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NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATE

Albania (country code: AL)

Albania deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 4 July 1995, and will become bound by the PCT on 4 October 1995. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 4 October 1995, Albania may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 4 October 1995, nationals and residents of Albania will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT. (See also page 3 concerning Albania's accession to the Paris Convention.)

EURASIAN PATENT CONVENTION

A new regional patent treaty within the meaning of PCT Article 45 - the Eurasian Patent Convention - will enter into force on 12 August 1995, although applications will not be able to be filed under the Convention until a later date, yet to be decided.

Once operations under the Convention start, it will be much easier for applicants to obtain protection for their inventions in certain countries of eastern Europe and central Asia, and PCT applicants will be able to include in their international applications a designation seeking the grant of a Eurasian patent by the Eurasian Patent Office, which will be located in Moscow.

A Eurasian patent will have effect in all States party to the Convention. The only official language of the Eurasian Patent

Office will be Russian and no translations into different languages will be required by the various States after grant of a Eurasian patent.

So far, four States have ratified or acceded to the Convention - Belarus, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. Since the Convention has been signed by seven other countries in the region - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine - it is expected that more States will adhere to the Convention in the near future.

Further information concerning the Eurasian Patent Convention, including the date of start of operations, will be reported in the *PCT Newsletter* as soon as it becomes available.

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PCT INFORMATION UPDATE**Democratic People's Republic of Korea
(who can act as agent; fees)**

The Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in its capacity as receiving, designated and elected Office, has specified that, henceforth, any patent agency resident in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea can act as an agent before that Office.

The Office, in its capacity as designated and elected Office, has established the following amounts in CHF of national fees:

For patent:

Filing fee:	CHF	200
Additional fee for late furnishing of the translation (per month):	CHF	30

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

Georgia (telephone and fax numbers; fees)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Georgian Patent Office have changed as follows:

Telephone:	(78832) 98 84 19
	(78832) 36 44 87
	(78832) 36 52 13
Fax:	(78832) 93 43 15
	(78832) 98 84 97

The national fee payable to the Georgian Patent Office as designated and elected Office has changed as follows:

For patent, patent of addition:

Filing fee:	USD	40
Fee for claiming priority:	USD	120
Search fee:	USD	235
- for each additional independent claim:	USD	135
Examination fee:	USD	400
- for each additional independent claim:	USD	170

For utility model:

Filing fee:	USD	40
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The search fee is reduced by 50% where an international search report has been established. The examination fee is reduced by

50% where an international preliminary examination report has been established.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B1 (GE) and Vol. II/A, National Chapter Summary (GE))

Greece (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Industrial Property Organization has changed as follows:

5, Pantanassis St.
151 25 Paradissos Amaroussiou
Athens
Greece

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B1 (GR))

Mexico (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Mexican Patent Office has changed as follows:

Av. Periférico sur n° 3106
Col. San Jerónimo Aculco
CP 01400 Mexico, D.F.
Mexico

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B1 (MX) - provisional sheet issued with *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/1995)

Poland (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Polish Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee:	See Table I(a)
Fee for priority document:	PLZ 30

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to that Office as designated or elected Office, have changed:

For patent or utility model:

Where international preliminary examination has been carried out:	PLZ	150
Where no international preliminary examination has been carried out:	PLZ	300
Additional fee for each sheet in excess of 20:	PLZ	20
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	PLZ	30

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

Russian Federation (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Russian Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee: See Table I(a)
 Fee for priority document: RUR 33,600

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

Slovakia (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The location and mailing address, and telephone and fax numbers, of the Industrial Property Office have changed as follows:

Partizánska cesta 9
 974 00 Banská Bystrica
 Slovakia
 Telephone: (42-88) 74 15 18
 Fax: (42-88) 74 15 19

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B1 (SK))

Switzerland (competent International Preliminary Examining Authority)

The Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the European Patent Office as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 September 1995.

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

Ukraine (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Ukraine Patent Office have changed as follows:

Telephone: (380-44) 212 50 82
 (Patent Office)
 (380-44) 295 85 88
 (Receiving Office)
 Fax: (380-44) 295 63 00

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B1 (UA))

Search fee (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as International Searching Authority, has changed:

Additional search fee: ESP 62,100

The equivalent amounts in CHF and USD of the fee for international search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office have changed as indicated in Table I(b).

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

PCT Applicant's Guide update sheets

Subscribers to the *PCT Applicant's Guide* will shortly receive their half-yearly set of update sheets (dated July 1995). Pink provisional sheets obtained from previous issues this year of the *PCT Newsletter* (Nos. 01-06/1995) should be removed from the *PCT Applicant's Guide* and replaced with the update sheets.

PARIS CONVENTION ACCESSIONS**Albania**

On 4 July 1995, Albania (country code: AL) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Albania will become bound by that Convention on 4 October 1995. (See also cover page concerning Albania's accession to the PCT.)

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

On 29 May 1995, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (country code: VC) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will become bound by that Convention on 29 August 1995.

Venezuela

On 9 June 1995, Venezuela (country code: VE) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Venezuela will become bound by that Convention on 12 September 1995.

TYPES OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE IN PCT CONTRACTING STATES

Many States have joined the PCT since the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/1994 of a table setting out, for each Contracting State, the type of protection which can be obtained where that State is designated in an international application. An update of that table is produced on a tear-out sheet provided with this issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

MODIFIED REQUEST FORM (PCT/RO/101) (Corrigendum)

The country code for Turkmenistan, indicated as TJ in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/1995, page 9, should be corrected to read TM. (The modified second sheet of the request form issued as a tear-out sheet with that issue of the *PCT Newsletter* does, however, contain the correct code.)

PRACTICAL ADVICE**Restricted access to samples of deposited microorganisms**

Q: A few weeks ago, I filed an international application which relates to a microorganism, a sample of which was deposited with a depository institution. Information about the deposit was included in the international application as filed. I have not made any specific provisions concerning access by third parties to samples of that microorganism. I know that, in respect of the European Patent Office (EPO), it is possible to restrict access to samples of the microorganism to experts, and I would like to avail myself of this possibility now. Where do I find out

whether other Offices and/or States offer similar possibilities? How can I ensure that the international application, when it is published, contains an indication that access to the microorganism is restricted?

A: Detailed information on whether or not the national law of a given State (or the regional treaty in the case of a regional Office, such as the EPO) provides for restricted access to deposited microorganisms can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex L.

The relevant indications to restrict access to a deposited microorganism to experts must be made separately from the description and the claims, preferably on Form PCT/RO/134;

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
23-25 July 1995 Maui, Hawaii (US)	English	Seminar for patent attorneys: "Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
27-29 July 1995 Maui, Hawaii (US)	English	Seminar for patent attorneys: "Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
2 August 1995 Bishkek (KG)	Russian	PCT regional seminar for patent specialists of CIS countries WIPO speakers: Mr. Curchod and Mr. Troussov	Kyrgyz Patent Office Tel: (7-3312) 21 54 94
5-6 October 1995 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27
18 October 1995 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27
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. Virginina 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. Virginina 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

* The PCT seminar calendar on page 8 of *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/1995 contains incorrect indications concerning the PCT seminars to be held in San Francisco (US) on 1-2 and 3 November 1995. Information on the dates and location, nature, organizer and contact numbers have been corrected in the above table.

a blank form can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex X. The form contains a special box ("D. Designated States for Which Indications Are Made") in which indications about restricted access may be included, the wording of which can be derived from the detailed information given for the Offices concerned in Annex L mentioned above.

To be effective for the purposes of the procedure before any given Office, the indications must be made within the time limit prescribed under the relevant national law. Some Offices apply a time limit as early as 16 months from the priority date; others permit them to be filed in the national phase (see Annex L for details).

The indications will be published as part of the PCT pamphlet - and an indication to that effect will appear on the front page of the pamphlet and in the corresponding entry in the *PCT Gazette* - if it reaches the International Bureau before completion of the technical preparations for international publication. For the information of designated Offices and third parties, the publication will indicate the date of receipt of the indications.

For general information on references to deposited microorganisms in PCT applications, refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, paragraphs 402-414.

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

It was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/1995 that the International Bureau would send a single notification under PCT Rule 32 ("Notification to the Applicant Regarding Extension of International Applications to Certain Successor States", Form PCT/IB/362/AM-TM) in respect of five successor States of the former Soviet Union (namely, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan).

The mailing of that notification is being postponed in the expectation that the only remaining successor State not yet party to the PCT (namely, Azerbaijan) will soon deposit a declaration of continuation of the PCT, thus allowing the inclusion in the notification of all six remaining successor States and facilitating the processing by applicants and their agents of the international applications concerned.

PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts (including currencies—see the key to currency abbreviations at the bottom of page 6 for 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 July 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 792 (from 04.07.95: 963)	16 (19)	192 (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	15	185	EP

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Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 July 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 76,300 <i>(from 04.07.95: 87,000)</i>	1,500 <i>(1,700)</i>	18,500 <i>(21,000)</i>	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	AT EP RU
IB	CHF 300	CHF 762	15	185	See note 6
	or USD 200	or USD 604	12	147	
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	AU AT 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 200	FRF 3,010	60	730	EP
MD	MDL ⁴ –	USD 604	12	147	EP RU
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 150 <i>(as from 02.07.95: 200)</i>	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 1,200	SKK equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
TJ	RUR 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 210	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						

Table I(b) – SEARCH FEES

(as at 1 July 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	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*	2,235	FIM	7,500	IEP	1,103	LUF	50,300	NZD	2,557	USD	1,722
	*(from 04.07.95: CAD 2,456)											
ES	ESP	62,100	CHF	585	USD	510						
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	1,060	KRW	695,000	USD	874				
RU	RUR	53,000	CHF	245	USD	200						
SE	SEK	2,600 ⁸	3,600 ⁹	4,200 ¹⁰	FIM	1,540 ⁸	2,130 ⁹	2,480 ¹⁰	USD	347 ⁸	480 ⁹	560 ¹⁰
	CHF	410 ⁸	570 ⁹	660 ¹⁰	ISK	22,000 ⁸	31,000 ⁹	36,000 ¹⁰				
	DKK	2,000 ⁸	2,710 ⁹	3,160 ¹⁰	NOK	2,240 ⁸	3,100 ⁹	3,620 ¹⁰				
US	USD	640	(420 ¹¹)	CHF	727	(477 ¹¹)						

Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

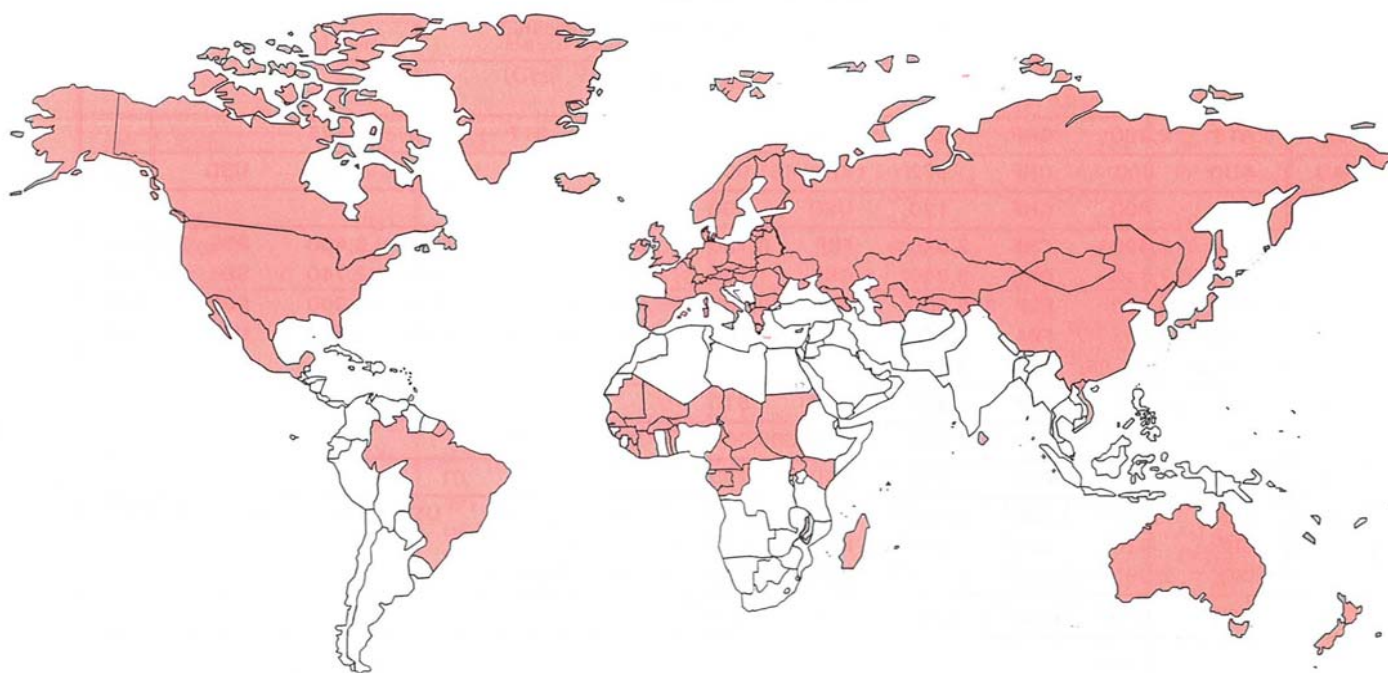
(as at 1 July 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹²					Handling fee ¹² (CHF 233)						
AT	ATS	2,200				ATS	1,902					
AU	AUD	450				AUD	277					
CN	CNY	800				CNY equiv of CHF 233						
EP	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	1,330
	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	RUR	26,000	USD	300			USD	185				
SE	SEK	3,200				SEK	1,550					
US	USD	460	(690 ¹³)			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. 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 If on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a first office action has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office.
- 9 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.
- 10 In all cases where 8 and 9 do not apply.
- 11 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.
- 12 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 13 Payable when the international search report was not established by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES (80 on 4 July 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** (from
10 August 1995)
NO Norway
PL Poland
RO Romania
RU Russian Federa-
tion
SI Slovenia
SK Slovakia
UA Ukraine

In Africa

ARIPO (AP)

KE Kenya
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

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AU Australia
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

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TYPES OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE VIA THE PCT IN PCT CONTRACTING STATES

State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
AL ^{1, 2}	X						
AM	X						
AT	X		X		X	X	Patent of addition
AU	X						Patent of addition Petty patent
BB	X						
BE			X				
BG	X				X		
BR	X				X		
BY	X						
CA	X						
CH + LI	X		X				
CN	X				X		
CZ	X				X	X	
DE	X		X		X	X	Patent of addition
DK	X		X		X	X	
EE	X				X	X	
ES	X		X		X		Patent of addition
FI	X				X	X	
FR			X				
GB	X		X				
GE	X				X		Patent of addition
GR			X				
HU	X				X		
IE			X				
IS	X						
IT			X				
JP	X				X		
KE	X	X			X		
KG	X				X		Provisional patent
KP	X						Inventor's certificate
KR	X				X		
KZ	X				X		Provisional patent
LK	X						
LR	X						
LT	X						[Extension of EP patent ³]
LU	X		X				Certificate of addition
LV	X						[Extension of EP patent ³]
MC			X				
MD	X				X		
MG	X						Certificate of addition
MK ^{1, 4}	X						
MN	X						
MW	X	X					Patent of addition
MX	X				X		
NL			X				
NO	X						
NZ	X						Patent of addition
PL	X				X		
PT	X		X		X		
RO	X						
RU	X				X		
SD	X	X					
SE	X		X				
SG	X						
SI	X						Patent of addition [Extension of EP patent ³]
SK	X				X	X	
SZ		X					
TJ	X				X		
TM	X						Provisional patent
TT	X						Utility certificate
UA	X				X		
UG	X	X					
US	X						
UZ	X				X		Provisional patent
VN	X				X		
OAPI States ⁵				X	X (OAPI utility model)		OAPI certificate of addition

1 Information regarding any type of protection other than a national patent is not yet available.

2 From 4 October 1995.

3 A request for such an extension may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the PCT application contained designations both for a European Patent and of the State concerned. Such a request may not be made in the PCT request form itself. See the notes to the request form and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, paragraphs 39, 39A and 85A, and Vol. II, National Chapter (EPI) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.

4 From 10 August 1995.

5 BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG.