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REDUCTIONS IN PCT FEES

The PCT Union Assembly held its 26th (15th extraordinary) session in Geneva during the period from 7 to 15 September 1998, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and made the following decisions concerning reductions in PCT fees payable for the benefit of the International Bureau.

Reduction in the maximum number of designation fees payable

The Assembly decided to amend the Schedule of Fees to decrease the maximum number of designation fees payable, with effect from 1 January 1999, from 11 to 10. It is recalled that the maximum number of designation fees payable relates only to express designations made under PCT Rule 4.9(a), not to precautionary designations being confirmed under PCT Rule 4.9(c).

Therefore, *for international applications filed on or after 1 January 1999*, any designation made under PCT Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 10 will not require the payment of an additional designation fee; this means that the maximum amount payable to cover such designations will be 1,500 Swiss francs (which is equivalent to, for example, 1,050 US dollars at the current exchange rate), even if all possible 77 designations, covering the 98 States which will be bound by the PCT on

1 January 1999, are made. For *international applications filed before 1 January 1999*, the lower maximum number of designation fees will also be payable where the following three requirements are met:

- (1) the date on which the designation fees are due is later than one month from the date of the receipt of the international application (that is, where the time limit under PCT Rule 15.4(b)(i) applies (one year from the priority date));
- (2) the due date for payment of the designation fees (see item 1) falls on or after 1 January 1999;
- (3) the designation fees are actually paid on or after 1 January 1999.

This reduction in the maximum number of designation fees payable will benefit many PCT applicants. At present, the maximum designation fee is paid in respect of more than half of all PCT applications. Paying that maximum amount while designating all PCT Contracting

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States allows applicants to keep their options open until the end of the international phase before deciding whether, and in which designated and/or elected States, to proceed with the application into the national/regional phase.

When the request form (PCT/RO/101) is next updated (with effect from January 1999), the fee calculation sheet and accompanying notes (which are annexed to the request) will take into account the new maximum number of designation fees payable.

Reduction in international fee when preparing request form using PCT-EASY

The Assembly also adopted an amendment to the Schedule of Fees to provide for a fee reduction for all applicants who prepare, to the extent detailed in the Administrative

Instructions under the PCT, the request form using WIPO's "PCT-EASY" software. It was decided that, for international applications filed on or after 1 January 1999, there will be a reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in other currencies) in the total amount payable in respect of the international fee (that is, the basic fee and designation fee), where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY software. Details on the exact conditions under which such a reduction may be accorded will follow in a future issue of the *PCT Newsletter*. See also "PCT-EASY update," below, for information on the development of PCT-EASY.

The amended Schedule of Fees, as in force from 1 January 1999, will be included as an insert in an upcoming issue of the *PCT Newsletter*, and details of the equivalent amounts of the reduction in other currencies will be published shortly.

PCT-EASY UPDATE

The use of WIPO's PCT-EASY software, which exists at present only in English, is currently limited to certain registered applicants and certain receiving Offices which are prepared to accept such filings as part of a pilot test. However, versions of the software in the other PCT languages of publication (that is: Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish) are under preparation with a view to their introduction by 1 January 1999.

It is intended that the PCT-EASY software, which operates in the environments of Windows 95, 98 or NT, will be available from the end of this year free-of-charge from WIPO. If you are interested in being included on the mailing list for receiving the PCT-EASY software, contact the PCT-EASY Help Desk at the following address:

e-mail: pcteasy.help@wipo.int
 fax: (41-22) 338 80 40
 mailing address: see cover page

It is intended to provide, in the near future, for downloading and updating of the PCT-EASY software from the WIPO website.

Note that it is only possible to file international applications, or any part thereof, in paper form—**it is not yet possible to file via electronic means** such as the Internet or any

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other on-line electronic means, diskette, etc. Further details on the development of PCT-EASY will follow in the next months.

PCT PUBLICATIONS

PCT Gazette special issues

Subscribers to the *PCT Gazette* will have already received, or will shortly receive, special issues containing modified texts of the following PCT Guidelines:

(a) PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

The text, as in force from 28 August 1998, of the Receiving Office Guidelines was published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. S-05/1998 (E) and (F)) on 17 September 1998. That special issue supersedes Special Issue No. 16/1992 of 25 June 1992.

(b) PCT International Search Guidelines

The text, as in force from 18 September 1998, of the PCT International Search Guidelines will be published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* (No. S-06/1998 (E) and (F)) on 8 October 1998. That special issue will supersede Special Issue No. 30/1992 of 10 December 1992.

Details of the publication of the PCT International Preliminary Examination Guidelines will be announced in the next issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

The texts of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines and the PCT International Search Guidelines were established by the International Bureau of WIPO and modified after consultation with the PCT receiving Offices and International Searching Authorities, respectively, with a view, in particular, to implementing the amendments of the PCT Regulations which entered into force on 1 July 1998.

If you are not a subscriber to the *PCT Gazette*, but you would like to obtain either of those special issues, you may order them from the Information Products Section at WIPO:

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The price per special issue is 18 Swiss francs (or by airmail: 24 Swiss francs in Europe and 31 Swiss francs outside Europe) or, for residents of the United States of America, 15 US dollars (or by airmail: 26 US dollars).

Note that the special issues are also available in PDF format, free of charge, as part of the *PCT Gazette* on WIPO's web site.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

KR Republic of Korea (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The name of the Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology (KRIBB), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty, has changed, as follows:

Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC)

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

LV Latvia (fees)

On 1 November 1998, there will be a change in the following national fees, payable in LVL (and no longer in USD) to the Latvian Patent Office as designated and elected Office:

filing fee: LVL 50

claim fee for each claim
in excess of 10: LVL 15

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

SG Singapore (fees)

As from 15 November 1998, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable to the Registry of Patents of Singapore as receiving Office:

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

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

TM Turkmenistan (fax number)

The fax number of the Turkmen Patent Office has changed, as follows:

fax: (99312) 35 79 86

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

Search fee (Austrian Patent Office)

As from 15 November 1998, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in SGD for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

BUDAPEST TREATY ACCESSION

Turkey

On 31 August 1998, Turkey deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. That Treaty will enter into force with respect to Turkey on 30 November 1998.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Filing of an international application in a language which is accepted by the receiving Office but which is neither a language accepted by the competent International Searching Authority nor a language of publication.

Q: At the end of last year I filed a national patent application in Italy, my country of residence and nationality. I intend to file with the Italian Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, before the expiration of the 12-month priority period, an international application claiming priority of that earlier application. I have heard that it is now possible to file an international application in a language which is accepted by the receiving Office but which is not necessarily a language accepted by the International Searching Authority or a language of publication. If I submit the international application to the receiving Office in Italian, which parts of the international application need to be translated, into which language should they be translated, and what is the time limit for submitting the translation?

A: According to amended PCT Rule 12.1(a), as in force since 1 July 1998, an interna-

tional application may be filed in any language which the receiving Office accepts for that purpose. Since the Italian Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office now accepts Italian as a language of filing, the international application may be filed with that Office in Italian, and the date on which the international application in Italian is received by that Office will be the date accorded as the international filing date (provided, of course, that the international application satisfies the requirements of PCT Article 11(1)).

However, Italian is not a language accepted by the International Searching Authority (ISA) competent to carry out the international search of your international application (that is, the European Patent Office (EPO)). You will therefore be required, under PCT Rule 12.3(a), to furnish a translation of the international application to the receiving Office within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by that Office. For this purpose, the translation must include the description, claims, abstract, and any text matter in the drawings; different requirements (see below) apply to the request and to any sequence listing part of the description. The translation should be into a language which is, as required by PCT Rule 12.3:

- a language accepted by the ISA that is to carry out the international search, and
- a language of publication (that is, one of the following languages: Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish), and
- a language accepted by the receiving Office under PCT Rule 12.1(a).

You may therefore, at your choice, furnish a translation into English, French or German, all of which are accepted by the competent ISA (the EPO) and by the receiving Office, and are languages of publication. Note that the accuracy of the translation is the responsibility of the applicant, but the translation need not be accompanied by a declaration as to its accuracy.

Where, by the time the receiving Office notifies you of the international application number and international filing date, you have not furnished the required translation, the receiving Office will, preferably together

with that notification, invite you to furnish the required translation either within the time limit of one month from the date on which the international application was received by the receiving Office, or, in the event that the required translation is not furnished within that time limit, to furnish it within one month from the date of the invitation or two months from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, whichever expires later (see PCT Rules 12.3(c)(i) and 12.3(c)(ii)).

No fee is payable if the translation is furnished within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. However, any receiving Office may collect a late furnishing fee (equal to 50% of the basic fee) for translations which are furnished after that one month period.

In any case, you should not wait for an invitation from the receiving Office before submitting your translation—especially noting that the international search will not start until the translation is received by the International Searching Authority.

If you do not furnish a translation and pay, where applicable, the late furnishing fee as required, the international application will be considered withdrawn. However, any translation and any payment received by the receiving Office before it declares the international application withdrawn **and** before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date will be considered to have been received in time (see PCT Rule 12.3(d)).

As far as the request is concerned, it should not be filed in Italian. The request must,

under PCT Rule 12.1(c), be filed in a language which is both a language accepted by the receiving Office and a language of publication; it does not have to be in a language accepted by the ISA. In your case, the request could therefore be filed in English, French or German. Although it is not a requirement of the PCT Regulations, it would be preferable for the request to be filed in the same language as the language of the translation which you intend to file.

Where the request does not comply with PCT Rule 12.1(c), the receiving Office will invite you to furnishing a newly completed request in an acceptable language (see PCT Rule 26.3*ter*(c))¹. Note, however, that it need not include fresh signatures, assuming that the previously furnished request form was duly signed. The time limit for furnishing the request in an acceptable language is fixed in each case by the receiving Office but, in any case, will not be less than one month from the date of the invitation to correct (PCT Rule 26.2). There is, however, nothing to prevent you from submitting such translation prior to that invitation.

Information on the language requirements of sequence listings will follow in a future issue.

¹ The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has informed the International Bureau that PCT Rule 26.3*ter*(c) (and other related Rules such as PCT Rule 20.4(c)) is not compatible with its national law (see *PCT Gazette*, No. 06/1998, page 3607, of 12 February 1998). Where an international application is filed with the USPTO as receiving Office, the request form **must** be in English; if not in English, the USPTO will not issue an invitation under PCT Rule 26.3*ter*(c).

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
13–14 October 1998 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
14–16 October 1998 Palm Springs, California (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys “Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice” WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–804) 296 39 99
15–16 October 1998 Seoul (KR)	English/ Korean	WIPO national seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Wang and Ms. Boutillon Other speaker: Mr. Derby (European Patent Office)	Korean Industrial Property Office (Mr. Young Koh) Tel: (82–42) 481 59 89–406 Fax: (82–42) 472 34 70
19–21 October 1998 Palm Springs, California (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys “Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice” WIPO speakers: Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–804) 296 39 99
20–22 October 1998 Beijing (CN)	Chinese/ English	National Training Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty WIPO speakers: Mr. Wang and Ms. Boutillon Other speaker: Mr. Derby (European Patent Office)	WIPO and the China State Intellectual Property Office (Mr. Hu Yuzhang, International Cooperation Department) Tel: (86–10) 62 09 32 88 Fax: (86–10) 62 01 96 15
22–23 October 1998 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: VHMeyerEsq@aol.com
26–27 October 1998 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	John Marshall Law School (Mr. Gary T. Watson) Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: 6cangian@jmls.edu
17–18 November 1998 Milan (IT)	English	PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (Ms. Stefanie Hoben) Tel: (39–51) 22 24 82 Fax: (39–51) 22 20 61

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Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
2 December 1998 Paris (FR)	French	Basic seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33) 1 53 04 55 76 or (Mr. Jean-Pierre Cardon) Tel: (33) 1 53 04 52 70 Fax: (33) 1 42 93 63 52
7–8 December 1998 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
9–10 December 1998 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: management_forum@psilink.co.uk
11 December 1998 London (GB)	English	PCT workshop for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: management_forum@psilink.co.uk
4–6 January 1999 Zurich (CH) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available for this seminar]</i>	English	PCT seminar	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) NDS Geistiges Eigentum Tel: (41–1) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–1) 632 13 67 E-mail: ndsge@recht.reok.ethz.ch
26–27 January 1999 Helsinki (FI)	English/ Finnish	PCT seminar for patent administrators	Helsinki University of Technology/Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli (Ms. Maija Laurila) Tel: (358–9) 451 40 68 Fax: (358–9) 451 40 47
31 March (p.m.)–1 April 1999 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33–478) 33 07 08 Fax: (33–478) 33 58 96

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 Fee Tables follow Table II.

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

(as at 1 October 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2} (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 150)	Competent ISA(s) ⁴
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	150	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
AP	USD 70 (or equiv in local currency)	USD 455	10	105	AT EP SE
AT	ATS 700	ATS 5,600	130	1,300	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 722	17	166	AU
AZ	AZM ⁵ —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
BA	DEM 50	DEM 800	19	184	EP
BE	BEF 1,500	BEF 16,500	380	3,800	EP
BG	BGL 60,000	BGL equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT EP SE US
BY	BYR equiv of USD 70	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 632	15	146	EP
CH	CHF 100	CHF 650	15	150	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	CN
CU	USD (or CUP equiv) 200	USD (or CUP equiv) 455	10	105	AT EP ES RU
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
DE	DEM 150	DEM 800	19	184	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,050	70	710	EP SE
EA	RUR equiv of USD 100	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
EP ⁶	DEM 200	DEM 800	19	184	EP
ES	ESP 10,040	ESP 68,000	1,600	16,000	EP ES
FI	FIM 800	FIM 2,400	55	550	EP SE
FR	FRF 400	FRF 2,690	60	620	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 285	6	65	EP

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
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GE	GEL ⁵ —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁷ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	GRD 39,500	GRD 127,000	3,000	30,000	EP
HR	HRK 200	HRK equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
HU	HUF ⁸ 10,000	HUF equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP RU
IB	CHF ² 300 or USD ² 200	CHF 650 or USD 455	15 10	150 105	<i>See footnote</i> ⁹
ID	IDR ⁵ —	IDR equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AU EP RU
IE	IEP 60	IEP 300	7	70	EP
IL	ILS 402	USD 455	10	105	EP US
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 32,000	700	7,400	EP SE
IT	ITL 60,000	ITL 783,000	18,000	181,000	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 55,000 (from 1.11.98: 62,800)	1,300 (1,450)	12,700 (14,500)	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 30	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS equiv of USD 60	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
KP	KPW equiv of CHF 50	KPW equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT AU JP
KZ	KZT ⁵ —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁵ —	LSM equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT EP
LT	LTL equiv of USD 80	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 800	LUF/BEF 16,500	380	3,800	EP
LV	LVL 40	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
MC	FRF 300	FRF 2,690	60	620	EP
MD	MDL ⁵ 180	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
MN	None	CHF 650	15	150	EP RU
MW	MWK 150	MWK 10,000 (from 15.10.98: 11,600)	230 (270)	2,310 (2,700)	EP
MX	MXP ² equiv of USD 200	MXP equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG 110	NLG 900	21	208	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,300	75	770	EP SE

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 October 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		Basic fee ^{1,2} (CHF 650)		Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 150)	Competent ISA(s) ⁴
NZ	NZD	155	NZD	850	20	196	AU EP US
PL	PLZ	240	PLZ	equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
PT	PTE	4,650	PTE	82,000	1,900	19,000	EP
RO	ROL	300,000	CHF	650	15	150	AT EP RU
RU	RUR	294	USD	455	10	105	EP RU
SD	SDP	50	SDP	equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
SE	SEK	1,000	SEK	3,500	80	800	EP SE
SG	SGD	135	SGD	690 (from 15.11.98: 820)	16 (20)	160 (190)	AT AU EP
SI	SIT	22,000	SIT	equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
SK	SKK	1,600	SKK	equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP
TJ	TJR ⁵	—	USD	455	10	105	EP RU
TM	USD ⁵	—	USD	455	10	105	EP RU
TR	CHF	100	CHF	650	15	150	AT AU CN EP RU
TT	TTD	750	USD	455	10	105	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD	455	10	105	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD	455	10	105	EP US
UZ	USD ⁵	—	USD	455	10	105	EP RU
VN	VND	equiv of USD 150	VND	equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	AT AU EP RU SE
YU	YUD	220	CHF	650	15	150	EP
ZW	ZWD	550	ZWD	equiv of USD 455	equiv of USD 10	equiv of USD 105	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 October 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	250	SGD*	287	USD	180	*(from 15.11.98: SGD 313)			
AU	AUD	800	CHF	714	NZD	910	SGD	875	USD	488		
CN	CNY	800	CHF	140	USD	100						
EP ¹⁰	DEM	2,200	CYP	671	FRF	7,590	ISK	87,300	MWK*	27,000	PTE	227,800
	ATS	15,710	DKK	8,640	GBP	753	ITL	2,222,000	NLG	2,510	SEK	9,950
	BEF	46,100	ESP	189,700	GRD	392,900	JPY	167,000	NOK	9,200	SGD	2,100
	CAD*	1,740	FIM	6,770	IEP	846	LUF	46,100	NZD	2,460	USD	1,250
	CHF	1,850	*(from 15.10.98: CAD 1,856 MWK 32,600)									
ES	ESP	76,520	CHF	724	USD	494						
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	810	USD	553						
RU ¹¹	USD	300	CHF	430								
SE	SEK	6,200 ¹²	6,800 ¹³	FIM	4,200 ¹²	4,600 ¹³	USD	815 ¹²	895 ¹³			
	CHF	1,180 ¹²	1,290 ¹³	ISK	58,500 ¹²	64,000 ¹³						
	DKK	5,300 ¹²	5,800 ¹³	NOK	5,750 ¹²	6,300 ¹³						
US	USD	700	450 ¹⁴	CHF	1,000	640 ¹⁴	NZD	1,340	862 ¹⁴			

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 October 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

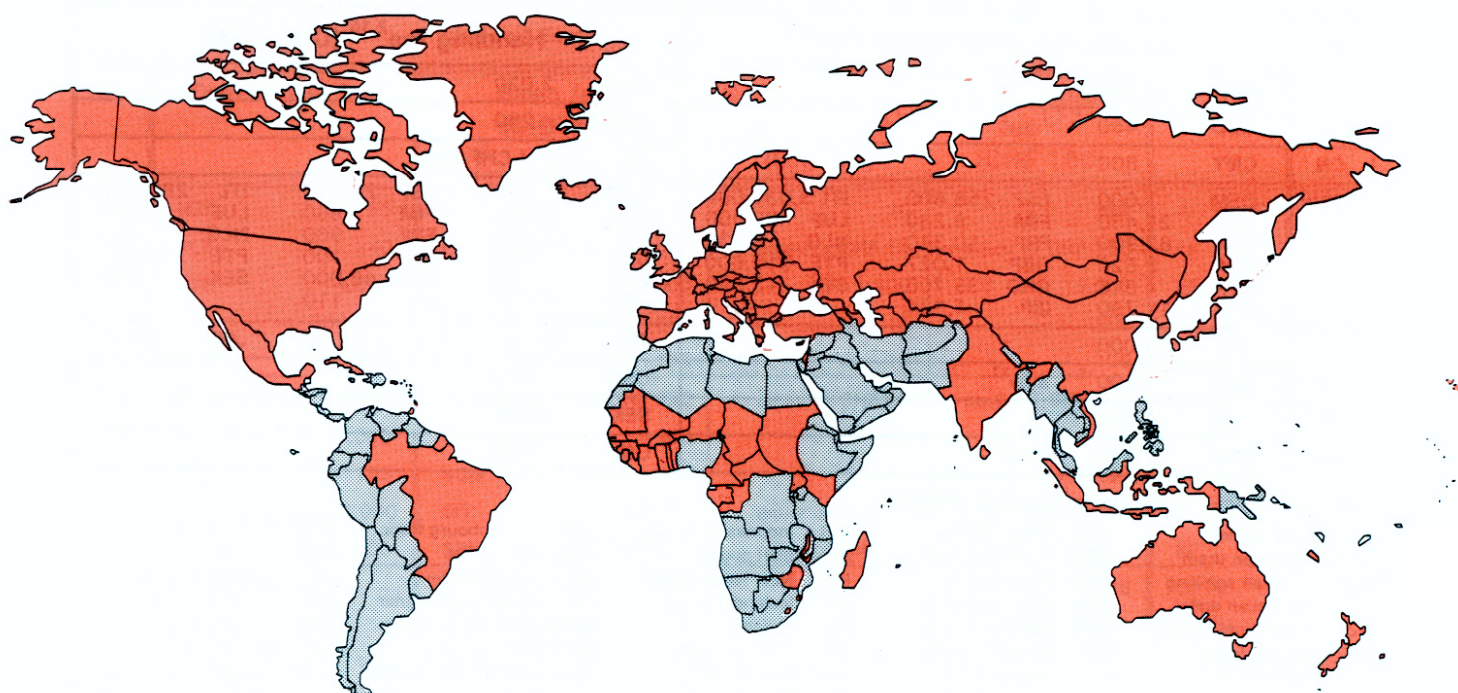
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁵			Handling fee^{2,15} (CHF 233)				
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,020			
AU	AUD	450		AUD	260			
CN	CNY	800		CNY equiv of CHF 233				
EP¹⁰	DEM	3,000	ESP 258,600	ITL	3,030,000	DEM 285	ESP 25,000	ITL 281,000
	ATS	21,430	FIM 9,230	LUF	62,900	ATS 2,020	FIM 860	LUF 5,900
	BEF	62,900	FRF 10,340	NLG	3,430	BEF 5,900	FRF 960	NLG 320
	CHF	2,520	GBP 1,027	PTE	310,600	CHF 233	GBP 100	PTE 29,000
	CYP	915	GRD 535,700	SEK	13,570	CYP 85	GRD 46,000	SEK 1,250
	DKK	11,790	IEP 1,154			DKK 1,000	IEP 110	
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	19,700	<i>(from 1.11.98: JPY 22,500)</i>		
RU¹¹	USD	200 ¹⁶	300 ¹⁷	USD	162			
SE	SEK	4,200		SEK	1,250			
US	USD	490	750 ¹⁸	USD	162			

Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

ALL Albanian lek	CZK Czech koruna	IDR Indonesian rupiah	LUF Luxembourg franc	SDP Sudanese pound
AMD Armenian dram	DEM Deutsche mark	IEP Irish pound	LVL Latvian lat	SEK Swedish krona
ATS Austrian schilling	DKK Danish krone	ILS New Israel shekel	MDL Moldovan leu	SGD Singapore dollar
AUD Australian dollar	EER Estonian kroon	ISK Icelandic krona	MKD Macedonian denar	SIT Slovenian tolar
AZM Azerbaijani manat	ESP Spanish peseta	ITL Italian lira	MWK Malawian kwacha	SKK Slovak koruna
BEF Belgian franc	FIM Finnish markka	JPY Japanese yen	MXP Mexican peso	TJR Tajik rouble
BGL Bulgarian lev	FRF French franc	KES Kenyan shilling	NLG Netherlands guilder	TTD Trinidad and Tobago dollar
BRR Brazilian real	GBP Pound sterling	KGS Kyrgyz som	NOK Norwegian krone	UAH Ukrainian hryvnia
BYR Belarussian rouble	GEL Georgian lari	KPW KP won	NZD New Zealand dollar	USD US dollar
CAD Canadian dollar	GHC Ghanaian cedi	KRW KR won	PLZ Polish zloty	VND Vietnamese dong
CHF Swiss franc	GRD Greek drachma	KZT Kazakh tenge	PTE Portuguese escudo	YUD Yugoslavian dinar
CNY Yuan renminbi	HRK Croatian kuna	LSM Lesotho loti	ROL Romanian leu	ZWD Zimbabwe dollar
CUP Cuban convertible peso	HUF Hungarian forint	LTL Lithuanian litas	RUR Russian rouble	
CYP Cypriot pound				

*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, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India (from 7 December 1998), Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia or Zimbabwe. 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 The amounts of the transmittal fee in currencies other than DEM are as follows: ATS 1,430, BEF/LUF 4,200, CHF 170, CYP 61, DKK 790, ESP 17,200, FIM 620, FRF 690, GBP 68, GRD 35,700, IEP 77, ITL 202,000, NLG 230, PTE 20,700, SEK 900. The amounts in those currencies of the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30 and designation fee are the same as those indicated for the receiving Offices of the respective States, that is RO/AT, BE, CH, etc.⁷ The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.⁸ A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.⁹ 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. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).¹⁰ Nationals (natural or legal persons) of States which fulfill the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also footnote 2) may be eligible for reductions in the search and preliminary examination fees. For details, including the amount of the fee reduction and applicable conditions, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annexes D (EP) and E (EP). The list of countries concerned is indicated in footnote 2.¹¹ The applicant may, instead of paying the USD amount, pay the equivalent amount in RUR at the exchange rate applicable on the date of payment at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, provided that, in the case of the search fee, the receiving Office accepts payment in RUR.¹² 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.¹³ In all cases where footnote 12 does not apply.¹⁴ Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.¹⁵ Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.¹⁶ Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.¹⁷ In all cases where footnote 12 does not apply.¹⁸ Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C.)

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AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
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CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia ¹	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CH Switzerland (EP)	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SE Sweden (EP)	
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	HR Croatia	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore	
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HU Hungary		SI Slovenia ¹	
CN China	ID Indonesia		SK Slovakia	
CU Cuba	IE Ireland (EP) ²			
	IL Israel			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

² May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

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