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NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATE

Lesotho (country code: LS)

Lesotho deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 21 July 1995, and will become bound by the PCT on 21 October 1995. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 21 October 1995, Lesotho may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 21 October 1995, nationals and residents of Lesotho will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

Since Lesotho is a member State of the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), any designation in an international application for an ARIPO patent will, as from 21 October 1995, automatically include the designation of Lesotho for that purpose.

Accelerated prosecution possible during European regional phase

The European Patent Office (EPO) offers applicants the possibility of speeding up the prosecution of European patent applications under a program called "PACE," which replaces the former program for accelerated prosecution called "Seven Measures." The PACE program also applies to international applications entering the regional phase before the EPO. Separate from PACE, the applicant has the possibility of making an express request for

early processing of international applications under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), but this does not automatically lead to accelerated prosecution under the PACE program. Such accelerated prosecution will be undertaken, free of charge, upon the making of a special request at the time of entering the regional phase or at any time thereafter.

Under the PACE program, the first examination report will be issued within three months from the date of receipt of the application file by the examining division or the date of receipt of the request for accelerated examination, whichever is the later. A further examination report will be issued within three

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PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

European Patent Office (EPO) (translation of priority document)

In respect of international applications entering the regional phase before the EPO on or after 1 June 1995, a translation of the priority document is no longer required to be submitted at the time of entry into the regional phase. The time limit for filing a translation of the priority document has now been extended until the end of the grant procedure, that is until the expiry of the time limit under EPC Rule 51(6), except where the EPO specifically invites the applicant to file the translation at an earlier date.

Instead of filing a translation of the priority document, the applicant may, if applicable, file a declaration to the effect that the international application (if filed in one of the official languages of the EPO) is a complete translation of the earlier application whose priority is claimed.

For more information, refer to the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 06/1995.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/A, National Chapter (EP))

Mexico (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority)

The Mexican Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Swedish Patent Office as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

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, Albania (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 07/1995, cover page) and Lesotho (see this issue), and the dates of entry into force of the PCT in respect of those States.

PCT STATISTICS - 1 January to 30 June 1995

During the first half of 1995, the International Bureau of WIPO received 19,271 international applications filed with PCT receiving Offices worldwide, representing an increase of 18.3% over the same period in 1994.

The table below shows, by country of origin, the number of international applications received, under PCT Article 12, by the International Bureau. (Note that 14.8% of international applications received during this period were filed either with the European Patent Office or the International Bureau; those filings are included in the figures concerning the Contracting State of which the applicant is a national or a resident.)

PCT filings by country of origin (January-June 1995)

Country of origin	Applications received	% of total
US	8,504	44.1
DE	2,386	12.4
GB	1,662	8.6
JP	1,375	7.1
FR	900	4.7
SE	748	3.9
NL	591	3.1
CA	386	2.0
AU	385	2.0
CH	376	2.0
Other States* bound by the PCT	1,958	10.1
	19,271	100.0

* 68 at the end of June 1995

The 19,271 international applications received during this period had the effect of 428,563 national applications and of 32,838 regional applications, which in turn had the effect of 432,697 applications for patent protection in the Contracting States of the regional patent systems; that is, a total of 861,260 applications.

The number of demands for international preliminary examination filed under Chapter II during the same period amounted to 13,585, representing an increase of 23.4% over the corresponding period last year.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Publication of an international application before or after the usual 18 month time limit

Q: I know that the International Bureau publishes international applications promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date. (1) Is it possible to have an international application published earlier than that? (2) Is it possible to have the publication postponed to a later date?

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Accelerated prosecution possible during European regional phase

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months from the date of receipt of the applicant's response, provided that the applicant responds within the time limit set in the previous examination report and deals with all the points raised by the examining division. Where appropriate, the applicant may file a response to matters raised in the international preliminary examination report without waiting for the first examination report from the EPO.

In cases where the EPO needs to establish a supplementary European search report (which is normally the case where the international search report was not established by the EPO, the Swedish Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office), the procedure up to grant may be further shortened by the applicant by making an unconditional waiver of the right to receive an invitation from the EPO to confirm that the applicant desires to proceed to the substan-

tive examination phase. Where the application is in order for grant and the applicant has received the communication under EPC Rule 51(4), requesting approval of the text, the applicant may further shorten the procedure by approving the text without delay and not requesting further amendments.

For more information, refer to the *Official Journal of the EPO* No. 07/1995, page 485.

PARIS CONVENTION

Costa Rica

On 28 July 1995, Costa Rica (country code: CR) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Costa Rica will become bound by that Convention on 31 October 1995.

A number of States have joined the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/1994 of a table setting out the States party to that Convention. An update of that table appears below.

States party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and their two-letter codes (as of 1 August 1995)

Albania (AL) (from 4 October 1995)	Côte d'Ivoire (CI)	Iraq (IQ)	Nigeria (NG)	Switzerland (CH)
Algeria (DZ)	Croatia (HR)	Ireland (IE)	Norway (NO)	Syria (SY)
Argentina (AR)	Cuba (CU)	Israel (IL)	Paraguay (PY)	Tajikistan (TJ)
Armenia (AM)	Cyprus (CY)	Italy (IT)	Peru (PE)	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK)
Australia (AU)	Czech Republic (CZ)	Japan (JP)	Philippines (PH)	Togo (TG)
Austria (AT)	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (KP)	Jordan (JO)	Poland (PL)	Trinidad and Tobago (TT)
Bahamas (BS)	Denmark (DK)	Kazakhstan (KZ)	Portugal (PT)	Tunisia (TN)
Bangladesh (BD)	Denmark (DK)	Kenya (KE)	Republic of Korea (KR)	Turkey (TR)
Barbados (BB)	Dominican Republic (DO)	Kyrgyzstan (KG)	Republic of Moldova (MD)	Turkmenistan (TM)
Belarus (BY)	Egypt (EG)	Latvia (LV)	Romania (RO)	Uganda (UG)
Belgium (BE)	El Salvador (SV)	Lebanon (LB)	Russian Federation (RU)	Ukraine(UA)
Benin (BJ)	Estonia (EE)	Lesotho (LS)	Rwanda (RW)	United Kingdom (GB)
Bolivia (BO)	Finland (FI)	Liberia (LR)	Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN)	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	France (FR)	Libya (LY)	Saint Lucia (LC)	United States of America (US)
Brazil (BR)	Gabon (GA)	Liechtenstein (LI)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC) (from 29 August 1995)	Uruguay (UY)
Bulgaria (BG)	Gambia (GM)	Lithuania (LT)	San Marino (SM)	Uzbekistan (UZ)
Burkina Faso (BF)	Georgia (GE)	Luxembourg (LU)	Singapore (SG)	Venezuela (VN) (from 12 September 1995)
Burundi (BI)	Germany (DE)	Madagascar (MG)	Slovakia (SK)	Viet Nam (VN)
Cameroon (CM)	Ghana(GH)	Malawi (MW)	Slovenia (SI)	Yugoslavia (YU)
Canada (CA)	Greece (GR)	Malaysia (MY)	South Africa (ZA)	Zaire (ZR)
Central African Republic (CF)	Guinea (GN)	Mali (ML)	Spain (ES)	Zambia (ZM)
Chad (TD)	Guinea-Bissau (GW)	Malta (MT)	Sri Lanka (LK)	Zimbabwe (ZW)
Chile (CL)	Guyana (GY)	Mauritania (MR)	Sudan (SD)	
China (CN)	Haiti (HT)	Mauritius (MU)	Suriname (SR)	
Congo (CG)	Holy See (VA)	Mexico (MX)	Swaziland (SZ)	
Costa Rica (CR) (from 31 October 1995)	Honduras (HN)	Monaco (MC)	Sweden (SE)	
	Hungary (HU)	Mongolia (MN)		
	Hungary (HU)	Morocco (MA)		
	Iceland (IS)	Netherlands (NL)		
	Indonesia (ID)	New Zealand (NZ)		
	Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	Niger (NE)		
				(Total: 135 States)

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
3-5 September 1995 Ohrid (MK)	English	Symposium on the protection of Industrial Property in the countries of Central and South-Eastern Europe WIPO speaker: Mr. Bryan	Industrial Property Office Tel: (389-91) 22 02 32 Fax: (389-91) 23 90 46
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
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. 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
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 applications designating China: Microorganism deposits

The Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the purposes of Patent Procedure entered into force with respect to China on 1 July 1995 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/1995). Starting from that date, the Chinese Patent Office recognizes, for the purposes of patent procedures before the Office, the deposit of a microorganism

with any international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty. This applies to national patent applications and to international applications designating China filed on or after 1 July 1995. It applies also to international applications designating China filed before 1 July 1995, if the deposit under the Budapest Treaty was made on or before the date of filing of the international application and the international application entered the national phase in China on or after 1 July 1995.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

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A: (1) Yes. Under PCT Article 21(2)(b) and PCT Rule 48.4, applicants may request early publication of their international applications.

The request for early publication should be submitted to the International Bureau. Where the international search report or the declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is not yet available for publication together with the international application, the request for early publication should be accompanied by a special publication fee. The amount of the special fee is indicated in *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I, Annex B2 (IB).

The International Bureau will publish the international application promptly after receipt of the request for early publication and, where applicable, the special publication fee.

(2) The PCT does not provide for any "extension" of the 18 month time limit for publication of international applications. Publication can, however, be postponed to a later date by withdrawing the priority claim under PCT Rule 90^{bis}.3. The time limit for international publication, and any other time limits which are computed from the priority

date and which have not already expired, such as those for filing a demand for international preliminary examination and for entry into the national phase, will then be re-computed either from the earliest of the remaining priority dates, or, where there are no remaining priority claims, from the international filing date.

To be effective for the purposes of postponing international publication, the request for withdrawal of the priority claim, which can be filed with either the receiving Office or the International Bureau, must reach the International Bureau before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication. Therefore, where international publication is imminent, it is recommended that such a request be submitted directly to the International Bureau, preferably by fax. If the applicant does not wish to withdraw a priority claim unless the international publication can be postponed, the notice of withdrawal may state that the withdrawal of the priority claim is to be effective only on condition that international publication can still be prevented. In such a case, the withdrawal will not be effective if the notice is received at the International Bureau after completion of the technical preparations for international application.

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 August 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 August 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	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 54	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 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 1,200	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 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	EK 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	UAK Karbovanets
CHF Swiss Franc	HUF Forint	LUF Luxembourg Franc	PTE Escudo	USD US Dollar
CNY Yuan Renminbi	IEP Irish Pound	LVL Lat	ROL Romanian Leu	VND Dong
CZK Czech Koruna	ISK Icelandic Kronur	MDL Moldovan Leu	RUR Rouble	
DEM Mark	ITL Lira			

Table I(b) – SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 August 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
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	640	(420 ¹²)	CHF	727	(477 ¹²)						

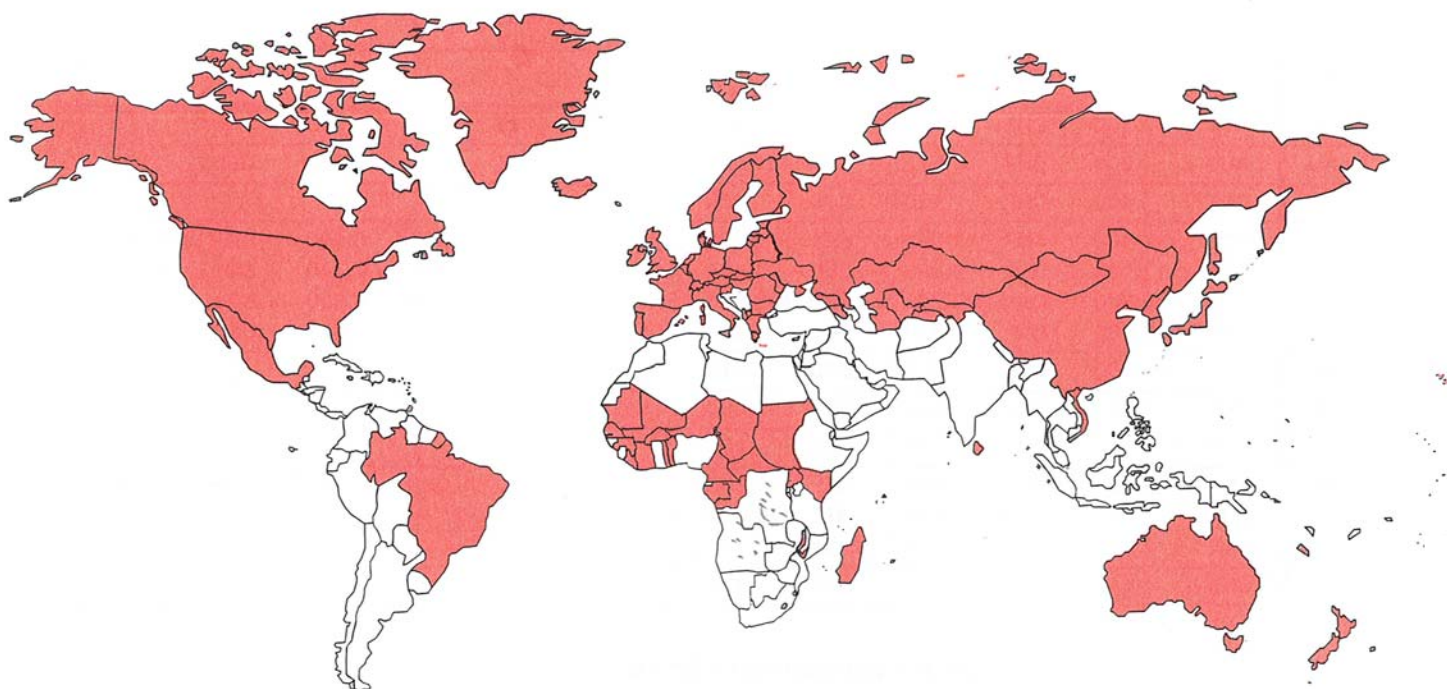
Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES
(as at 1 August 1995, unless otherwise indicated)

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	460	(690 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 (81 on 1 August 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
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
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
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Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Mali ML	19 October 1984
Belarus ³ BY	25 December 1991	Mauritania MR	13 April 1983
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Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Mongolia MN	27 May 1991
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Czech Republic CZ	1 January 1993	Russian Federation ³ RU	29 March 1978
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
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Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Slovakia SK	1 January 1993
Finland ² FI	1 October 1980	Slovenia SI	1 March 1994
France ^{3, 4} FR	25 February 1978	Spain ¹ ES	16 November 1989
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Georgia ³ GE	25 December 1991	Sudan SD	16 April 1984
Germany DE	24 January 1978	Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994
Greece ¹ GR	9 October 1990	Sweden ² SE	17 May 1978
Guinea GN	27 May 1991	Switzerland ¹ CH	24 January 1978
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Iceland IS	23 March 1995	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995
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Latvia LV	7 September 1993	United States of America ^{7, 8} US	24 January 1978
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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.