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NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATES

Azerbaijan (country code: AZ)

Azerbaijan deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 25 September 1995, and will become bound by the PCT on 25 December 1995. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 25 December 1995, Azerbaijan may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 25 December 1995, nationals and residents of Azerbaijan will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT. (See also page 2 concerning Azerbaijan's accession to the Eurasian Patent Convention and the Paris Convention.)

The procedure for extension of international applications to successor States under PCT Rule 32 does not apply to Azerbaijan. See page 2 for further details.

Turkey (country code: TR)

Turkey deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 1 October 1995, and will become bound by the PCT on 1 January 1996. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 1 January 1996, Turkey may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 1 January 1996, nationals and residents of Turkey will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

CHANGES RELATING TO PCT FEES

The Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union

(PCT Union) held its twenty-third (tenth ordinary) session in Geneva from 25 September to 3 October 1995, in the context of meetings of the Governing Bodies of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

75% reduction in PCT fees for applicants from certain Contracting States

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Director General of WIPO (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/1995), decided, with effect from 1 January 1996, to reduce by 75% the
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fees payable for the benefit of the International Bureau (basic fee, designation fee, confirmation fee and handling fee) in respect of international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a PCT Contracting State whose per capita income is less than 3,000 US dollars (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. The States concerned are: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan (see cover page), Belarus, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea, Hungary, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey (see cover page), Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

Increase in the maximum number of designation fees payable

The Assembly decided not to increase PCT fees generally but to increase the maximum number of designation fees payable, with effect from 1 January 1996, from 10 to 11. Therefore, for international applications filed on or after that date, any designation made under PCT Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 11 (rather than 10, as at present) will not require the payment of a designation fee (see item 2(a) of the Schedule of Fees which appears at the end of the PCT Regulations). It should be noted that the number of PCT Contracting States has increased from 35, when the maximum of 10 designation fees payable was first introduced in 1984, to more than 80.

When the request form (Form PCT/RO/101) is next updated (with effect from January 1996), the fee calculation sheet and accompanying notes (which are annexed to the request) will take into account the new maximum number of designation fees payable.

EURASIAN PATENT CONVENTION

Eurasian patent (EA) designation possible

At the first (extraordinary) session of the Administrative Council of the Eurasian Patent

Organization, held in Geneva on 2 October 1995, it was decided that, in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 January 1996, it will be possible to designate all States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention – as of 1 January 1996, these States are Azerbaijan (see below), Belarus, Kazakstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan – for a Eurasian patent. The date on which the processing of applications by the Eurasian Patent Office will commence and from which the filing of applications directly with that Office will be possible will be decided by the Administrative Council, and will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter*, in due course. (See also *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/1995.)

The January 1996 update of the request form (Form PCT/RO/101) will contain a check box "EA Eurasian Patent" under "Regional Patent" in Box No. V.

Azerbaijan

On 25 September 1995, Azerbaijan deposited its instrument of accession to the Eurasian Patent Convention and will become bound by that Convention on 25 December 1995. (See cover page concerning Azerbaijan's accession to the PCT.)

PARIS CONVENTION ACCESSION

Azerbaijan

On 25 September 1995, Azerbaijan deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and will become bound by that Convention on 25 December 1995. (See cover page concerning Azerbaijan's accession to the PCT.)

EXTENSION OF PCT APPLICATIONS TO CERTAIN SUCCESSOR STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

The first batch of notifications (Form PCT/IB/362) regarding extensions of the effects of international applications, under PCT Rule 32, to Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, as announced in previous issues of the *PCT Newsletter* (Nos. 05 and 07/1995), will be sent before the end of 1995. Since Azerbaijan adhered to the PCT by way of filing an instrument of accession and not a declaration of continuation (see cover page), extensions of the effects of international applications to Azerbaijan under PCT Rule 32 will not be available.

PCT WHEEL

Accompanying this issue of the *PCT Newsletter* is an ingenious tool for monitoring important PCT time limits. Created by patent attorneys from Davies Collison Cave, Australia, the PCT Wheel enables PCT users to quickly compute time limits for submitting priority documents, filing a demand for international preliminary examination, entry into the national or regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II, as well as the 18-month due date for international publication, by simply dialing the priority date (or where no priority is claimed, the international filing date), and reading through the windows of the wheel the relevant dates.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

Hungary (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority)

The National Office of Inventions, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 October 1995, it no longer specified the Austrian Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority in respect of international applications filed with that Office.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex C (HU))

Republic of Korea (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms may be made)

The name and address of the Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC) has changed to:

Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology (KRIBB)
52, Oun-dong, Yusong-Ku, Taejon
305-333, Republic of Korea

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex L)

Russian Patent Office (languages accepted for international search and preliminary examination)

The Russian Patent Office, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has specified Spanish, in addition to English, French, German and Russian, as a language accepted by it for international search and preliminary examination.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annexes D (RU) and E (RU))

Slovakia (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Industrial Property Office as receiving Office, has changed:

Transmittal fee: See Table I(a)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to that Office as designated or elected Office, has changed:

Filing fee: SKK 1,600

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex C (SK) and Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (SK))

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (general information)

General information about the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as a Contracting State, information of interest if the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is designated (or elected) and information on the Industrial Property Protection Office as receiving Office is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annexes B1 (MK) and C (MK), and Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (MK).

Search fee (European Patent Office (EPO))

As from 15 November 1995, there will be a change in the equivalent amount in JPY of the fee for an international search carried out by the EPO, as indicated in Table I(b).

List of Contracting States

The pink tear-out provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex A (Contracting States of the PCT) includes the new PCT Contracting States, Azerbaijan and Turkey, and the dates of entry into force of the PCT in respect of those States (see cover page for details).

Annexes to *PCT Applicant's Guide* (Corrigendum)

Certain information was inadvertently omitted from Annexes C (MX) and E (EP) and (US) provided with the July 1995 update of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I. The sheets concerned should be discarded and replaced by the pink tear-out provisional sheets provided with this issue.

ISA/IPEA AGREEMENTS

The texts of the Agreements relating to the functioning of the following Offices as

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
30-31 October 1995 Irvine, California (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Orange County Patent Law Association (Mr. Stefan J. Kirchanski) Tel: (1-714) 261 84 33 Fax: (1-714) 261 90 72
1-2 November 1995 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68
3 November 1995 San Francisco (US)	English	PCT Workshop for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1-415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1-415) 331 60 68
6-7 November 1995 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	John Marshall Law School (Mr. Gary T. Watson) Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28
9-10 November 1995 Indianapolis (US)	English	Seminar for patent attorneys: "Midwestern Basic PCT Symposium" WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum Tel: (1-317) 637 91 02 Fax: (1-317) 633 87 80
23-24 November 1995 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Bryan	Danish Patent Office (Ms. Inge-Lise Høybye) Tel: (45-43) 50 80 00 Fax: (45-43) 50 80 01
6-7 December 1995 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 364 24
8 December 1995 London (GB)	English	PCT workshop for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 364 24

International Searching and/or Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT is available in a consolidated form in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. 44/1995, 12 October 1995): Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Chinese Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japanese Patent Office, Russian Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office. Most of the information set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annexes D and E, is taken from those Agreements. If you are not a subscriber to the *PCT Gazette* and would like to obtain a copy of that special issue, it may be ordered from the Publication Sales and Distribution Unit of WIPO at the address indicated on the cover page. The telephone and fax numbers are indicated below:

Telephone: (41-22) 730 91 11 (ask for the Publication Sales and Distribution Unit)

Fax: (41-22) 740 18 12

The price for the special issue is 30 Swiss francs (or by airmail: 40 Swiss francs in Europe and 50 Swiss francs outside Europe) or 28 US dollars (or by airmail: 40 US dollars).

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Assignment of international application during international phase

Q: I am the appointed agent in respect of an international application filed a few months ago which has recently been assigned by the applicant to another person who is to be recorded as the new applicant.

(1) *Where should my request to record the new applicant be sent?*

(2) *Is the assignment document required?*

(3) *Is a power of attorney from the new applicant required?*

A: (1) Your request for recording the new applicant may be addressed either to the receiving Office or the International Bureau. It is the International Bureau which will record the requested change and inform the Offices and Authorities concerned, provided that the request is received by the International Bureau (either from the applicant or via the receiving Office) before the expiration of 20 or, if a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed within 19 months from the priority date, 30 months from the priority date. The International Bureau will confirm to you the recording of the change by means of a special notification (Form PCT/IB/306).

It is strongly recommended that you address your request directly to the International Bureau if international publication is imminent and you wish that the new applicant be indicated in the *PCT Gazette* and the published pamphlet (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/1995,

page 3, concerning the time by which the technical preparations for international publication are completed), or if the 20- or 30-month time limit is about to expire and you wish that the indications relating to the new applicant be communicated to the designated/elected Offices. (If your request for recording a change reaches the International Bureau after the expiration of the 20- or 30-month time limit, you will have to address a new request to each of the designated/elected Offices concerned.)

(2) In your case, an assignment document is not required; a letter signed by you will be sufficient because you act on behalf of the existing (original) applicant. Note that certain designated/elected Offices require an assignment document after entry into the national phase (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II, National Chapters).

(3) If the new applicant wishes that you continue to act as agent, a power of attorney from that applicant should be filed as soon as possible in order to ensure that any future communication filed by you on behalf of the new applicant can be acted upon without delay.

PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts (including currencies – see the key to currency abbreviations at the bottom of page 6) of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Table I(a) and Table I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in special circumstances are not shown; nor are details of reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to changes due to fee increases or fluctuations in exchange rates. The footnotes are on page 7.

Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES

(as at 1 October 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ¹ (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ¹ (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ³
AM	AMD ⁴ —	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
AP	USD 70	USD 604	12	147	AT EP SE
AT	ATS 700	ATS 6,220	122	1,510	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 906	18	220	AU
BE	BEF 1,500	BEF 18,208	358	4,421	EP
BG	BGL 600	BGL equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
BR	BRC 21,670	BRC equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP SE US
BY	RUR ⁴ —	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 963	19	234	EP
CH	CHF 100	CHF 762	15	185	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	CN
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
DE	DEM 150	DEM 883	17	214	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,440	70	840	EP SE
EE	EEK 1,500	EEK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP

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Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]

(as at 1 October 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		Basic fee ¹ (CHF 762)		Supplement per sheet over 30 ¹ (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ³
EP ⁵	DEM	200	DEM	883	17	214	EP
ES		None	ESP	87,000	1,700	21,000	EP ES
FI	FIM	700	FIM	2,800	55	690	EP SE
FR	FRF	400	FRF	3,010	60	730	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	419	8	102	EP
GE	USD ⁴	—	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
GR	GRD	30,000	GRD	147,000	3,000	36,000	EP
HU	HUF	4,000	HUF	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
IB	CHF or USD	300 200	CHF or USD	762 604	15 12	185 147	See note 6
IE	IEP	60	IEP	425	8	103	EP
IS	ISK	5,000	ISK	40,000	800	9,700	EP SE
IT	ITL	60,000	ITL	1,130,000	22,000	270,000	EP
JP	JPY	18,000	JPY	59,000	1,000	14,000	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv)	30	USD	604	12	147	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS ⁴	—	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
KP	KPW	50	KPW	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT RU
KR	KRW	40,000	KRW	505,000	10,000	123,000	AT AU JP
KZ	KZT ⁴	—	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	604	12	147	AT AU CN EP SE
LT	LTL equiv of USD	80	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF	1,000	LUF/BEF	18,208	358	4,421	EP
LV	LVL	40	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
MC	FRF	300	FRF	3,010	60	730	EP
MD	MDL ⁴	54	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
MK	MKD	2,750	MKD	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
MN		None	MNT	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
MW	MWK	8	MWK	2,350	46	570	EP
MX	MXP equiv of USD	200	MXP	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP ES US
NL	NLG	110	NLG	1,000	20	240	EP
NO	NOK	500	NOK	3,940	80	960	EP SE
NZ	NZD	155	NZD	976	19	237	AU EP
PL	PLZ	200	PLZ	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
PT	PTE	3,500	PTE	89,000	1,800	21,700	EP
RO	ROL	10,000	CHF	762	15	185	AT EP RU
RU	RUR	294,000	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
SD	SDP	50	SDP	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SE	SEK	600	SEK	5,100	100	1,250	EP SE
SG	SGD	120	SGD	880	17	214	AT AU EP
SI	SIT	See note 7	SIT	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SK	SKK	1,600	SKK	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
TJ	RUR ⁴	—	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
TM	USD ⁴	—	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
TT	TTD	750	USD	604	12	147	AT EP SE US
UA	UAK	21,000,000	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
US	USD	220	USD	604	12	147	EP US
UZ	USD ⁴	—	USD	604	12	147	EP RU
VN	USD	50	VND	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT AU EP RU SE

Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

AMD	Dram	DKK	Danish Krone	JPY	Yen	MNT	Tugrik	SDP	Sudanese Pound
ATS	Schilling	EEK	Estonian Kroon	KES	Kenyan Shilling	MWK	Kwacha	SEK	Swedish Krona
AUD	Australian Dollar	ESP	Peseta	KGS	Som	MXP	Mexican Peso	SGD	Singapore Dollar
BEF	Belgian Franc	FIM	Markka	KPW	Won	NLG	Guilder	SIT	Tolar
BGL	Lev	FRF	French Franc	KRW	Won	NOK	Norwegian Krone	SKK	Slovak Koruna
BRC	Cruzeiro Real	GBP	Pound Sterling	KZT	Tenge	NZD	New Zealand Dollar	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago Dollar
CAD	Canadian Dollar	GRD	Drachma	LTL	Lita	PLZ	Zloty		
CHF	Swiss Franc	HUF	Forint	LUF	Luxembourg Franc	PTE	Escudo	UAK	Karbovanets
CNY	Yuan Renminbi	IEP	Irish Pound	LVL	Lat	ROL	Romanian Leu	USD	US Dollar
CZK	Czech Koruna	ISK	Icelandic Kronur	MDL	Moldovan Leu	RUR	Rouble	VND	Dong
DEM	Mark	ITL	Lira	MKD	Macedonian Denar				

Table I(b) – SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 October 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	285	KRW	184,000	SGD	317	USD	225		
AU	AUD	800	CHF	672	KRW	461,000	NZD	905	SGD	882	USD	592
CN	CNY	800	CHF	120	USD	100						
EP ⁸	DEM	2,400	CHF	2,040	FRF	8,730	ISK	105,000	MWK	6,400	PTE	258,800
	ATS	17,140	DKK	9,840	GBP	1,104	ITL	2,963,000	NLG	2,740	SEK	12,700
	BEF	50,300	ESP	225,800	GRD	400,000	JPY*	149,000	NOK	10,300	SGD	2,308
	CAD	2,456	FIM	7,500	IEP	1,103	LUF	50,300	NZD	2,557	USD	1,722
	*(from 15.11.95: JPY 162,000)											
ES	ESP	62,100	CHF	585	USD	510						
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	1,060	KRW	695,000	USD	874				
RU ⁸	RUR	840,000	CHF	245	USD	200						
SE	SEK	2,600 ⁹	3,600 ¹⁰	4,200 ¹¹	FIM	1,540 ⁹	2,130 ¹⁰	2,480 ¹¹	USD	347 ⁹	480 ¹⁰	560 ¹¹
	CHF	410 ⁹	570 ¹⁰	660 ¹¹	ISK	22,000 ⁹	31,000 ¹⁰	36,000 ¹¹				
	DKK	2,000 ⁹	2,710 ¹⁰	3,160 ¹¹	NOK	2,240 ⁹	3,100 ¹⁰	3,620 ¹¹				
US	USD	660	(430 ¹²)	CHF	782	(510 ¹²)						

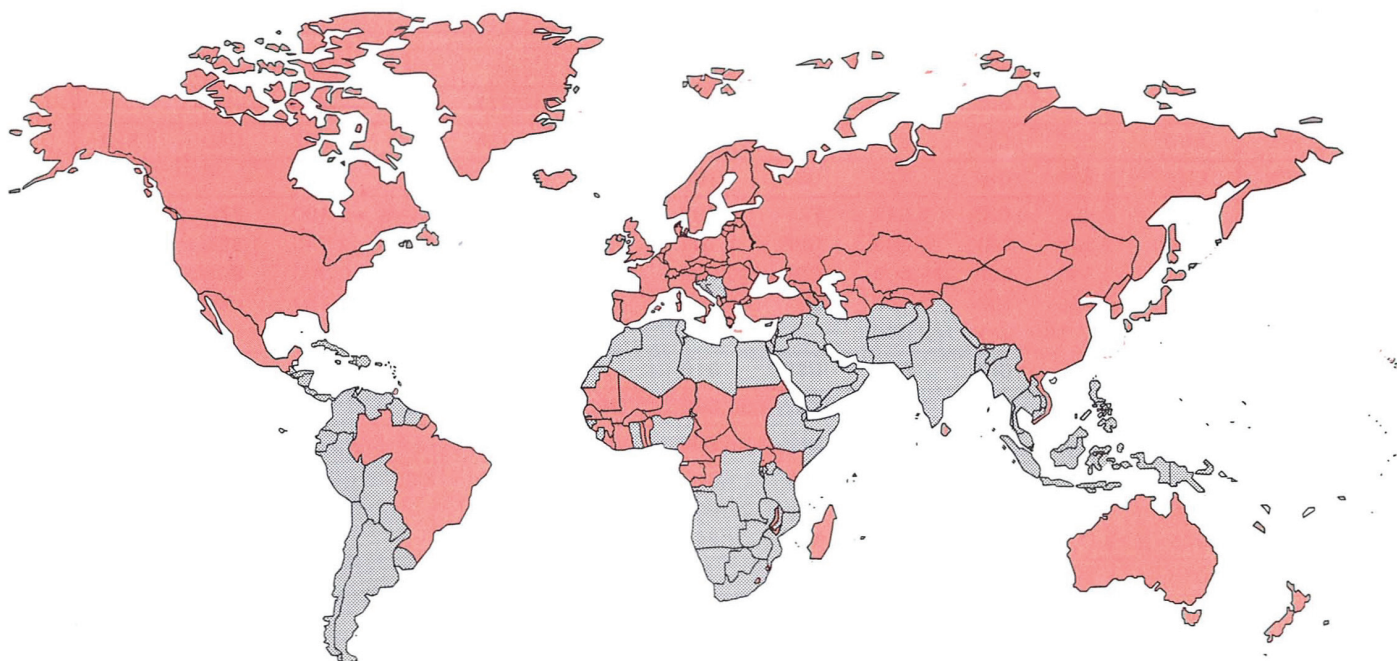
Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES
(as at 1 October 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹³				Handling fee ¹³ (CHF 233)							
AT	ATS	2,200			ATS	1,902						
AU	AUD	450			AUD	277						
CN	CNY	800			CNY equiv of CHF 233							
EP ⁸	DEM	3,000	FRF	10,910	NLG	3,430	DEM	270	FRF	920	NLG	305
	ATS	21,430	GBP	1,380	PTE	323,500	ATS	1,902	GBP	128	PTE	27,000
	BEF	62,900	IEP	1,379	SEK	15,870	BEF	5,568	IEP	130	SEK	1,550
	CHF	2,550	ITL	3,704,000			CHF	233	ITL	343,000		
	DKK	12,300	LUF	62,900			DKK	1,050	LUF	5,568		
JP	JPY	28,000			JPY	18,000						
RU ⁸	RUR	1,260,000	USD	300	USD	185						
SE	SEK	3,200			SEK	1,550						
US	USD	470	(710 ¹⁴)		USD	185						

Footnotes for all fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee.
- 3 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 4 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 5 Payments can also be made in ATS, BEF, CHF, DKK, ESP, FRF, GBP, GRD, IEP, ITL, LUF, NLG, PTE or SEK. For the amounts in the said currencies, reference should be made to the latest issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO.
- 6 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national.
- 7 5% of the total value of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee and search fee.
- 8 Nationals of developing countries and (in the case of the EPO) countries in transition ("reform States") may be eligible for fee reductions. For details, including the amount of the fee reduction, the countries concerned and applicable conditions, See *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex D (EP) and (RU) and Annex E (EP) and (RU).
- 9 If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office.
- 10 If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) or the Norwegian Patent Office.
- 11 In all cases where 9 and 10 do not apply.
- 12 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.
- 13 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 14 Payable when the international search report was not established by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES (83 on 1 October 1995)



In the Americas

BB Barbados
BR Brazil
CA Canada
MX Mexico
TT Trinidad and
Tobago
US United States
of America

In Europe EPO (EP)

AT Austria
BE Belgium
CH Switzerland
DE Germany
DK Denmark
ES Spain
FR France
GB United Kingdom
GR Greece
IE Ireland
IT Italy
LI Liechtenstein
LU Luxembourg
MC Monaco
NL Netherlands
PT Portugal
SE Sweden

Non-EPO

AL Albania (from
4 October 1995)
BG Bulgaria
BY Belarus
CZ Czech Republic
EE Estonia
FI Finland
HU Hungary
IS Iceland
LT Lithuania
LV Latvia
MD Republic of
Moldova
**MK The former
Yugoslav
Republic of
Macedonia**
NO Norway
PL Poland
RO Romania
RU Russian Federa-
tion
SI Slovenia
SK Slovakia
TR Turkey (from
1 January 1996)
UA Ukraine

In Africa

ARIPO (AP)

KE Kenya
LS Lesotho (from 21
October 1995)
MW Malawi
SD Sudan
SZ Swaziland
UG Uganda

OAPI (OA)

BF Burkina Faso
BJ Benin
CF Central African
Republic
CG Congo
CI Côte d'Ivoire
CM Cameroon
GA Gabon
GN Guinea
ML Mali
MR Mauritania
NE Niger
SN Senegal
TD Chad
TG Togo

Non-ARIPO or -OAPI

LR Liberia
MG Madagascar

In Asia and the Pacific

AM Armenia
AU Australia
AZ Azerbaijan (from
25 December 1995)
CN China
GE Georgia
JP Japan
KG Kyrgyzstan
KP Democratic People's
Republic of Korea
KR Republic of Korea
KZ Kazakhstan
LK Sri Lanka
MN Mongolia
NZ New Zealand
SG Singapore
TJ Tajikistan
TM Turkmenistan
UZ Uzbekistan
VN Viet Nam

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any States indicated in **bold italics** have adhered to the PCT but were not yet bound by the PCT on the date of issue of the latest version of the request form. If the applicant wishes to designate any States which are bound by the PCT on the date on which the international application is filed but which are not listed in the request form, he must add them in Box No. V of the request form and mark the corresponding check-box. Where a State has adhered to but is not yet bound by the PCT, the date on which it will become bound is shown in parentheses; it cannot be designated in international applications filed before that date.

Applicants should always use the latest versions of the request and demand forms. The latest version of the request form (PCT/RO/101) is dated July 1995; that of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) is dated January 1994. The forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I. The request form can also be obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau. The demand form can also be obtained from International Preliminary Examining Authorities or the International Bureau.

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Contracting States of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

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Name of State followed by country code	Date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of the State	Name of State followed by country code	Date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of the State
Albania AL	4 October 1995	Lithuania LT	5 July 1994
Armenia ³ AM	25 December 1991	Luxembourg LU	30 April 1978
Australia AU	31 March 1980	Madagascar MG	24 January 1978
Austria AT	23 April 1979	Malawi MW	24 January 1978
Azerbaijan AZ	25 December 1995	Mali ML	19 October 1984
Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Mauritania MR	13 April 1983
Belarus ³ BY	25 December 1991	Mexico MX	1 January 1995
Belgium BE	14 December 1981	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Mongolia MN	27 May 1991
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Netherlands ^{3, 5} NL	10 July 1979
Bulgaria BG	21 May 1984	New Zealand NZ	1 December 1992
Burkina Faso BF	21 March 1989	Niger NE	21 March 1993
Cameroon CM	24 January 1978	Norway ² NO	1 January 1980
Canada CA	2 January 1990	Poland PL	25 December 1990
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Portugal PT	24 November 1992
Chad TD	24 January 1978	Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984
China CN	1 January 1994	Republic of Moldova ³ MD	25 December 1991
Congo CG	24 January 1978	Romania ³ RO	23 July 1979
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Russian Federation ³ RU	29 March 1978
Czech Republic CZ	1 January 1993	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Singapore SG	23 February 1995
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Slovakia SK	1 January 1993
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Slovenia SI	1 March 1994
Finland ² FI	1 October 1980	Spain ¹ ES	16 November 1989
France ^{3, 4} FR	25 February 1978	Sri Lanka LK	26 February 1982
Gabon GA	24 January 1978	Sudan SD	16 April 1984
Georgia ³ GE	25 December 1991	Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994
Germany DE	24 January 1978	Sweden ² SE	17 May 1978
Greece ¹ GR	9 October 1990	Switzerland CH	24 January 1978
Guinea GN	27 May 1991	Tajikistan ³ TJ	25 December 1991
Hungary ³ HU	27 June 1980	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995
Iceland IS	23 March 1995	Togo TG	24 January 1978
Ireland IE	1 August 1992	Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994
Italy IT	28 March 1985	Turkey TR	1 January 1996
Japan JP	1 October 1978	Turkmenistan ³ TM	25 December 1991
Kazakstan ³ KZ	25 December 1991	Uganda UG	9 February 1995
Kenya KE	8 June 1994	Ukraine ³ UA	25 December 1991
Kyrgyzstan ³ KG	25 December 1991	United Kingdom ⁶ GB	24 January 1978
Latvia LV	7 September 1993	United States of America ^{7, 8} US	24 January 1978
Lesotho LS	21 October 1995	Uzbekistan ³ UZ	25 December 1991
Liberia LR	27 August 1994	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
Liechtenstein LI	19 March 1980		

1 Not bound by Chapter II of the PCT (declaration under Article 64(1)(a)).

2 With the declaration provided for in Article 64(2)(a)(ii).

3 With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).

4 Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

5 Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles.

6 Extends to the territory of Hong Kong and to the Isle of Man.

7 With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

8 Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.

B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**
MK **THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF** **MK**
MACEDONIA

General information

Name of Office:	Zavod za zaschita na industriska sopstrenost Industrial Property Protection Office
Location and mailing address:	Ilindenska b.b., 91000 Skopje, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Telephone:	(389-91) 220232, 224269
Facsimile machine:	(389-91) 239046
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 documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application. No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents.
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 Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:	Industrial Property Protection Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is designated (or elected):	Industrial Property Protection Office (see Volume II)
May the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning international-type search:	None

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B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**

MK **THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF** **MK**
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Provisional protection after international publication:

See Articles 8(3), 39(1), 94, 95 of the Industrial Property Act

The international application provides rights to recover damages for infringement and prohibit infringing acts, on a provisional basis, as from the date the international application was filed "in due form"

Information of interest if the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is designated:

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Industrial Property Protection 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?

Yes (see Annex L)

C**Receiving Offices****C****MK**

**INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION
OFFICE (THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC
OF MACEDONIA)**

MK

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Macedonian Denar (MKD)
Transmittal fee:	MKD 2,750
Basic fee:	Equivalent in MKD of Swiss Francs 762
Supplement per sheet over 30:	Equivalent in MKD of Swiss Francs 15
Designation fee:	Equivalent in MKD of Swiss Francs 185
Search fee:	Equivalent in MKD the search fee payable to the European Patent Office in Deutsche Mark: see Annex D (European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MKD 200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes, if applicant is not a national or resident of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person registered to practice before the Office

C**Receiving Offices****C****MX****MEXICAN PATENT OFFICE****MX**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Mexico
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Competent International Searching Authority:	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office ² or European Patent Office ³
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	United States Patent and Trademark Office ² (for international applications for which the United States Patent and Trademark Office has established the international search report), or European Patent Office ³ (for international applications for which the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the European Patent Office has established the international search report)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Peso (MXP) and US Dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	Equivalent in MXP of USD 200
Basic fee:	Equivalent in MXP of Swiss Francs 762
Supplement per sheet over 30:	Equivalent in MXP of Swiss Francs 15
Designation fee:	Equivalent in MXP of Swiss Francs 185
Search fee:	See Annex D (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office or European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if applicant resides in Mexico Yes, if he is a non-resident and does not have an address for notifications in Mexico
Who can act as agent?	Any resident or national of Mexico

¹ Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation may have to be furnished for the purposes of international search and/or international preliminary examination (see footnotes 2 and 3).

² The United States Patent and Trademark Office will carry out international search and international preliminary examination on the basis of a translation of the international application into English (see PCT Rule 12.1(c) or 55.2).

³ The European Patent Office will carry out international search and international preliminary examination on the basis of a translation of the international application into English, French or German (see PCT Rule 12.1(c) or 55.2).

E**International Preliminary
Examining Authorities****E****EP****EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)¹****EP**

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Deutsche Mark (DEM)	3,000
	Pound Sterling (GBP) ³	1,380
	French Franc (FRF) ³	10,910
	Swiss Franc (CHF) ³	2,550
	Netherlands Guilder (NLG) ³	3,430
	Swedish Krona (SEK) ³	15,870
	Belgian/Luxembourg Franc (BEF/LUF) ³	62,900
	Lira (ITL) ³	3,704,000
	Austrian Schilling (ATS) ³	21,430
	Danish Krone (DKK) ³	12,300
	Portuguese Escudo (PTE) ³	323,500
	Irish Pound (IEP) ³	1,379
	(due on filing demand)	

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁴	Same amounts as above
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Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁵	Deutsche Mark (DEM)	270
	Pound Sterling (GBP) ³	128
	French Franc (FRF) ³	920
	Swiss Franc (CHF) ³	233
	Netherlands Guilder (NLG) ³	305
	Swedish Krona (SEK) ³	1,550
	Belgian/Luxembourg Franc (BEF/LUF) ³	5,568
	Lira (ITL) ³	343,000
	Austrian Schilling (ATS) ³	1,902
	Danish Krone (DKK) ³	1,050
	Portuguese Escudo (PTE) ³	27,000
	Irish Pound (IEP) ³	130
(due on filing demand)		

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¹ See also the "Information for PCT Applicants" in OJ EPO 1994, pages 681 to 691 concerning the procedure before the EPO as International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. This fee can be reduced by three-quarters, for nationals of developing countries, in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of December 9, 1983, as amended on June 8, 1984 (see PCT Gazette, No. 25/1984, page 3097) and for nationals of "countries in transition" ("reform states"), according to the decision of the same Council of December 15, 1994 (see PCT Gazette No. 27/1995, page 10744). At present, nationals of developing countries and of the "countries in transition" may request such a fee reduction where the international application is filed, as applicable, with the receiving Office of or acting for the following developing countries: Barbados, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Niger, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda and Viet Nam, and for the following "countries in transition": Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

³ The equivalent amounts in currencies other than DEM are subject to change, due to currency fluctuations. For the current amount, reference should be made to the latest issue of the OJ EPO or, for the handling fee, to the PCT Gazette.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances. The second and third sentences of footnote 2 also apply.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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International Preliminary
Examining Authorities

EP **EP**
EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)

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Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	For applicants: none; applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein For elected Offices: DEM 1.30 per page ⁶
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1): ⁷	Per A4 page or smaller (delivery charge should be added if the copies are to be sent by air mail): Deutsche Mark (DEM) ⁸ 1.30
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 75%.
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	Deutsche Mark (DEM) ⁸ 2,000
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, French, German. International applications filed in Spanish at the Mexican Patent Office as receiving Office are accepted for international preliminary examination: (1) if the European Patent Office has established the international search report on the basis of a translation transmitted to it under PCT Rule 12.1(c) (PCT Rule 55.2(b)) or, (2) if the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has established the international search report, on the basis of a translation furnished under PCT Rule 55.2(a).
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is examined under the European patent grant procedure

⁶ For the equivalent amounts in currencies other than DEM, reference should be made to the latest issue of the OJ EPO.

⁷ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority if copies of documents are requested.

⁸ For the equivalent amounts in currencies other than DEM, reference should be made to the latest issue of the OJ EPO.

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

US UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO) US

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	US Dollar (USD) (due on filing demand) The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not established by the USPTO	470 (710)
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	USD 140 (250) The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not established by the USPTO	
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ¹	USD 185 (due on filing demand)	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	None; applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1): ²	USD 3 per copy of US patent USD 25 per copy of non-US patent document See 37 CFR 1.19 for other document supply fees	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3 where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (PCT Rules 54.4(a), 57.4(c), 58.2(c) and 60.1(c)): refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of the amount paid less a processing fee equivalent to the transmittal fee (see Annex C(US))	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English. International applications filed in Spanish at the Mexican Patent Office as receiving Office are accepted for international preliminary examination if the United States Patent and Trademark Office has established the international search report on the basis of a translation transmitted to it under PCT Rule 12.1(c) (PCT Rule 55.2(b)).	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined in US national applications	

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****MK****INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION
OFFICE (THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC
OF MACEDONIA)****MK****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for the entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 21 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Macedonian or English
Required contents of the translation for the entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Macedonian Denar (MKD) Filing fee: MKD 400
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 ^{bis}): ²	Appointment of an agent if applicant is not a national of or resident in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Statement justifying the applicant's right to the priority application when the applicants are not identical Evidence concerning exceptions to lack of novelty if applicant claims such exceptions in respect of an international application
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person registered to practice before the Office

¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.