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## NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATES

### Saint Lucia (country code: LC)

Saint Lucia deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 30 May 1996, and will become bound by the PCT on 30 August 1996. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 30 August 1996, Saint Lucia may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 30 August 1996, nationals and residents of Saint Lucia will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

### Bosnia and Herzegovina (country code: BA)

Bosnia and Herzegovina deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on 7 June 1996, and will become bound by the PCT on 7 September 1996. Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 7 September 1996, Bosnia and Herzegovina may be designated and, because it is bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 7 September 1996, nationals and residents of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

## GREECE TO BECOME BOUND BY CHAPTER II

Greece will become bound by Chapter II of the PCT on 7 September 1996, following the withdrawal of its declaration under PCT Article 64(1)(a) on 7 June 1996. This will have the

effect that, on and after 7 September 1996, and irrespective of when the international application was filed, nationals and residents of Greece will be entitled to file demands for international preliminary examination of their international applications. The competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Industrial Property Organization of Greece as receiving Office will be the European Patent Office.

As from 7 September 1996, the States party to the European Patent Convention which are bound by Chapter II will include Greece, so that Greece, which

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has "closed the national route" and thus cannot be designated for a national patent, but only for a European patent, may be included in any election made on or after that date of States which were designated for a European patent.

When Greece becomes bound by Chapter II, Spain will be the only PCT Contracting State not bound by Chapter II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annexes A, B1 (GR) and Vol I/B, Annex C (GR))

## PARIS CONVENTION ACCESSIONS

### Colombia and the United Arab Emirates

Colombia (country code: CO) and the United Arab Emirates (country code: AE) deposited their instruments of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property on 3 June 1996 and 19 June 1996, respectively. Colombia will become bound by that Convention on 3 September 1996 and the United Arab Emirates will become bound by it on 19 September 1996.

## BUDAPEST TREATY ACCESSIONS

### Estonia and Canada

Estonia and Canada deposited their instruments of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure on 14 June 1996 and 21 June 1996, respectively. The Budapest Treaty will enter into force with respect to Estonia on 14 September 1996, and with respect to Canada on 21 September 1996.

## PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

### Armenia (telephone numbers)

The telephone numbers of the Armenian Patent Office have changed as follows:

Telephone: (374-2) 52 06 73  
(374-2) 56 14 04

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

### Australia (fees)

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

Basic fee, designation fee  
and supplement per sheet  
over 30: see Table I(a)

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

### Cuba (general information)

General information about Cuba as a Contracting State, information of interest if Cuba is designated (or elected), information on the Cuban Patent Office as receiving Office and a summary of requirements for entry into the national phase in Cuba is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (CU), Vol. I/B, Annex C (CU), and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (CU). Those sheets will later need to be replaced by the corresponding July 1996 update sheets of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see "*PCT Applicant's Guide* update sheets," on page 4).

### Israel (general information)

A summary of requirements for entry into the national phase in Israel is set out on a pink tear-out provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (IL). That sheet will later need to be replaced by the corresponding July 1996 update sheet of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see "*PCT Applicant's Guide* update sheets," below).

### Italy (fees)

As from 1 September 1996, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Italian Patent Office as receiving Office:

Basic fee, designation fee  
and supplement per sheet  
over 30: see Table I(a)

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

### Monaco (telephone and fax numbers) (corrigendum)

The new telephone and fax numbers of the Directorate of Commerce, Industry and Industrial Property of Monaco, indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/1996, should read as follows:

Telephone: (377) 93 15 80 00  
(377) 93 15 88 67  
Fax: (377) 92 05 75 20

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

**Mongolia (fees)**

The basic fee, designation fee and supplement per sheet over 30, payable to the Mongolian Patent Office as receiving Office, are now payable in CHF, as indicated in Table I(a).

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

**Singapore (fees)**

As from 1 September 1996, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the Registry of Patents of Singapore as receiving Office, as follows:

Basic fee, designation fee and supplement per sheet over 30:	see Table I(a)
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (SG))

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

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

Location and mailing address:	Švermova 43, 97401 Banská Bystrica Slovakia
Telephone:	(42-88) 73 25 30
Fax:	(42-88) 73 25 66

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

**The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fees)**

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as designated and elected Office, has changed:

National fee:	
Filing fee:	MKD 800

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (MK))

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

The Turkish Patent Institute, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the Chinese Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Russian Patent

Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

**Turkmenistan (location; telephone and fax numbers)**

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

Location:	13, Aitakova Street Ashgabat Turkmenistan
Telephone:	(73632) 41 58 73
Fax:	(73632) 41 58 72

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

**Handling fee (Australian Patent Office and European Patent Office)**

The equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has changed, as indicated in Table II.

As from 1 September 1996, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee payable in ITL to the European Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, as indicated in Table II.

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

**Search fee (European Patent Office)**

As from 1 September 1996, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in CAD, NZD and SGD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

**PCT Applicant's Guide update sheets**

The next half-yearly set of update sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (dated July 1996) is in preparation. Pink provisional sheets obtained from this and previous issues of the *PCT Newsletter* this year (Nos. 01-07/1996), which have been inserted into the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, should be removed from the *Guide* and replaced with the July 1996 update sheets when they are received.

<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>12-13 September 1996 London (GB)</b>	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators and legal assistants WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Matthes	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 364 24
<b>4-5 December 1996 London (GB)</b>	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
<b>6 December 1996 London (GB)</b>	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

## PRACTICAL ADVICE

### ***Entitlement to practice before the International Bureau as receiving Office when an application is assigned to a new applicant from another country***

*Q: Last November, my client, a Canadian company, filed, as a sole applicant, an international application with the International Bureau as receiving Office and appointed me as its agent. I am a Canadian patent attorney. My client has now assigned the application to a Swedish manufacturer who wishes his usual Swedish attorney to handle the case for the remainder of the international phase. Is it possible for the new applicant to appoint a Swedish agent, even though that agent could not have been appointed by the original Canadian applicant? What would be the position if the assignment had been made in favor of an applicant from a country which became bound by the PCT after the international filing date (for example, Turkey, which became bound on 1 January 1996)?*

A: The international application having been filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the new Swedish applicant may appoint his usual Swedish attorney as agent notwithstanding that the latter could not have been appointed by the original applicant. According to PCT Rule 83.1<sup>bis</sup>(a), any person who has the right to practice before the national Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant is a resident or national is entitled to practice in respect of the international application

before the International Bureau as receiving Office. Where the receiving Office is the International Bureau, it is thus the nationality or the residence of the applicant at any given time which determines who is entitled to act as agent at that time. This may be contrasted with the position where the receiving Office is a national or regional Office, in which case only those persons entitled to practice before the receiving Office may be appointed as agent in respect of international applications filed with it. This difference follows from the difference in wording between PCT Rule 83.1<sup>bis</sup>(a) and Article 49.

If the assignment had been made in favor of a Turkish applicant, that new applicant could appoint a Turkish agent but only after the date of entry into force of the PCT for Turkey (that is, 1 January 1996).

## **PATENT REGULATIONS UNDER THE EURASIAN PATENT CONVENTION**

The text of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention was published in French in the April issue (No.4) of the WIPO review, *“La Propriété industrielle et le Droit d’auteur,”* and in English in the May issue (No.5) of the English version of that review, *“Industrial Property and Copyright.”* Single issues of that review can be ordered, at a price of 24 Swiss francs (by surface mail), from 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.

## 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 July 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 785	15	191	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 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	(from 16.07.96): USD (or CUP equiv) 200	USD (or CUP equiv) 677	13	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 <sup>6</sup>	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 <sup>5</sup> —	USD 677	13	164	EP RU
GR	GRD 36,500	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 <sup>2</sup> 300 or USD <sup>2</sup> 200	CHF 762 or USD 677	15 13	185 164	See footnote 8
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 1,090,000 (from 01.09.96: 953,000)	21,500 (19,000)	265,000 (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 <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

**Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]**  
(as at 1 July 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>
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 <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	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 1,020 (from 15.07.96: 892)	20 (18)	248 (216)	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 1,000	SEK 4,200	80	1,000	EP SE
SG	SGD 120	SGD 971 (from 01.09.96: 860)	19 (17)	236 (208)	AT AU EP
SI	SIT See footnote 9	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 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 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 July 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	787	KRW	471,000	NZD	905	SGD	900	USD	640
CN	CNY	800	CHF	110	USD	100						
EP <sup>10</sup>	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	2,440
	CAD	2,300	FIM	7,500	IEP	1,055	LUF	50,300	NZD	2,557	USD	1,585
		(from 01.09.96:	CAD	2,150	NZD	2,280	SGD	2,200)				
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	6,200 <sup>11</sup>	6,800 <sup>12</sup>	FIM	4,500 <sup>11</sup>	4,950 <sup>12</sup>	USD	960 <sup>11</sup>	1,055 <sup>12</sup>			
	CHF	1,180 <sup>11</sup>	1,290 <sup>12</sup>	ISK	64,000 <sup>11</sup>	70,000 <sup>12</sup>						
	DKK	5,500 <sup>11</sup>	6,050 <sup>12</sup>	NOK	6,150 <sup>11</sup>	6,750 <sup>12</sup>						
US	USD	660	(430 <sup>13</sup> )	CHF	812	(530 <sup>13</sup> )						

**Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES**

(as at 1 July 1996, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>14</sup>			Handling fee <sup>2,14</sup> (CHF 233)			
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,060		
AU	AUD	450		AUD	240		
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 10,530	NLG 3,430	ATS 2,060	FRF 1,000	NLG 328
	BEF	62,900	GBP 1,364	PTE 318,500	BEF 6,020	GBP 131	PTE 30,900
	CHF	2,500	GRD 500,000	SEK 14,710	CHF 233	IEP 130	SEK 1,300
	DKK	11,880	IEP 1,319		DKK 1,140	ITL 333,000	
	ESP	258,600	ITL 3,304,000		(from 01.09.96:	ITL 295,000)	
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	20,600		
RU <sup>10</sup>	RUR	1,260,000	USD 300		USD	207	
SE	SEK	4,200		SEK	1,300		
US	USD	470	(710 <sup>15</sup> )		USD	207	

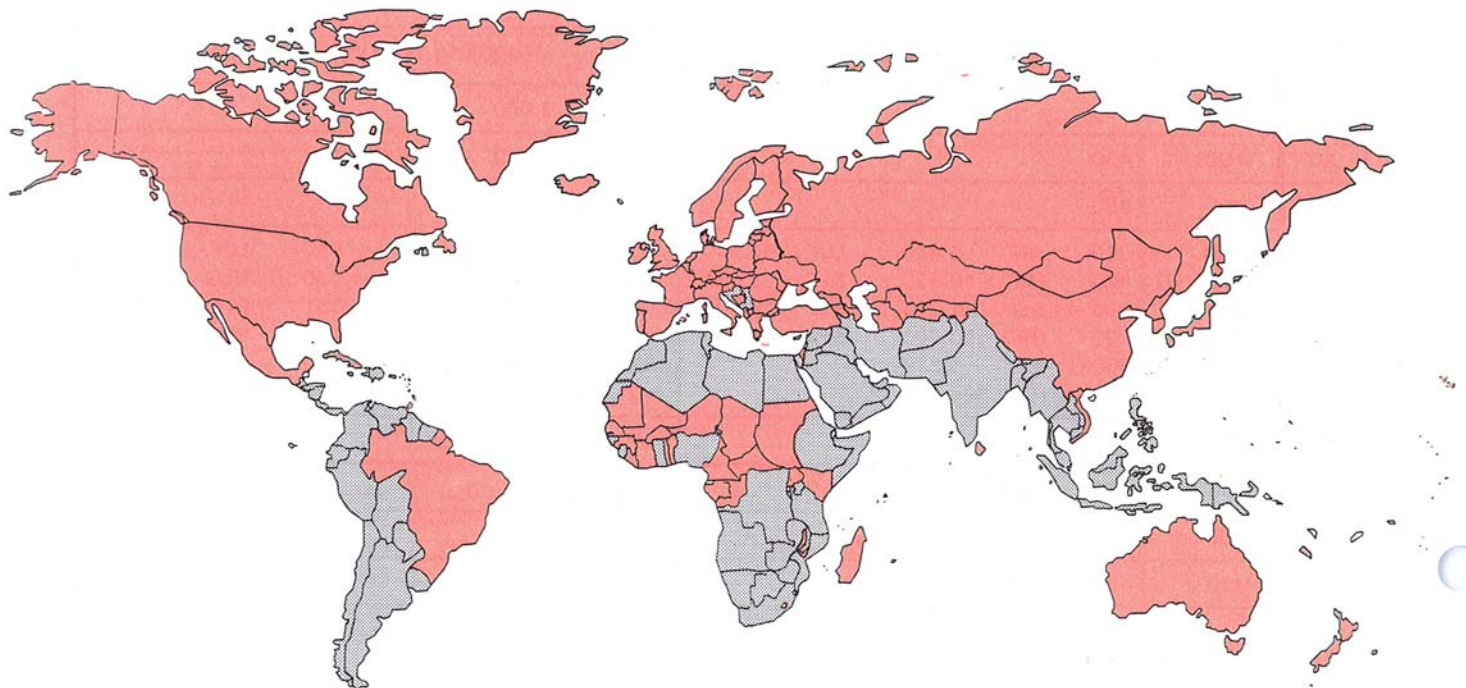
*Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:*

ALL Lek	DEM Mark	ITL Italian Lira	MDL Moldovan Leu	RUR Rouble
AMD Dram	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	EK 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 Dollar
BRR Real	GBP Pound Sterling	KZT Tenge	NZD New Zealand Dollar	UAK Karbovanets
CAD Canadian Dollar	GRD Drachma	LSM Maloti	PLZ Zloty	USD US Dollar
CHF Swiss Franc	HUF Forint	LTL Lita	PTE Escudo	VND Dong
CNY Yuan Renminbi	IEP Irish Pound	LUF Luxembourg Franc	ROL Romanian Leu	
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 (as from 7 September 1996), Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba (as from 16 July 1996), Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea, Hungary, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia (as from 30 August 1996), 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 fulfil 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.
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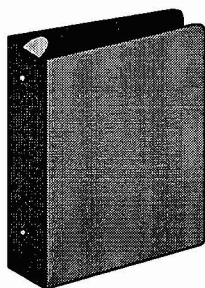
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Is a copy of the international application required?	No
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