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## PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

### Belgium (mailing address)

The mailing address of the Industrial Property Office of Belgium has changed as follows:

Boulevard Emile Jacqmain 154  
B-1000 Brussels

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

### Finland (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as receiving Office, have changed:

Transmittal fee: See Table I(a)

Fee for priority document: FIM 122  
(plus FIM 220 per document)  
(plus FIM 5 for each page in excess of 10)

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

National fee:  
Basic fee: FIM 1,200  
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: FIM 120  
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: FIM 550  
Annual fees for the first three years: FIM 750

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

### Turkey (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Turkish Patent Institute, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Chinese Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Russian Patent Office, as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

### Italy (institution with which deposits of microorganisms may be made)

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/1996, the Advanced Biotechnology Center (ABC) acquired the status of international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on 26 February 1996. The location and mailing address of that authority, with which deposits of microorganisms may be made

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for the purposes of patent procedure, are as follows:

Largo Rossana Benzi, 10  
I-16132 Genoa  
Italy

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

### **Search fee (European Patent Office (EPO))**

As from 3 April 1996, there will be a change in the amounts payable in CHF, DKK, ESP, FRF, GBP, IEP, ITL, PTE, and SEK for an international search by the EPO, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

### **International preliminary examination fee (EPO)**

As from 3 April 1996, there will be a change in the amounts payable in CHF, DKK, FRF, GBP, IEP, ITL, PTE, and SEK, and amounts have been established in ESP and GRD, for international preliminary examination by the EPO, as indicated in Table II.

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

### **EPO BOARD OF APPEAL DECISION CONCERNING PCT**

#### **Obligation under PCT Rules 68.2 and 68.3(e) to provide justification for a finding of lack of unity of invention**

As indicated in the following headnotes, an EPO Technical Board of Appeal has decided that:

"I. The obligation under Rule 68.2 PCT to provide justification can be seen as fulfilled if the prime reason for the decision is identifiable, even though the reasons could be seen as insufficient or incorrect [...].

"II. If the arguments submitted in the protest do not necessitate any additional discussion on technical and/or patent law issues, i.e. do not lead to any new assessment of the facts, it is not automatically incorrect for the notification of the result of the review under Rule 68.3(e) PCT merely to refer back to the reasons given on form PCT/IPEA/405 [...]."

(Decision W 4/94 - 3.3.2; *Official Journal of the EPO* (OJ/EPO), No. 1-2/1996, page 73)

### **PRACTICAL ADVICE**

#### ***Extension of European patents to States which have not been specifically designated in the request form***

Q: On 10 February 1996, I filed an international application, claiming the priority of an application filed on 24 February 1995. I later found out that, with effect from 1 February 1996, it became possible to request the extension of a European patent (EP) to Albania, provided that both EP and Albania are designated in the international application. In my application I designated EP but not Albania. Is it still possible for me to request the extension of the European patent to Albania, and if so, how?"

A: You may request the extension of the European patent to Albania, provided that:

(i) the request form (PCT/RO/101) or computer-generated request which you used contains a statement regarding precautionary designations under PCT Rule 4.9(b) (the statement is preprinted at the bottom of Box No. V of form PCT/RO/101); and

(ii) you file a notice of confirmation of the precautionary designation of Albania with, and pay the designation fee and confirmation fee to, your receiving Office within 15 months from the priority date, that is, on or before 24 May 1996.

No further steps would then need to be taken at this stage in connection with the extension of the European patent to Albania. Once your application contains a valid designation of both EP and Albania, the extension will be automatically deemed to have been requested. You must, however, ensure that, at the time of entering the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) (within 21 months (Chapter I) or 31 months (Chapter II) from the priority date), the extension fee is paid to the EPO for the extension of the European patent to Albania.

Albania became bound by the PCT on 4 October 1995. However, it is not possible to extend a European patent to Albania for international applications filed on or after 4 October 1995 and before 1 February 1996, since the extension agreement between the European Patent Organisation and Albania entered into force only on 1 February 1996.

For further details on the confirmation of precautionary designations, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/1994, page 2. Details about the extension of European patents to Albania are given in *PCT Newsletter* No.12/1995, cover page and page 2, and No. 02/1996, cover page.

## TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The time limit for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapter I of the PCT (that is, where the Contracting State concerned has been designated but has not been elected under Chapter II of the PCT within 19 months from the priority date) is normally 20 months from the priority date (PCT Article 22). Under Chapter II (that is, where the Contracting State concerned has been elected within 19 months from the priority date) that time limit is normally 30 months from the

priority date (PCT Article 39(1)). However, the national law (or regional treaty) applied by each designated Office (DO) or elected Office (EO) may fix time limits which expire later (see PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b)). The applicable time limits for each designated or elected Office are shown in the table, below.

Note that some Offices allow for the payment of fees and for the filing of the translation of an international application after the specified time limit, usually subject to the payment of a surcharge. For details of such exceptions, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/A, B & C, National Chapter Summaries.

TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING NATIONAL/REGIONAL PHASE UNDER PCT CHAPTERS I AND II (in months from priority date, or from international filing date if there is no priority claim)								
DO/EO <sup>1</sup>	Chapter I	Chapter II	DO/EO <sup>1</sup>	Chapter I	chapter II	DO/EO <sup>1</sup>	Chapter I	chapter II
<b>Regional Offices</b>			<b>National Offices, continued</b>			<b>National Offices, continued</b>		
AP	21	31	FI <sup>4, 6</sup>	20	30	MX	20	30
EA	21	31	GB <sup>4</sup>	20	30	NL <sup>8</sup>	20	30
EP <sup>2</sup>	21	31	GE	21	31	NO	20	30
OA	20	30	HU	21	30	NZ	21	31
<b>National Offices</b>			IS	20	30	PL	20	30
AL	21	31	JP	20	30	PT <sup>4</sup>	20	30
AM <sup>3</sup>	21	31	KE <sup>7</sup>	20	30	RO	20	30
AT <sup>4</sup>	20	30	KG <sup>3</sup>	21	31	RU <sup>3</sup>	21	31
AU	21	31	KP	20	30	SD <sup>7</sup>	20	30
AZ <sup>3</sup>	21	31	KR	20	30	SE <sup>4</sup>	20	30
BB	20	30	KZ <sup>3</sup>	21	31	SG	20	30
BG	21	31	LK	20	30	SI	21	31
BR	20	30	LR	21	31	SK	21	30
BY <sup>3</sup>	21	31	LS <sup>7</sup>	21	31	TJ <sup>3</sup>	21	31
CA	20	30	LT	21	31	TM <sup>3</sup>	21	31
CH + LI <sup>4</sup>	20	30	LU <sup>4</sup>	20	30	TR	20	30
CN	20	30	LV	21	31	TT	21	31
CZ	21	30	MD <sup>3</sup>	21	31	UA	21	31
DE <sup>4</sup>	20	30	MG	20	30	UG <sup>7</sup>	21	31
DK <sup>4</sup>	20	30	MK	21	31	US	20	30
EE	20	30	MN	21	31	UZ	21	31
ES <sup>2, 5</sup>	20	N/A	MW <sup>7</sup>	20	30	VN	21	31

- The Offices of the following PCT Contracting States are not DOs/EOs. The DO/EO applicable for each of those States is shown in parentheses: BE (EP), BF (OA), BJ (OA), CF (OA), CG (OA), CI (OA), CM (OA), FR (EP), GA (OA), GN (OA), GR (EP)<sup>2</sup>, IE (EP), IT (EP), LI (CH), MC (EP), ML (OA), MR (OA), NE (OA), NL (EP)<sup>5</sup>, SN (OA), SZ (AP), TD (OA), TG (OA).
- As far as the designations of ES and GR for a European patent are concerned, even though those States are not bound by Chapter II, the time limit for entry into the European regional phase for those States is 31 months from the priority date, provided that at least one other State which is party to the EPC and is bound by Chapter II of the PCT has been designated for a European patent and has been elected before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.
- If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- If designated for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- For international applications filed on or after 1 March 1996, FI may be designated for a European patent (see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits in such cases).
- If designated for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- For international applications filed before 1 April 1995, see NL as DO/EO and/or EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits. For international applications filed on or after 1 April 1995 (date of closing of national route by NL), see only EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.

<b>PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR</b>			
<b>Dates Location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>16-17 April 1996 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27
<b>17-18 April 1996 Boston (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Peter Corless) Tel: (1-617) 523 34 00 Fax: (1-617) 523 73 18
<b>18-19 April 1996 Munich (DE)</b>	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mr. Matthes	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 47 95 12 Fax: (49-6221) 41 16 27
<b>19-20 April 1996 Concord, New Hampshire (US)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Mr. Karl Jorda) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41 (extension 109) Fax: (1-603) 224 33 42
<b>22-24 April 1996 Naples, Florida (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Welch (Pharmacia & Upjohn, Inc.)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
<b>25-27 April 1996 Naples, Florida (US)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels, Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Mr. Philpott (EPO) and Mr. Welch (Pharmacia & Upjohn, Inc.)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
<b>26 April 1996 Geneva (CH)</b>	English French German	PCT presentations during the International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva WIPO speakers: Mr. Bryan, Mr. Baron and Mr. Matthes	Salon International des Inventions de Genève and WIPO [see insert in <i>PCT Newsletter</i> No. 03/1996 for details]
<b>28-29 May 1996 Singapore (SG)</b>	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Wang and Ms. Boutillon Other speaker: Mr. Reed (Procter & Gamble)	Productivity & Standards Board (PSB) Tel: (65) 772 95 48 Fax: (65) 777 17 65
<b>30-31 May 1996 Jakarta (Indonesia)</b>	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Wang and Ms. Boutillon Other speaker: Mr. Reed (Procter & Gamble)	Directorate General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks Tel: (62-21) 552 49 92 Fax: (62-21) 552 53 66
<b>11-12 June 1996 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon Other speakers: Mr. Haïcour (Elf-Atochem), Mr. Joly (Cabinet Beau de Loménie), Mr. Philpott (EPO), Mr. Vérone (INPI)	EUROFORUM (Mrs. Françoise Parolari) Tel: (33-1) 44 88 14 88 Fax: (33-1) 44 88 14 99
<b>13-14 June 1996 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 364 24

### 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 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 April 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 762	15	185	EP
AM	AMD <sup>5</sup> –	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 906	18	220	AU
AZ	AZM <sup>5</sup> –	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 21,670	BRR equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP SE US
BY	RUR <sup>5</sup> –	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
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 <sup>6</sup>	DEM 200	DEM 955	19	232	EP
ES	ESP 8,475	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 <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
GR	GRD 34,000	GRD 162,000	3,190	39,400	EP
HU	HUF <sup>7</sup> 10,000	HUF equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
IB	CHF 300	CHF 762	15	185	<i>See footnote 8</i>
	or USD 200	or USD 677	13	164	
IE	IEP 60	IEP 425	8	103	EP
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 43,100	848	10,500	EP SE
IT	ITL 60,000	ITL 1,090,000	21,500	265,000	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 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 <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 677	13	164	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>5</sup> –	LSM equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	AT EP
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

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

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 762)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 185)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>4</sup>
LV	LVL 40	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
MC	FRF 300	FRF 3,300	65	800	EP
MD	MDL <sup>5</sup> 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	MNT equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP RU
MW	MWK 8	MWK 10,100	199	2,460	EP
MX	MXP equiv of USD200	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 1,020	20	248	AU EP
PL	PLZ 200	PLZ equiv of CHF 762	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 185	EP
PT	PTE 3,500	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 600	SEK 4,770	94	1,160	EP SE
SG	SGD 120	SGD 971	19	236	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 <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>5</sup> –	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
TR	CHF 100	CHF 762	15	185	AT CN EP RU
TT	TTD 750	USD 677	13	164	AT EP SE US
UA	UAK 21,000,000	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
US	USD 220	USD 677	13	164	EP US
UZ	USD <sup>5</sup> –	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 April 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>									
AT	ATS 2,200	CHF 250	KRW 177,000	SGD 317	USD 225					
AU	AUD 800	CHF 672	KRW 471,000	NZD 905	SGD 900	USD 592				
CN	CNY 800	CHF 110	USD 100							
EP <sup>10</sup>	DEM 2,400	CHF 2,040	FRF 8,730	ISK 108,100	MWK 25,440	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 169,000	NOK 10,660	SGD 2,440				
	CAD 2,300	FIM 7,500	IEP 1,103	LUF 50,300	NZD 2,557	USD 1,700				
	<i>(from 03.04.96:</i>	<i>CHF 2,000</i>	<i>DKK 9,500</i>	<i>ESP 206,900</i>	<i>FRF 8,420</i>	<i>GBP 1,091</i>				
	<i>IEP 1,055</i>	<i>ITL 2,643,000</i>	<i>PTE 254,800</i>	<i>SEK 11,760)</i>						
ES	ESP 64,275	CHF 613	USD 526							
JP	JPY 77,000	CHF 870	KRW 622,000	USD 775						
RU <sup>10</sup>	RUR 840,000	CHF 225	USD 200							
SE	SEK 2,600 <sup>11</sup>	3,600 <sup>12</sup>	4,200 <sup>13</sup>	FIM 1,540 <sup>11</sup>	2,130 <sup>12</sup>	2,480 <sup>13</sup>	USD 347 <sup>11</sup>	480 <sup>12</sup>	560 <sup>13</sup>	
	CHF 410 <sup>11</sup>	570 <sup>12</sup>	660 <sup>13</sup>	ISK 22,000 <sup>11</sup>	31,000 <sup>12</sup>	36,000 <sup>13</sup>				
	DKK 2,000 <sup>11</sup>	2,710 <sup>12</sup>	3,160 <sup>13</sup>	NOK 2,240 <sup>11</sup>	3,100 <sup>12</sup>	3,620 <sup>13</sup>				
US	USD 660	(430 <sup>14</sup> )	CHF 740	(480 <sup>14</sup> )						

**Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES**

(as at 1 April 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>15</sup>			Handling fee <sup>2,15</sup> (CHF 233)								
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,060							
AU	AUD	450		AUD	277							
CN	CNY	800		CNY equiv of CHF 233								
EP <sup>10</sup>	DEM	3,000	FIM	9,380	LUF	62,900	DEM	292	FIM	887	LUF	6,020
	ATS	21,430	FRF	10,910	NLG	3,430	ATS	2,060	FRF	1,000	NLG	328
	BEF	62,900	GBP	1,380	PTE	323,500	BEF	6,020	GBP	131	PTE	30,900
	CHF	2,550	IEP	1,379	SEK	15,870	CHF	233	IEP	130	SEK	1,460
	DKK	12,300	ITL	3,704,000			DKK	1,140	ITL	333,000		
		<i>(from 03.04.96:</i>	<i>CHF</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>DKK</i>	<i>11,880</i>						
		<i>ESP</i>	<i>258,600</i>	<i>FRF</i>	<i>10,530</i>	<i>GBP</i>	<i>1,364</i>					
		<i>GRD</i>	<i>500,000</i>	<i>IEP</i>	<i>1,319</i>	<i>ITL</i>	<i>3,304,000</i>					
		<i>PTE</i>	<i>318,500</i>	<i>SEK</i>	<i>14,710</i>							
	JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	20,600						
RU <sup>10</sup>	RUR	1,260,000	USD	300		USD	207					
SE	SEK	3,200		SEK	1,460							
US	USD	470	(710 <sup>16</sup> )	USD	207							

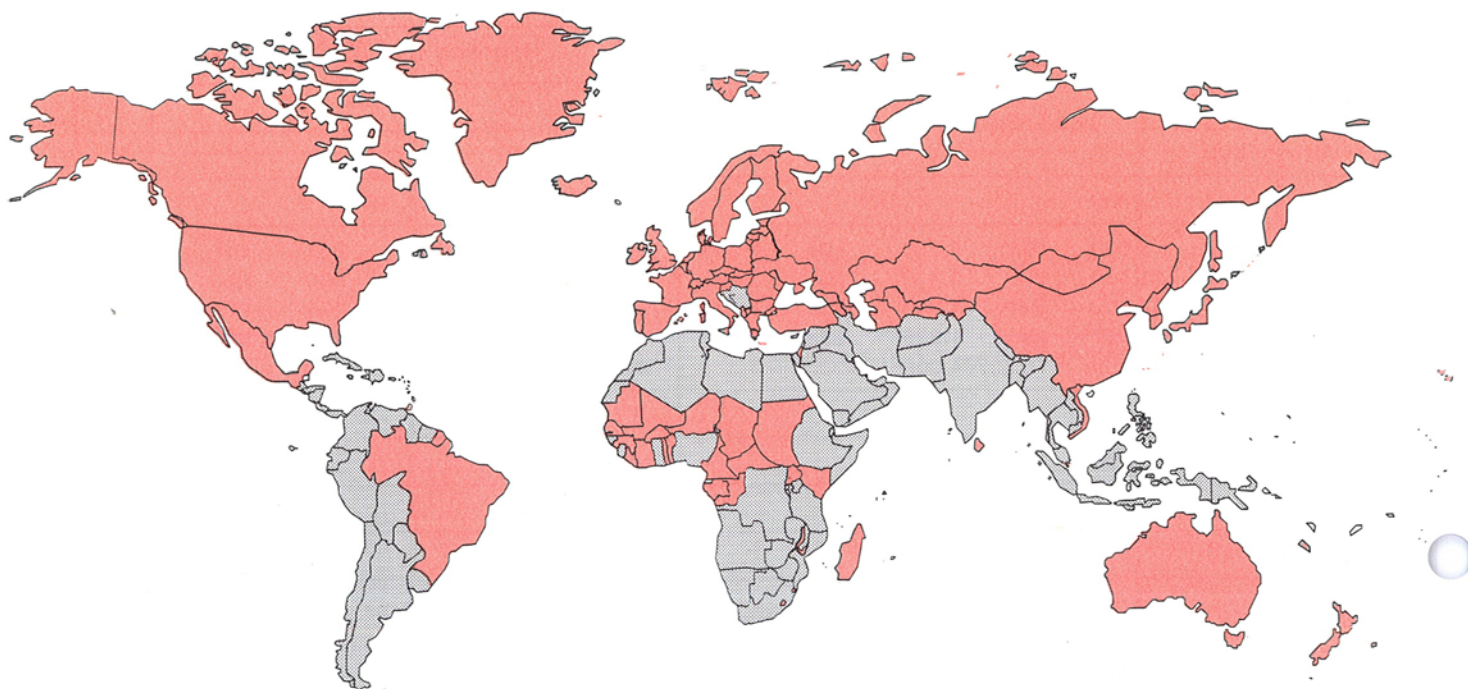
*Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:*

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

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