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Madam,  
Sir,

### ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW EQUIVALENT AMOUNT

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as receiving Office (RO) and International Searching Authority (ISA) under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for the purposes of information regarding a new equivalent amount of the search fee charged by the Australian Patent Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority.

The exchange rate between the the Swiss franc (CHF) and the Australian dollar (AUD) has been, for more than 30 consecutive days, more than 5 percent higher than the exchange rate used for establishing the present equivalent amount.

In accordance with the directives adopted by the PCT Assembly at its thirty-second session (September 22 to October 1, 2003), a new equivalent amount in CHF, payable only to certain receiving Offices, which have chosen the CHF as currency of payment but in respect of which the CHF is not the official currency, has been established.

The new equivalent amount in CHF which will have effect from June 1, 2010, is as follows:

AUD 1,600 = CHF 1,553

It will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of April 15, 2010.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Pooley', written over a printed name and title.

James Pooley  
Deputy Director General