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EXTENSION OF EUROPEAN PATENTS TO ROMANIA

The European Patent Office (EPO) has announced in the October issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO (OJ/EPO, No.10/1996), that an agreement between the European Patent Organisation and Romania on cooperation in the field of patents, will enter into force on 15 October 1996. Under that agreement, it will be possible to obtain patent protection in Romania by requesting the extension of a European patent to that State. The extension procedure is also available via the PCT, provided that both the designations EP (regional patent) and RO (national patent) are made in the international application, and that the PCT designation fees due for these designations are paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Rule 15.4(b) or 15.5. The agreement with Romania is similar to those already in force in respect of Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia and Albania (see *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 01/1994, 04/1994, 05/1994, 05/1995 and 02/1996). Note that the extension of a European patent to Romania is only possible in respect of international applications filed on or after 15 October 1996. For further details on the extension procedure, refer to the relevant items in the above-mentioned issues of the *PCT Newsletter*, or to OJ/EPO, No. 10/1996.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Discrepancy between agent's address on the request form and agent's address on the general power of attorney

Q: I am an attorney in a large company with three offices in

different regions of the United States of America. Attorneys from each office are involved with filing international applications under the PCT. In order to facilitate representation before the International Authorities, the company has appointed several of its attorneys by way of a general power of attorney, which has been filed with the receiving Office. It is our intention to indicate as the address in Box No. IV of the request form the address, which may be at any one of our three offices, of the individual attorney who is handling each case, since he or she should receive all correspondence directly. However, the general power of attorney as filed with the receiving Office indicated only the address of the company's head office in New York. Is it acceptable for the agent's address indicated in Box No. IV of the request form to be different from the agent's address on the general power of attorney?

A: Although the PCT Regulations do not expressly require that

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the agent's address in Box No. IV of the request form must be the same as the address on the general power of attorney appointing him, the indication of a different address would normally prompt the receiving Office or the International Bureau to request clarification, since it would suggest that the agent's address had changed since the time when the general power of attorney was signed.

To clarify the situation, the best course of action would be to submit to the receiving Office a new general power of attorney that indicates the addresses of all offices of the company where attorneys are located. You should not, however, indicate more than one address in Box No. IV of the request form. At any given time, there can only be one address to which correspondence is sent by the receiving Office and other International Authorities to a particular person (applicant or agent). If no agent has been appointed to represent the applicant(s), the applicant, or, if there is more than one applicant, their common representative, may indicate, in addition to any address given in Box No. II or III of the request form, an address in Box No. IV to which notifications should be sent. This possibility may be attractive, for instance, where the patent department of a corporate applicant is located in a different place from the headquarters address. (See PCT Rule 4.4(d).)

You could, nevertheless, check with your receiving Office whether it would be prepared to accept a cover letter attached to the copy of the general power of attorney explaining that, in a particular case, the agent's address in Box No. IV is different from the address indicated on the general power of attorney, and that the address indicated in Box No. IV should be used for correspondence.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

Armenia (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Armenian Patent Office as receiving Office, has been established:

Transmittal fee: See Table I(a)

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

Finland (telephone and fax numbers)

On 12 October 1996 all area codes in Finland will change. The telephone and fax numbers of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland will be as follows:

Telephone: (358-9) 693 95 00
Fax: (358-9) 693 95 328

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

Portugal (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee: See Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: PTE 5,350

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

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee: PTE 7,200

Examination fee: PTE 15,500

Fee for the submission of each application or document: PTE 750

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

Search fee (United States Patent and Trademark Office)

The equivalent amounts in NZD of the fee for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office have been established, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

PCT GAZETTE INDEX 1995

A bilingual (English/French) Index of the *PCT Gazette* has been published for 1995. The Index is 846 pages long and contains, for international applications published in 1995, a consolidated version of the indexes published in Section III and an index to Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

The indexes relating to Section III are the following:

(a) an index of the names of all applicants together with the corresponding international

publication numbers of their international applications;

(b) an index of international application numbers and their corresponding international publication numbers; and

(c) an index of the international publication numbers grouped according to International Patent Classification symbols.

The part relating to Section IV contains indexes, by subject and by name and code of Contracting States and Intergovernmental Organizations, of the notices and information of a general character which were published, in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette* in 1995.

The Index was mailed with *PCT Gazette* No. 38/1996 on 22 August 1996. For those who do not subscribe to the *PCT Gazette*, a limited stock of the Index is available for purchase at a price of 24 Swiss francs (or by airmail: 48 Swiss francs in Europe and 60 Swiss francs outside Europe) or, for residents of the United States of America, 20 US dollars (or by airmail: 48 US dollars). Orders should be addressed to the Publications Sales and Distribution Unit at WIPO at the address indicated on the cover page. The fax number is: (41-22) 740 18 12.

CHANGES RELATING TO ENTRY INTO NATIONAL PHASE BEFORE USPTO

With effect from 23 September 1996, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has amended its Regulations relating to the oath or declaration of the inventor under 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4), which must be furnished upon entry into the national phase. For details, refer to the USPTO *Official Gazette* (1190 OG 82 of 17 September 1996), or contact the USPTO or your United States patent attorney.

EPO'S PROGRAM FOR ACCELERATED PROSECUTION (PACE)

PACE, the European Patent Office's (EPO) program for accelerated prosecution of European patent applications, which also applies to international applications entering the regional phase before the EPO, was described on the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/1995. The EPO has given further information, in the *Official Journal* of the EPO (OJ/EPO), No. 9/1996, page 520, on the shortening of the procedure once the application is in order for grant and the applicant has received the communication under EPC Rule 51(4). In addition to approving the text of the application without delay, the applicant should now, as notified in the OJ/EPO,

“request[s] that the **patent be granted immediately in accordance with Article 97(6) EPC**. This request takes effect only if the applicant has performed the following acts at the latest at the time he makes the request:

- payment of the fee for grant and the fee for printing,
- filing of translations of the claims,
- payment of fees for any additional claims, and
- filing of a translation of the priority document where necessary or the corresponding declaration (Rule 38(4) EPC).

“Furthermore, the request may only be processed if payment of the renewal fees and any additional fees already due has been made. If the request according to Article 97(6) EPC is made less than three months before the due date of the next renewal fee the applicant is advised to pay this fee at the same time as filing the request.”

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
22 October 1996 San Francisco (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys 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
23-24 October 1996 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

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PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR [continued]			
Dates Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24-25 October 1996 Seoul (KR)	English/ Korean	WIPO national seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lee Other speaker: Mr. Reed (Procter & Gamble)	Korean Industrial Property Office (Mr. Hyun Seok Cho) Tel: (82-2) 568 60 76 Fax: (82-2) 553 95 84
25 October 1996 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
29 October 1996 Caracas, Venezuela	Spanish	WIPO national seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Bryan and Mr. Toledo	Servicio Autónomo Registro de la Propiedad Industrial (SARPI) Tel: (58-2) 481 41 15 Fax: (58-2) 483 13 91
31 October- 1 November 1996 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
11-12 November 1996 Rio de Janeiro (BR)	English/ Portuguese	WIPO national seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Thomas and Mr. Bryan	National Institute of Industrial Property (Ms. Sonia Maria da Silva) Tel: (55-21) 233 07 85 Fax: (55-21) 233 03 34
13-14 November 1996 or 20-21 November 1996 [dates to be confirmed] Casablanca, Morocco	French	WIPO national seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Hamou	Moroccan Industrial Property Office Tel: (212-2) 33 54 86 Fax: (212-2) 33 54 86
26-27 November 1996 Zurich (CH)	German	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mr. Wolff	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) and Institut für gewerblichen Rechtsschutz (INGRES) Tel: (41-1) 632 40 36 Fax: (41-1) 632 10 97
4-5 December 1996 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
6 December 1996 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
3 April 1997 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33-78) * 33 07 08 Fax: (33-78) * 33 58 96 *From 19.10.96: (33-478)
9 April 1997 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27
10-11 April 1997 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27

PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts (including currencies – see the key to currency abbreviations following Table II) 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 (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. A 75% reduction in the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation and confirmation fees and the handling fee, as well as the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is available to applicants from certain States; see footnote 2 for details. Footnotes to all Tables follow Table II.

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

(as at 1 October 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		Basic fee ^{1,2} (CHF 762)		Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ⁴
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF	762	15	185	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD	677	13	164	EP RU
AP	USD	70	USD	677	13	164	AT EP SE
AT	ATS	700	ATS	6,730	133	1,630	EP
AU	AUD	100	AUD	785	15	191	AU
AZ	AZM ⁵	—	USD	677	13	164	EP RU
BE	BEF	1,500	BEF	19,700	388	4,780	EP
BG	BGL	600	BGL	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
BR	BRR	157.52	BRR	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP SE US
BY	RUR equiv of USD	70	USD	677	13	164	EP RU
CA	CAD	200	CAD	914	18	222	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
CU	USD (or CUP equiv)	200	USD (or CUP equiv)	677	USD (or CUP equiv) 13	USD (or CUP equiv) 164	AT EP ES RU
CZ	CZK	1,500	CZK	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
DE	DEM	150	DEM	955	19	232	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	3,740	74	910	EP SE
EA	RUR equiv of USD	100	USD	677	13	164	EP RU
EE	EEK	1,500	EEK	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
EP ⁶	DEM	200	DEM	955	19	232	EP
ES	ESP	8,770	ESP	83,500	1,640	20,300	EP ES
FI	FIM	800	FIM	2,900	55	700	EP SE
FR	FRF	400	FRF	3,300	65	800	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	430	8	104	EP
GE	USD ⁵	—	USD	677	13	164	EP RU
GR	GRD	36,500	GRD	162,000	3,190	39,400	EP
HU	HUF ⁷	10,000	HUF	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
IB	CHF ²	300	CHF	762	15	185	<i>See footnote 8</i>
	or USD ²	200	or USD	677	13	164	
IE	IEP	60	IEP	425	8	103	EP
IL	ILS	350	USD	677	13	164	EP US
IS	ISK	5,500	ISK	43,100	848	10,500	EP SE
IT	ITL	60,000	ITL	953,000	19,000	232,000	EP
JP	JPY	18,000	JPY	67,400	1,300	16,400	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv)	30	USD	677	13	164	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS equiv of USD	60	USD	677	13	164	EP RU
KP	KPW equiv of CHF	50	KPW	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT RU
KR	KRW	40,000	KRW	544,000	10,700	132,000	AT AU JP
KZ	KZT ⁵	—	USD	677	13	164	EP RU
LR	USD	45	USD	677	13	164	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁵	—	LSM	equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP

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Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 October 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2} (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) ⁴
LT	LTL equiv of USD 80	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 1,000	LUF/BEF 19,700	388	4,780	EP
LV	LVL 40	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
MC	FRF 300	FRF 3,300	65	800	EP
MD	MDL ⁵ 54	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
MN	None	CHF 762	15	185	EP RU
MW	MWK 8	MWK 10,100	199	2,460	EP
MX	MXP equiv of USD 200	MXP equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG 110	NLG 1,070	21	260	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 4,250	84	1,030	EP SE
NZ	NZD 155	NZD 892	18	216	AU EP US
PL	PLZ 200	PLZ equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
PT	PTE 3,600	PTE 101,000	1,990	24,500	EP
RO	ROL 10,000	CHF 762	15	185	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294,000	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
SD	SDP 50	SDP equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
SE	SEK 1,000	SEK 4,200	80	1,000	EP SE
SG	SGD 120	SGD 860	17	208	AT AU EP
SI	SIT <i>See footnote 9</i>	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 ⁵ –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
TM	USD ⁵ –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
TR	CHF 100	CHF 762	15	185	AT AU CN EP RU
TT	TTD 750	USD 677	13	164	AT EP SE US
UA	UAK 25,500,000	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
US	USD 230	USD 677	13	164	EP US
UZ	USD ⁵ –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
VN	USD 50	VND equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT AU EP RU SE

Table I(b) – SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 October 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	250	KRW	177,000	SGD	317	USD	225		
AU	AUD	800	CHF	787	KRW	471,000	NZD	905	SGD	900	USD	640
CN	CNY	800	CHF	110	USD	100						
EP ¹⁰	DEM	2,400	CHF	2,000	FRF	8,420	ISK	108,100	MWK	25,440	PTE	254,800
	ATS	17,140	DKK	9,500	GBP	1,091	ITL	2,643,000	NLG	2,740	SEK	11,760
	BEF	50,300	ESP	206,900	GRD	400,000	JPY	169,000	NOK	10,660	SGD	2,200
	CAD	2,150	FIM	7,500	IEP	1,055	LUF	50,300	NZD	2,280	USD	1,585
ES	ESP	64,275	CHF	613	USD	526 ¹³						
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	870	KRW	622,000	USD	775				
RU ¹⁰	RUR	840,000	CHF	225	USD	200						
SE	SEK	6,200 ¹¹	6,800 ¹²	FIM	4,500 ¹¹	4,950 ¹²	USD	960 ¹¹	1,055 ¹²			
	CHF	1,180 ¹¹	1,290 ¹²	ISK	64,000 ¹¹	70,000 ¹²						
	DKK	5,500 ¹¹	6,050 ¹²	NOK	6,150 ¹¹	6,750 ¹²						
US	USD	680	440 ¹³	CHF	800	518 ¹³	NZD	980	634 ¹³			

Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 October 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁴			Handling fee ^{2,14} (CHF 233)								
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,060							
AU	AUD	450		AUD	240							
CN	CNY	800		CNY equiv of CHF 233								
EP ¹⁰	DEM	3,000	FIM	9,380	LUF	62,900	DEM	292	FIM	887	ITL	295,000
	ATS	21,430	FRF	10,530	NLG	3,430	ATS	2,060	FRF	1,000	LUF	6,020
	BEF	62,900	GBP	1,364	PTE	318,500	BEF	6,020	GBP	131	NLG	328
	CHF	2,500	GRD	500,000	SEK	14,710	CHF	233	GRD	48,000	PTE	30,900
	DKK	11,880	IEP	1,319			DKK	1,140	IEP	130	SEK	1,300
	ESP	258,600	ITL	3,304,000								
JP	JPY	28,000				JPY	20,600					
RU ¹⁰	RUR	1,260,000	USD	300			USD	207				
SE	SEK	4,200				SEK	1,300					
US	USD	480	730 ¹⁵			USD	207					

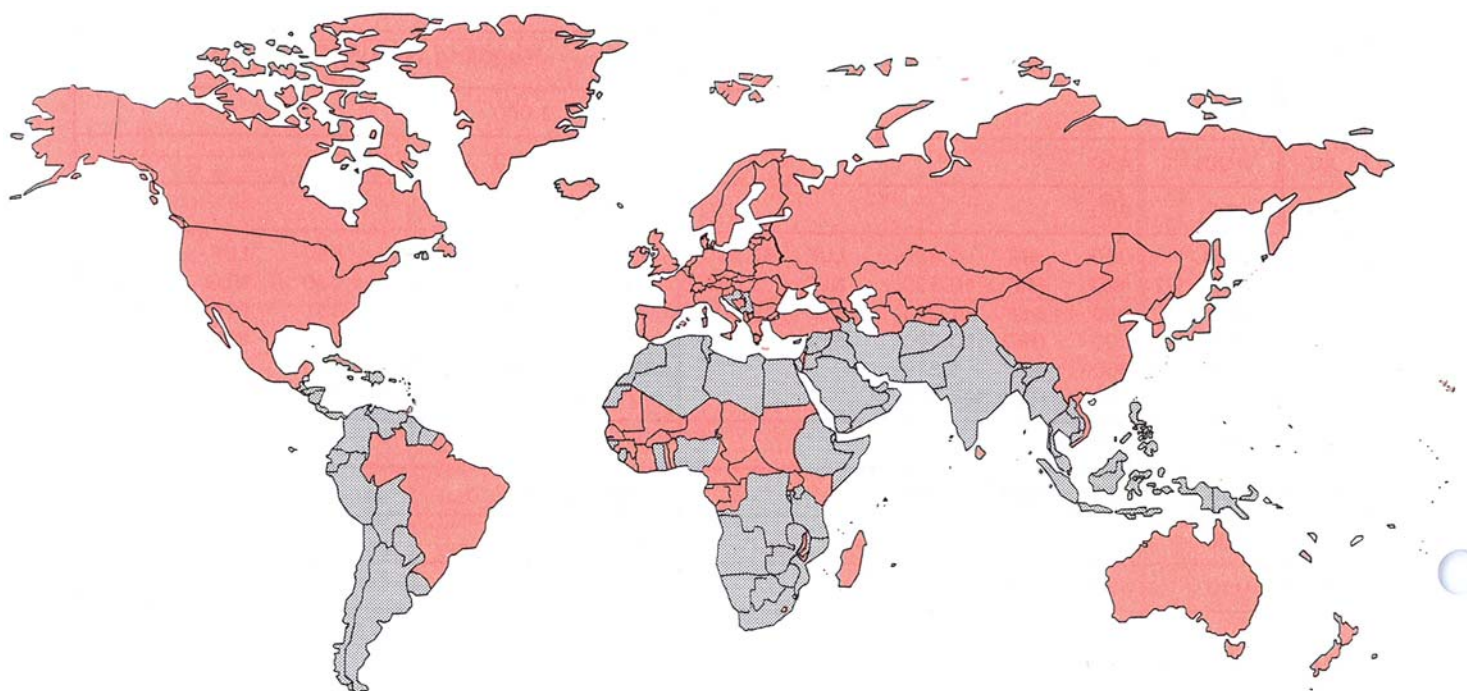
Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

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

Footnotes for all fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan or Viet Nam. For further details, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/1995, cover page, No. 11/1995, page 6, and No. 05/1996, cover page.
- 3 The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee.
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 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.
- 6 Payments can also be made in ATS, BEF, CHF, DKK, ESP, FIM, FRF, GBP, GRD, IEP, ITL, LUF, NLG, PTE and SEK. For the amounts in the said currencies, reference should be made to the latest issue of the *Official Journal* of the EPO.
- 7 A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.
- 8 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.
- 9 5% of the total value of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee and search fee.
- 10 In the case of the EPO, nationals of States which fulfill the requirements for the reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, or of countries in transition ("reform States"), may be eligible for fee reductions. In the case of the Russian Patent Office, nationals of certain developing countries 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/B, Annex D (EP) and (RU) and Annex E (EP) and (RU).
- 11 If, on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office, the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland), the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office.
- 12 In all cases where footnote 11 does not apply.
- 13 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.
- 14 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 15 Payable when the international search report was not established by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES (87 on 1 October 1996)



AL Albania ¹	CN China	KP Democratic	MN Mongolia	TG Togo (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	CU Cuba	People's Republic	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
AT Austria (EP)	CZ Czech Republic	of Korea	MW Malawi (AP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
AU Australia	DE Germany (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	MX Mexico	TR Turkey
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TT Trinidad and
BA Bosnia and	EE Estonia	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	Tobago
Herzegovina	ES Spain (EP) ³	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway	UA Ukraine
BB Barbados	FI Finland (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	UG Uganda (AP)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LR Liberia	PL Poland	US United States of
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LS Lesotho (AP)	PT Portugal (EP)	America
BG Bulgaria	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LT Lithuania ¹	RO Romania ⁴	UZ Uzbekistan
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RU Russian Federation	VN Viet Nam
BR Brazil	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia ¹	(EA)	
BY Belarus (EA)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SD Sudan (AP)	
CA Canada	HU Hungary	MD Republic of	SE Sweden (EP)	
CF Central African	IE Ireland (EP) ²	Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore	
Republic (OA) ²	IL Israel	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia ¹	
CG Congo (OA) ²	IS Iceland	MK The former	SK Slovakia	
CH Switzerland (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	Yugoslav Republic	SN Senegal (OA) ²	
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	JP Japan	of Macedonia	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²	
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	KE Kenya (AP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²	
	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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³ Not bound by Chapter II.

⁴ Extension of European patent possible as from 15 October 1996.

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