, as follows:

Translation of international
application required into: Macedonian

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Summary (MK), page 14171]

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**SG Singapore**

The **Registry of Patents of Singapore** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee: SGD 135

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C (SG), page 14069]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NZ New Zealand

The **New Zealand Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office and in its facsimile number, as follows:

Name of Office: Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand

Facsimile machine: (64-4) 569 22 98

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(NZ), page 13954]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

A new amount in **US dollars (USD)** for an international search carried out by the **Russian Agency for Patents and Trademarks** has been established by that Agency, with effect from 1 January 1998, and is included in the Agreement between that Agency and the International Bureau which will enter into force on 1 January 1998 (the text of the Agreement will be published in a future issue of the PCT Gazette). In addition, an equivalent in **Swiss francs (CHF)** of that new amount has also been established and will be applicable as from 1 January 1998.

Search fee : USD 300 CHF 430

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex D(RU), page 14088]

PCT Fees—Reduction of Certain Fees; Establishing of New Equivalent Amounts

The Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), at its twenty-fourth (11th ordinary) session held in Geneva from 16 September to 1 October 1997, decided, with effect from 1 January 1998, to reduce the basic fee and the designation fee from 762 to 650 Swiss francs and from 185 to 150 Swiss francs, respectively.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(b), equivalent amounts in currencies other than the Swiss franc have been established for the basic fee and the designation fee, as indicated (in bold italics) in the table below, in the following currencies: Australian dollar (AUD), Austrian schilling (ATS), Belgian franc (BEF), Canadian dollar (CAD), Danish krone (DKK), deutsche mark (DEM), Finnish markka (FIM), French franc (FRF), Greek drachma (GRD), Icelandic krona (ISK), Irish pound (IEP), Italian lira (ITL), Japanese yen (JPY), Korean won (KRW), Luxembourg franc (LUF), Malawi kwacha (MWK), Netherlands guilder (NLG), New Zealand dollar (NZD), Norwegian krone (NOK), Portuguese escudo (PTE), pound sterling (GBP), Singapore dollar (SGD), Spanish peseta (ESP), Swedish krona (SEK) and US dollar (USD). The new amounts are applicable as from 1 January 1998.

In addition and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts of the supplement per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, the Swiss franc amounts of which have not changed, have been established. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 1998, are also indicated (in bold italics) in the table below.

**PCT Fees—Revised Table of Equivalent Amounts for the Basic Fee,
the Supplement per Sheet over 30, the Designation Fee and the Handling Fee**
(applicable as from 1 January 1998)

Fee	Basic Fee	Supplement per	Designation Fee	Handling Fee
Currency	Rule 15.2(a)	sheet over 30	Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 57.2(a)
		Rule 15.2(a)		
Swiss franc (CHF)	<i>650</i>	15	<i>150</i>	233
Australian dollar (AUD)	<i>640</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>230</i>
Austrian schilling (ATS)	<i>5,600</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>2,020</i>
Belgian franc (BEF)	<i>16,500</i>	<i>380</i>	<i>3,800</i>	<i>5,900</i>
Canadian dollar (CAD)	<i>632</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>146</i>	n.a.
Danish krone (DKK)	<i>3,050</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>710</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Deutsche mark (DEM)	<i>800</i>	19	<i>184</i>	<i>285</i>
Finnish markka (FIM)	<i>2,400</i>	55	<i>550</i>	<i>860</i>
French franc (FRF)	<i>2,690</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>620</i>	<i>960</i>
Greek drachma (GRD)	<i>127,000</i>	3,000	<i>30,000</i>	<i>46,000</i>
Icelandic krona (ISK)	<i>32,000</i>	700	<i>7,400</i>	n.a.
Irish pound (IEP)	<i>300</i>	7	<i>70</i>	<i>110</i>
Italian lira (ITL)	<i>783,000</i>	<i>18,000</i>	<i>181,000</i>	<i>281,000</i>
Japanese yen (JPY)	<i>55,000</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>12,700</i>	<i>19,700</i>
Korean won (KRW)	<i>405,000</i>	<i>9,300</i>	<i>93,000</i>	n.a.
Luxembourg franc (LUF)	<i>16,500</i>	<i>380</i>	<i>3,800</i>	<i>5,900</i>
Malawi kwacha (MWK)	<i>8,100</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>1,900</i>	n.a.
Netherlands guilder (NLG)	<i>900</i>	21	<i>208</i>	<i>320</i>
New Zealand dollar (NZD)	<i>720</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>165</i>	n.a.
Norwegian krone (NOK)	<i>3,300</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>770</i>	n.a.
Portuguese escudo (PTE)	<i>82,000</i>	<i>1,900</i>	<i>19,000</i>	<i>29,000</i>
Pound sterling (GBP)	<i>285</i>	6	<i>65</i>	100
Singapore dollar (SGD)	<i>690</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>160</i>	n.a.
Spanish peseta (ESP)	<i>68,000</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>16,000</i>	<i>25,000</i>
Swedish krona (SEK)	<i>3,500</i>	80	<i>800</i>	<i>1,250</i>
US dollar (USD)	<i>455</i>	10	<i>105</i>	162

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in certain currencies for certain International Searching Authorities indicated in the following table. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 January 1998. For equivalent amounts of the search fee in currencies other than those indicated in this table, and for International Searching Authorities other than those indicated in this table, refer to PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex D.

PCT Fees—Table of New Equivalent Amounts in Certain Currencies for the International Search Fee
(applicable as from 1 January 1998)

International Searching Authority	AT Austrian Patent Office	AU Australian Patent Office	CN Chinese Patent Office	EP European Patent Office	ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	JP Japanese Patent Office	RU Russian Patent Office	US United States Patent and Trademark Office
Currency & Amount Fixed by Authority	ATS 2,200	AUD 800	CNY 800	DEM 2,200	ESP 72,190	JPY 77,000	USD 300	USD 700 (450)*
Canadian dollar (CAD)				1,740				
Icelandic kronur (ISK)				87,300				
Japanese yen (JPY)				152,000				
Korean won (KRW)		500,000				565,300		
Malawi kwacha (MWK)				22,400				
New Zealand dollar (NZD)		910		1,980				1,110 (710)*
Norwegian krone (NOK)				9,200				
Singapore dollar (SGD)		875						
Swiss franc (CHF)	250	820	140		695	910	430	1,000 (640)*
US dollar (USD)	180	570		1,250	480	640		

* Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 40/1997, Annex D(EP), page 20811; PCT Gazette No. 38/1997, Annex D(EP), page 19651; PCT Gazette No. 37/1997, Annex D(US), pages 19100 and 19101; PCT Gazette No. 34/1997, Annex D(AT), (AU), (CN) and (JP), page 17451; PCT Gazette No. 30/1997, Annex D(EP), page 15245; PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex D(AT), (AU), (CN), (EP), (ES), (JP), (RU), (US), pages 14081 to 14088 and 14090]

SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER**

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****CN Agreement between the Chinese Patent Office and
the World Intellectual Property Organization¹****Amendment to Annex A**

The **Chinese Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“ANNEX A
STATES AND LANGUAGES**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority

(i) shall act for the following States:

China, Kenya, Liberia, Turkey, Ghana
and any State that the Authority will specify;

(ii) specifies the following languages:

Chinese, English.”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/1995, page 16615, and No. 08/1996, page 3071.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BG Bulgaria**

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Bulgarian leva (BGL)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	BGL	60,000	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BGL	8,000	
National fee:		<i>Patent</i>	<i>Utility Model</i>
Filing fee:	BGL	40,000	BGL 40,000
Publication fee:	BGL	40,000	BGL 40,000
Examination fee:			
— for one invention:	BGL	160,000	BGL 80,000
— for each invention in excess of one:	BGL	80,000	BGL 40,000
— where an additional search has to be carried out:	BGL	100,000	BGL 50,000
Claims fee for each claim in excess of five:	BGL	16,000	BGL 8,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	BGL	20,000	BGL 20,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(BG), page 14016, and Summary (BG), page 14124]

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Macedonian denars (MKD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as specified below:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MKD	550
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(MK), page 14056]

PL Poland

The **Polish Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Polish zloty (PLZ)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	PLZ	240
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	PLZ	36
National fee:		
For patent or utility model:		
— where international preliminary examination has been carried out:	PLZ	180
— where no international preliminary examination has been carried out:	PLZ	360
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	PLZ	36

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(PL), page 14063, and Summary (PL), page 14179]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (61-2) 6283 2211
Facsimile machine: (61-2) 6285 3929 (Groups 2 and 3)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(AU), page 13845]

BG Bulgaria

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified an additional facsimile number and has informed the International Bureau of the discontinuance of the use of the teleprinter, as specified below:

Facsimile machine: (359-2) 70 83 25, 71 70 44
Teleprinter: —

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(BG), page 13856]

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization of Greece** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (30-1) 618 35 48, 618 35 19

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(GR), page 13897]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **Kazakh Patent Office** has notified a modification in its requirements as to the mailing of documents by delivery services other than the postal authorities, as specified below:

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Express Post
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(KZ), page 13918]

LS Lesotho

The **Registrar General's Office of Lesotho** has notified a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (266) 31 04 02

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(LS), page 13925]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

The **Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** has notified the International Bureau of a modification in the types of protection available via the PCT in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT: National: Patents, patents of addition
 European: Extended European patents *

* Available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 November 1997.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(MK), page 13939]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Registrar General's Department of Trinidad and Tobago** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (1-868) 624 1660, 625 9972
Facsimile machine: (1-868) 624 1221

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(TT), page 13984]

RECEIVING OFFICES**GH Ghana**

The **Registrar General's Department of Ghana** has notified the International Bureau of the addition of the Austrian Patent Office and the Chinese Patent Office to the list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Registrar General's Department as receiving Office. The consolidated list now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Patent Office or, for international applications for which the Austrian Patent Office or the European Patent Office has established the international search report, European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(GH), page 14034]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Industrial Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, applicable as from 1 January 1998, as specified below:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	KRW 10,000 plus KRW 500 per document plus KRW 100 per page
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	KRW 29,000
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	KRW 20,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(KR), page 14047, and Summary (KR), page 14158]

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office of Luxembourg** has notified new amounts of fees in **Luxembourg francs (LUF)** or **Belgian francs (BEF)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts are applicable as from 1 January 1998.

Transmittal fee:	LUF or BEF 800
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	LUF or BEF 300 plus LUF or BEF 20 per page
Filing fee:	LUF or BEF 600
First annual fee:	LUF or BEF 800
Second annual fee:	LUF or BEF 1,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(LU), page 14052, and Summary (LU), page 14165]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**MD Republic of Moldova**

The **Moldova Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Moldovan leu (MDL)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as well as a modification with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	MDL 180
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	USD 150
Examination fee:	USD 500
Annual fee for the 1st to the 5th year, per year:	USD 100
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	USD 150
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The examination fee is USD 300 where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(MD), page 14055, and Summary (MD), page 14167]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BB Barbados**

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office of Barbados** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Belmont Road, Bridgetown, Barbados
Telephone:	(1-246) 436 4006, 436 4818, 436 4819, 228 2556
Facsimile machine:	(1-246) 437 3072

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(BB), page 13851]

MC Monaco

The **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion of Monaco** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as specified below:

Location and mailing address:	9, rue du Gabian MC 98000 Monaco (Principauté)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(MC), page 13933]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**MG Madagascar**

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (261-20) 22 305 12

Facsimile machine: (261-20) 22 305 12

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(MG), page 13937]

YU Yugoslavia

The **Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (381-11) 311 11 62

Facsimile machine: (381-11) 311 23 77

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(YU), page 13996]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office of Luxembourg** has notified changes in its requirements concerning representation by an agent before the receiving Office, the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, and as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes, applicable as from 1 January 1998, read as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report), abstract
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent registered to practice in Luxembourg or any member of the Luxembourg Bar

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(LU), page 14052, and Summary (LU), page 14165]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GH Ghana

The **Registrar General's Department of Ghana** has notified a modification in its requirements as to the acceptance of the filing of documents by means of telecommunication and as to whether, in such cases, the original of the document must be furnished, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission if the transmitted document is an international application, a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments, a power of attorney or a deed of assignment No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(GH), page 13894]

GW Guinea-Bissau

General information on Guinea-Bissau as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(GW) which is published on page 27001.

JP Japan

The **Japanese Patent Office** has notified a change in its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (81-3) 3592 1308

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(JP), page 13908]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**IS Iceland**

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before the Office, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as originally filed or as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19, at applicant's option), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, as originally filed or as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report, at applicant's option)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Summary (IS), page 14151]

B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**
GW **GUINEA-BISSAU** **GW**

General information

Name of Office:	Direcção da Propriedade Industrial Directorate of Industrial Property
Location:	Directorate of Industrial Property, Secretary of State for Trade, Industry, Tourism and Craft Industries, Ex-Q.G., Santa Luzia, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau
Mailing address:	Caixa Postal 311, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau
Telephone:	(245) 22 22 75, 22 22 76
Facsimile machine:	(245) 22 10 50, 20 11 71
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	—
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Guinea-Bissau:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Guinea-Bissau is designated (or elected):	Directorate of Industrial Property (see Volume II)
May Guinea-Bissau be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Guinea-Bissau concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**
GW **GUINEA-BISSAU** **GW**

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Information of interest if Guinea-Bissau is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Guinea-Bissau is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Does the Office disregard the priority claim if the priority document was not submitted within 16 months from the priority date under PCT Rule 17.1?

No

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms?

No

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**EE Estonia**

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (372) 645 13 42

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(EE), page 13881]

LK Sri Lanka

The **Registry of Patents and Trade Marks** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(LK), page 13921]

RU Russian Federation

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: ROSPATENT, Berezhkovskaya nab. 24, Moscow 121858,
Russian Federation (general)
Federalny Institut Promyshlennoi Sobstvennosti,
Berezhkovskaya nab. 30/1, Moscow 121858, Russian
Federation (application processing)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(RU), page 13962]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**LK Sri Lanka**

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Sri Lanka rupees (LKR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:
Application fee: LKR 2,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Summary (LK), page 14161]

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS

Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)

The Request Form has been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Indonesia** (as from 5 September 1997), the **Gambia** (as from 9 December 1997) and **Guinea-Bissau** (as from 12 December 1997), that certificates of addition are available in **Brazil**, utility models in **Guinea-Bissau** and patents of addition in **Zimbabwe**, that patents of addition are no longer available in **Luxembourg**, that patents of addition instead of certificates of addition are available in **Cuba** and that European patents may be extended to **the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**.

The above-mentioned modifications concern Box No. V on the second sheet of the Request Form, the Notes to the request form relating to Box No. V and the Notes to the fee calculation sheet (Annex to the Request Form) relating to the reduction of the international fee for applicants from certain States.

Furthermore, the Notes to the fee calculation sheet include a new paragraph under Box No. I relating to the reduction of the basic fee and the designation fee as from 1 January 1998.

The other sheets of the Request Form and of the Notes thereto, as well as the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the Request Form), have not been modified except for either the date of reprinting or the date of printing due to repagination.

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes relating thereto, are dated January 1998 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed from 1 January 1998. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau.

Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)

The Demand Form itself and the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the Demand Form) have not been modified except for the date of reprinting on each sheet (January 1998). The Notes to the demand form relating to Box No. V have been modified to take into account the withdrawal by Spain of its reservation under PCT Article 64(1) concerning Chapter II of the PCT. Otherwise, the Notes to the demand form have not been modified except for the date of reprinting on each sheet. The Notes to the fee calculation sheet (Annex to the Demand Form) relating to the reduction of the handling fee for qualifying applicants from certain States have been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Indonesia**, the **Gambia** and **Guinea-Bissau**.

All sheets of the Demand Form, including the Notes to the demand form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes relating thereto, are dated January 1998 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **New Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	ILS 399
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS 33 plus ILS 2.30 per page
National filing fee:	ILS 763

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(IL) page 14040, and Summary (IL), page 14150]

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization** has clarified its requirements as to whether the original of a document filed by facsimile machine must be furnished, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be authorizations so transmitted?	All kinds of documents, with the exception of and priority documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 60 days from the date of the transmission

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B2(AP), page 13998]

RECEIVING OFFICES**GH Ghana**

The **Registrar-General's Department of Ghana** has notified the International Bureau of the addition of the Swedish Patent Office to the list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Registrar-General's Department as receiving Office. The consolidated list now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office or European Patent Office
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Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Patent Office, Swedish Patent Office or, for international applications for which the Austrian Patent Office, the Swedish Patent Office or the European Patent Office has established the international search report, European Patent Office
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 49/1997, Annex C(GH), page 25708]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**RU Russian Federation**

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the presentation of sequence listings under PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1. The new requirements, applicable as from 1 January 1998, read as follows:

Requirements concerning nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing:	Machine readable form required
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex D(RU), page 14088]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**JP Japan**

The **Japanese Patent Office** has notified changes in its special requirements for entry into the national phase, applicable as from 1 January 1998. The consolidated list of those requirements reads as follows:

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51^{bis}):

When the applicant is a legal entity, indication of the name of an officer representing that entity (the indication of such a name is not required where the legal entity is represented by a patent attorney).

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Japan.

Where the person, the name or the residence of the applicant is changed during the international phase and the change has not been reflected in the PCT pamphlet or in a Notification of the Recording of a Change (Form PCT/IB/306), a statement indicating the change (preferably on a special request form) and, in case of a change in the person of the applicant, a document evidencing the change.

Where a change (addition and/or deletion) in the person of the inventor during the international phase has not been reflected in the PCT pamphlet or in a Notification of the Recording of a Change (Form PCT/IB/306), the correct indications relating to the inventor (preferably on a special transmittal form (Form 53)), a statement explaining the reasons for the change and a written oath of all inventors.

Furnishing, where applicable, of a diskette which contains coded data of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings as prescribed, together with required documents (see Japanese Patent Regulations, Sec. 27-5).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Summary (JP), page 14153]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT

Amendments of Rule 86 (The Gazette)

Under the present provisions, the *PCT Gazette* contains, for each published international application, certain bibliographic data, the drawing (if any) appearing on the front page of the pamphlet, and the abstract. The *Gazette* is at present required to be published in separate English-language (*PCT Gazette*) and French-language (*Gazette du PCT*) paper editions.

The Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, at its twenty-fourth session (11th ordinary), held in Geneva from 16 September to 1 October 1997, amendments to Rule 86 as set out on the following pages. As a result of these amendments, the *Gazette* will be published in two forms—one on paper and one in electronic form. The *Gazette* on paper will no longer contain abstracts and drawings. These will, however, together with the bibliographic data, be included in the *Gazette* in electronic form (on the Internet, on CD-ROM or by other electronic ways or means), and will continue to be published in the paper pamphlets in which each international application is published. Abstracts will continue to be translated into English and French and will be made accessible in electronic form on CD-ROM, in commercial databases and/or on the Internet promptly after international publication.

The second change, in respect of the *Gazette* on paper, is that the present two separate editions (namely, the English edition *PCT Gazette* and the French edition *Gazette du PCT*) will be replaced by one bilingual paper edition containing bibliographic data in respect of each published international application but, as explained above, not including the abstract and drawing. Other parts of the present *Gazette* (that is, indexes, Section IV, etc.) will continue to be included in the *Gazette* on paper.

Information about the *Gazette* in electronic form will be published in a future issue of the *Gazette*. The change in the format of the *Gazette* referred to above will only be made once the technical preparations for that change have been completed and the *Gazette* in electronic form has become available. Each subscriber to the *Gazette* will be informed about the changes and the availability of the *Gazette* in electronic form before the format is changed.

Special Issues of the *Gazette* (Administrative Instructions, Minimum Documentation, etc.) will continue to be published in separate English- and French-language editions.

Amendments of the Schedule of Fees.

The Assembly also adopted, at its above-mentioned session, amendments of the Schedule of Fees, as set out on the following pages, resulting in a decrease in the basic fee and the designation fee in Swiss francs.

Entry into Force; Other Amendments

Rule 86 and the Schedule of Fees as amended will enter into force on 1 January 1998.

Other amendments, also adopted by the Assembly at the said session, will enter into force on 1 July 1998 or later. Details thereof and the full text will be published in a future issue of the *Gazette*.

Rule 86
The Gazette

86.1 *Contents and Form*

(a) The Gazette referred to in Article 55(4) shall contain:

(i) for each published international application, the data specified by the Administrative Instructions taken from the front page of the pamphlet published under Rule 48, the drawing (if any) appearing on the said front page, and the abstract,

(ii) the schedule of all fees payable to the receiving Offices, the International Bureau, and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities,

(iii) notices the publication of which is required under the Treaty or these Regulations,

(iv) information, if and to the extent furnished to the International Bureau by the designated or elected Offices, on the question whether the requirements provided for in Articles 22 or 39 have been complied with in respect of the international applications designating or electing the Office concerned,

(v) any other useful information prescribed by the Administrative Instructions, provided access to such information is not prohibited under the Treaty or these Regulations.

(b) The information referred to in paragraph (a) shall be made available in two forms:

(i) as a Gazette in paper form, which shall contain the data specified by the Administrative Instructions taken from the front page of the pamphlet published under Rule 48 (“bibliographic data”) and the matters referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) to (v);

(ii) as a Gazette in electronic form, which shall contain the bibliographic data, the drawing (if any) appearing on the said front page, and the abstract.

86.2 *Languages; Access to the Gazette*

(a) The Gazette in paper form shall be published in a bilingual (English and French) edition. It shall also be published in editions in any other language, provided the cost of publication is assured through sales or subventions.

(b) The Assembly may order the publication of the Gazette in languages other than those referred to in paragraph (a).

(c) The Gazette in electronic form referred to in Rule 86.1(b)(ii) shall be made accessible, in English and French at the same time, by any electronic ways and means specified in the Administrative Instructions. The translations shall be ensured by the International Bureau in English and French. The International Bureau shall ensure that the making accessible of the Gazette in electronic form shall be effected on, or as soon as possible after, the date of publication of the pamphlet containing the international application.

86.3 to 86.6 [No change]

SCHEDULE OF FEES*

Fees	Amounts
1. Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	
(a) if the international application contains not more than 30 sheets	650** Swiss francs
(b) if the international application contains more than 30 sheets	650** Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets
2. Designation Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	
(a) for designations made under Rule 4.9(a)	150** Swiss francs per designation, provided that any designation made under Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 11 shall not require the payment of a designation fee
(b) for designations made under Rule 4.9(b) and confirmed under Rule 4.9(c)	150** Swiss francs per designation
3. Confirmation Fee: (Rule 15.5(a))	50% of the sum of the designation fees payable under item 2(b)
4. Handling Fee: (Rule 57.2(a))	233 Swiss francs

All fees are reduced by 75% for international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); if there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria.

* *Editor's Note:* The Schedule of Fees will be further amended with effect from 1 July 1998.

** *Editor's Note:* The amounts of the basic fee and the designation fee as shown apply only to international applications filed on or after 1 January 1998. The amounts previously in force (basic fee: 762 Swiss francs, designation fee: 185 Swiss francs) remain applicable for international applications filed before that date.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CH Switzerland**

The **Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute** has notified a change, with effect from 1 January 1998, concerning annual fees which will no longer be payable for the third and fourth years after filing, as follows:

Annual fee as from the fifth year: CHF 530

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Summary (CH), page 14130]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office** has established new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)** and **Finnish markkaa (FIM)** of fees payable to it, as specified in the revised table below. The new equivalent amounts are applicable as from 5 January 1998.

	DEM	GBP	FRF	CHF	NLG	SEK	BEF LUF	ITL	ATS	ESP	GRD	DKK	PTE	IEP	FIM
Transmittal fee:	200	71	690	170	230	900	4 200	202 000	1 430	17 200	32 600	790	20 700	77	620
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	60	21	210	50	70	270	1 300	61 000	430	5 200	9 800	240	6 200	23	180
Search fee (for an international search):	2 200	780	7 590	1 850	2 510	9 950	46 100	2 222 000	15 710	189 700	358 300	8 640	227 800	846	6 770
Preliminary examination fee:	3 000	1 064	10 340	2 520	3 430	13 570	62 900	3 030 000	21 430	258 600	488 600	11 790	310 600	1 154	9 230
Protest fee:	2 000	709	6 900	1 680	2 290	9 050	41 900	2 020 000	14 290	172 400	325 700	7 860	207 100	769	6 150
Fee for copies (per A4 page):	1.30	0.50	4.50	1.10	1.50	5.90	25	1 300	9.30	110	210	5.10	135	0.50	4.00
National fee:	250	89	860	210	290	1 130	5 200	253 000	1 790	21 600	40 700	980	25 900	96	770
Search fee (for a European patent):	1 700	603	5 860	1 430	1 940	7 690	35 600	1 717 000	12 140	146 600	276 900	6 680	176 000	654	5 230
European designation fee:	150	53	520	130	170	680	3 100	152 000	1 070	12 900	24 400	590	15 500	58	460
Claims fee:	80	28	280	70	90	360	1 700	81 000	570	6 900	13 000	310	8 300	31	250
Examination fee:	2 800	993	9 660	2 350	3 200	12 670	58 700	2 828 000	20 000	241 400	456 000	11 000	289 900	1 077	8 620
Renewal fee for the third year:	750	266	2 590	630	860	3 390	15 700	758 000	5 360	64 700	122 100	2 950	77 700	288	2 310

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex D(EP), page 14084, Annex E(EP), page 14094, and No. 22/1997, the table published on page 11250]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BY Belarus**

The **Belarus Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as in the types of protection available in Belarus via the PCT, as follows:

Telephone:	(375-172) 68 50 53
Facsimile machine:	(375-172) 68 41 30, 32 75 77
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models Eurasian: Patents

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex B1(BY), page 13861]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BY Belarus**

The **Belarus Patent Office** has notified a new amount of a fee in **Belarussian roubles (BYR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as specified below:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Equivalent in BYR of USD 20 plus USD 0.1 per sheet
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 28/1997, Annex C(BY), page 14018]