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REMINDER: REDUCTION IN MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DESIGNATION FEES WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 1999

Applicants are reminded that, following the decision of the PCT Union Assembly in September this year, the maximum number of designation fees payable will, with effect from 1 January 1999, be reduced from 11 to 10.

This reduction will affect all international applications filed on or after 1 January 1999.

The reduction will also apply to any international applications filed before that date where the following three requirements are met:

(1) the date on which the designation fees are due is one year from the priority date, and that date is later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application (that is, where the time limit under PCT Rule 15.4(b)(i) applies);

(2) the one-year time limit for payment of the designation fees (see item 1) falls on or after 1 January 1999; and

(3) the designation fees are actually paid on or after 1 January 1999.

PCT-EASY BECOMES MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE

As from 1 January 1999, it will be possible for applicants, subject to the conditions indicated below, to file the request part of their international applications using the PCT-EASY

format. That format, to be promulgated shortly in the *PCT Gazette* pursuant to Section 102(i) of the PCT Administrative Instructions, is the print-out of the computer-generated request prepared using the PCT-EASY software made available by the International Bureau.

Item 4 of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 January 1999, provides that the total amount of the international fee (that is, the basic fee and designation fee) is reduced by 200 Swiss francs if the international application is, in accordance

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with and to the extent provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed on paper together with a copy thereof in electronic form. The equivalent amounts in currencies other than the Swiss franc are indicated in the table on page 3, and are now included in a footnote to the fee tables appearing in the *PCT Newsletter*.

The use of the new format of the request form is permitted, and the 200 Swiss franc reduction in the international fee is available, **only if the following three conditions are met:**

(a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY software ("request in PCT-EASY format");

(b) the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract ("PCT-EASY diskette"); and

(c) the international application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

It is important, before filing an international application containing a request prepared using the PCT-EASY software, to check whether your receiving Office has agreed to accept the filing of such applications. The software will be available for preparing requests in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish (that is, in all of the languages of publication under PCT Rule 48.3(a)). A list of the Offices which accept such filings, as well as other information concerning PCT-EASY, including how to obtain the software and information as to hardware and software requirements, will appear on the PCT-EASY page which will soon be available on the WIPO Internet site (<http://www.wipo.int>). For further information, you may also contact the PCT-EASY Help Desk:

by e-mail: pcteasy.help@wipo.int

by fax: (41-22) 338 80 40

With the entry into force of the modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT which are necessary to implement the filing of applications using PCT-EASY, new PCT Rule 89ter.1 will also enter into force on 1 January 1999.

PCT NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1999

The 1999 annual subscription price of the *PCT Newsletter*, in Swiss francs, will be maintained at the same level as when the *PCT Newsletter* was first published in March 1994 (that is, 60 Swiss francs or, by airmail, 80 Swiss francs). The equivalent amount of the subscription price in US dollars will remain the same as it has been since 1996 (that is, 50 US dollars or, by airmail, 65 US dollars). The price of the *PCT Newsletter* binder (11 Swiss francs or

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Status of ratifications

Text of the Regulations under the PCT

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PCT International Search Guidelines (as in force from 18 September 1998)

PCT International Preliminary Examination Guidelines (as in force from 9 October 1998)

Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office

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8 US dollars or, by airmail, in Europe: 14 Swiss francs; outside Europe: 20 Swiss francs or 15 US dollars) has also not changed.

Included in this issue is a *PCT Newsletter* subscription form for 1999. ***If you are already a subscriber, it is not necessary to return the form*** since, unless notification to the contrary is received from you by WIPO, ***subscription renewal is automatic***; subscribers will shortly receive an invoice for 1999 subscriptions. You may, however, wish to use the subscription form to subscribe to additional copies. You are reminded that, for subscriptions to more than one copy, you are entitled to a 25% discount for each copy subscribed to (including the first). You may also use the subscription form to order binders for the *PCT Newsletter*.

You are reminded that you can view the *PCT Newsletter* on the Internet free of charge. See "PCT materials on Internet," above.

NON-WORKING DAYS AT THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

For the purpose of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, the days on which the International Bureau will not be open for business are, for the period up to the end of December 1999, the following:

All Saturdays and Sundays,
and
24 December 1998
25 December 1998
31 December 1998
1 January 1999
2 April 1999
5 April 1999
13 May 1999
24 May 1999
9 September 1999
24 December 1999
27 December 1999
30 December 1999
31 December 1999

Table of equivalent amounts of the 200 Swiss franc reduction in the international fee where PCT-EASY software is used and necessary conditions are met
(applicable as from 1 January 1999)

Currency	Equivalent of 200 Swiss francs	Currency	Equivalent of 200 Swiss francs
Australian dollar (AUD)	222	Japanese yen (JPY)	19,300
Austrian schilling (ATS)	1,720	Korean won (KRW)	220,300
Belgian franc (BEF)	5,100	Luxembourg franc (LUF)	5,100
Canadian dollar (CAD)	220	Malawi kwacha (MWK)	3,600
Cyprus pound (CYP)	75	Netherlands guilder (NLG)	277
Danish krone (DKK)	940	New Zealand dollar (NZD)	262
Deutsche mark (DEM)	246	Norwegian krone (NOK)	1,020
Finnish markka (FIM)	740	Portuguese escudo (PTE)	25,200
French franc (FRF)	830	Pound sterling (GBP)	88
Greek drachma (GRD)	39,100	Singapore dollar (SGD)	250
Icelandic krona (ISK)	9,800	Spanish peseta (ESP)	20,900
Irish pound (IEP)	92	Swedish krona (SEK)	1,080
Italian lira (ITL)	241,000	US dollar (USD)	140

PCT WHEEL

The PCT Wheel is a useful tool for monitoring important PCT time limits. PCT Wheels covering priority dates from January 1998 to December 1999 will be printed shortly, and will be inserted in the *PCT Newsletter* as soon as they are available.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) (telephone numbers; fees)

The African Regional Industrial Property Organization has an additional telephone number, as follows:

telephone: (263-4) 79 43 38, 79 43 39, or 73 58 59

The amount of the following fee, payable to that Office as receiving Office, has changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B2 (AP); and Vol. I/B, Annex C (AP))

AT Austria (e-mail and Internet addresses; means of telecommunication; number of copies of the international application)

The e-mail and Internet addresses of the Austrian Patent Office have changed, as follows:

e-mail: weiding@at-patent.bmwa.gf.at

Internet: <http://dips.patent.bmwa.gv.at>

That Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter; the means of telecommunication by which it will accept the filing of documents is now by fax only.

There has also been a change concerning the number of copies of the international application required by that Office as receiving Office, as follows:

number of copies required
by the receiving Office: 3

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

AZ Azerbaijan (fax numbers)

The fax numbers of the Azerbaijan Patent Office have changed, as follows:

Fax: (99-412) 94 20 69, 94 08 77

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

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The location and mailing address, as well as the telephone and fax numbers, of the Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of Bosnia and Herzegovina have changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

CemerliDa 2 (Energoinvest Building)
71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

telephone: (387-71) 52 18 48, 65 27 98

fax: (387-71) 65 27 57

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

BY Belarus (e-mail addresses)

The Belarus Patent Office now has the following e-mail addresses:

e-mail:

belpat@it.org.by

kudashev@it.org.by

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

CH Switzerland (Internet addresses)

The Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute has deleted one of its Internet addresses. The valid addresses are as follows:

<http://www.ipi.ch>

<http://www.patent-info.org>

<http://www.patent-info.net>

<http://www.intellectual-property.net>

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

CU Cuba (Internet address; number of copies of the international application; special requirements)

There has been a change in the Internet address of the Cuban Industrial Property Office, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.ceniai.inf.cu/OCPI>

There has also been a change concerning the number of copies of the international application required by that Office as receiving Office, as follows:

number of copies required
by the receiving Office: 2

One of the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, for entry into the national phase before that Office as designated and elected Office, has changed, as follows:

special requirements of the Office:

verified translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (CU); Vol. I/B, Annex C (CU); and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (CU))

CY Cyprus (fees; general information)

The amount of the transmittal fee and the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable to the Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus as receiving Office, have been established:

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

Information about Cyprus as a Contracting State and information on the Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus as receiving Office is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets (included in this issue) for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (CY), and Vol. I/B, Annex C (CY).

DE Germany (name of Office; Internet address)

There has been a change in the name and Internet address of the German Patent Office, as follows:

name of Office:

Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt
German Patent and Trade Mark Office

Internet:

<http://www.patent-und-markenamt.de>

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

EA Eurasian Patent Office (required contents of translation for national phase)

The Eurasian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau that the changes which were published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/1998 regarding required contents of translation for entry into the national phase should be disregarded. The information concerning the

required contents of the translation should read, as before, as follows:

under PCT Article 22:

description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract

under PCT Article 39(1):

description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. III/A, National Chapter, Summary (EA))

EE Estonia (mailing address)

The mailing address of the Estonian Patent Office has changed, as follows:

Toompuistee 7
15041 Tallinn, Estonia

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 4 December 1998, there will be a change in the amounts of the following fee, payable in GBP, IEP and SEK to the European Patent Office as receiving Office:

transmittal fee: see footnote 7 of the fee tables

ES Spain (provisional protection after international publication; requirements regarding agents; special requirements)

There have been changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

national protection: no change

European protection:

After the international publication (if in Spanish) or, where that publication was in a language other than Spanish, after the publication by the Office of a translation into Spanish of the claims submitted by the applicant in view of provisional protection and accompanied by a special fee, compensation reasonable in the circumstances may be requested. The translation of the claims into Spanish cannot be

filed before the international application has entered the European regional phase and the mention of the international publication has been published in the *European Patent Bulletin*. If the applicant does not reside in Spain or in a country of the European Union, the translation must be either prepared by a patent attorney entitled to practice before the Office or certified by a sworn translator appointed by the Ministry of External Affairs of Spain.

There has been a change in the conditions under which an agent is required to act before that Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in Spain or in a country of the European Union

Yes, if he resides in a country other than a country of the European Union

One of the special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, for entry into the national phase before that Office as designated and elected Office, has changed, and another one is no longer applicable. The consolidated list reads as follows:

special requirements of the Office:

name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application

instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical

instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date

appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Spain or in a country of the European Union

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (ES); Vol. I/B, Annex C (ES); and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (ES))

GB United Kingdom (fees)

The national (filing) fee, payable to the United Kingdom Patent Office as designated and elected Office, has been abolished.

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

GE Georgia (name of Office; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The Georgian Patent Office has changed its name, as well as its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

name of Office:

Intelektualuri Sakutrebis Erovnuli Tsentri
Georgian Intellectual Property Office

e-mail: saqpatenti@global-erty.net

Internet:

<http://www.global-erty.net/saqpatenti>

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

GR Greece (telephone number; Internet address; means of telecommunication)

The Industrial Property Organization of Greece has an additional telephone number, and now has an Internet address, as follows:

telephone: (30-1) 618 35 48, 618 35 08

Internet: <http://www.obi.gr>

That Office has changed its requirements as to the acceptance of the filing of documents by means of telecommunication: it now accepts the filing of documents by fax.

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

HU Hungary (fax number)

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

fax: (36-1) 331 25 96

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

IE Ireland (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The location and mailing address, as well as the telephone and fax numbers, of the Irish Patents Office have changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

Government Buildings, Hebron Road,
Kilkenny, Ireland

telephone: (353-56) 201 11

fax: (353-56) 201 00

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

IN India (fees; general information)

The amount of the transmittal fee and the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable to the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office with effect from 7 December 1998, have been established:

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

Information about India as a Contracting State and information on the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office, applicable with effect from 7 December 1998, is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets (included in this issue) for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (IN), and Vol. I/B, Annex C (IN).

KE Kenya (e-mail address)

The Kenya Industrial Property Office now has an e-mail address, as follows:

e-mail: kipo@arcc.or.ke

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

KG Kyrgyzstan (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; fees; fee reductions)

The location and mailing address, as well as the telephone and fax numbers, of the Kyrgyz Patent Office have changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

10/1 mikroraion
Bishkek 720049, Kyrgyzstan

telephone: (996-3312) 51 08 13, 51 08 10

fax: (996-3312) 51 08 13

The amount of the following fees, payable to that Office as receiving Office, have changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

fee for priority
document: equivalent in KGS of USD 20

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to that Office as designated and elected Office, have changed, and there are new provisions relating to the reduction of the national fee, as follows:

filing and provisional
examination fee: USD 100

claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD	50
examination fee:	USD	400
claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD	200
renewal fee for the third year:	USD	100

exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

fees are reduced by 75% where the applicant is a natural person or a non-commercial organization, and by 50% where the applicant is a small enterprise

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (KG); Vol. I/B, Annex C (KG); and Vol. II/B, Summary (KG))

KR Republic of Korea (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; means of telecommunication)

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

location and mailing address:

920 Dunsan-dong, So-ku
302-701 Taejon Metropolitan City,
Republic of Korea

telephone: (82-42) 481 51 96, 481 52 10

fax: (82-42) 472 34 66

That Office has also discontinued the use of its teleprinter.

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

KZ Kazakhstan (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers)

The location and mailing address, as well as the telephone and fax numbers of the Kazakh Patent Office have changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

6, Emelev Street, Pavilion 1,
480002 Almaty, Kazakhstan

telephone: (7327-2) 30 00 01, 30 15 22
(general), 30 09 73 (secretary),
30 22 26 (application
processing)

fax: (7327-2) 30 13 76

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

LT Lithuania (e-mail address)

The e-mail address of the Lithuanian Patent Office has changed, as follows:

e-mail: spb@is.lt

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

MC Monaco (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion of Monaco, as receiving Office, has changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia have changed, as follows:

telephone: (389-91) 22 42 69,
11 63 79, 13 71 89

fax: (389-91) 11 60 41

That Office now has e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

e-mail: zzis@unet.com.mk

Internet: <http://www.ippo.gov.mk>

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

MN Mongolia (location and mailing address; telephone numbers; means of telecommunication)

The location and mailing address and the telephone numbers of the Mongolian Intellectual Property Office have changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

31, Bage Toiruu
Ulaanbaatar 46, Mongolia

telephone: (976-1) 32 72 67, 32 74 56

That Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter; the means of telecommunication by which it will accept the filing of documents is now by fax.

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

NZ New Zealand (e-mail address)

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand now has an e-mail address, as follows:

e-mail: iponz@iponz.govt.nz

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

SK Slovakia (telephone and fax numbers; language requirements)

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

telephone: (421-88) 413 25 30

fax: (421-88) 413 25 66

There has been a change in the requirements concerning the language in which international applications may be filed with that Office as receiving Office, as follows:

language in which international applications may be filed:

English, French, German or Slovak

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

US United States of America (fees)

There has been a change in the fees payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as designated and elected Office. Those fees are reflected in the pink tear-out provisional sheet (included in this issue) for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (US), page 4 (pages 3 and 5 of the Summary remain unchanged).

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

VN Viet Nam (location and mailing address; e-mail address)

The location and mailing address of the National Office of Industrial Property of Viet Nam has changed, as follows:

384–386 Nguyen Trai Road
Thanh xuan, Hanoi, Viet Nam

That Office now has an e-mail address, as follows:

e-mail: NOIP@fpt.vn

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

YU Yugoslavia (fees)

The amounts of certain of the national fees, payable to the Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia as designated and elected Office, have changed, as follows:

for patent:

additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
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for petty patent:

additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (YU))

Search fee (European Patent Office, Japanese Patent Office)

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

As from 1 January 1999, there will be a change in the equivalent amount, payable in USD to the International Bureau as receiving Office, for an international search carried out by the Japanese Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Indications in the request form relating to earlier searches

Q: *Box No. VII of the request form includes a section for details about earlier searches relating to the international application. Why is such reference to an earlier search required, and how must it be indicated?*

A: Certain International Searching Authorities (ISAs), where they can base the international search wholly or partly on an earlier search (whether an international, international-type¹, or other search) carried out by them, will refund part or even all of the international search fee. For example, the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office will both give a 25%, 50%, 75% or even a 100% refund, depending on the extent to which the results of such an earlier search can be used.

If there is such an earlier search, and the applicant wishes to benefit from a refund, the applicant must make reference to that earlier international, international-type or other search, as provided by PCT Rule 4.1(b)(ii) and in the manner provided for in PCT Rule 4.11 (see below for details). If any such reference has been made in the request, the ISA will, where the earlier search was carried out by them, use, to the extent possible, the results of the said search in establishing the international search report on the international application (see PCT Rules 4.11 and 41.1).

Where the earlier search was made in relation to a national, regional or international application, that application (or the translation thereof, as the case may be) must be identified in Box No. VII of the request by an indication of the filing date of that earlier application, the number of the application and the country of filing of the application (or the regional patent Office with which it was filed). Where the earlier search was made independently of a patent granting procedure (for instance, a standard search by the European Patent Office), a reference must be made to the date of the request for that search and the number given to the request by the Office which carried out that search.

For details as to which ISAs will give a refund, and to what extent and under what conditions a refund will be given, see the table, on page 10, which is based on information taken from the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D.

1. If the national law of the Contracting State so permits, an applicant who files a national application with the national Office of or acting for such State may, subject to the conditions provided for in such law, request that a search similar to an international search ("international-type search") be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)(a)).

REFUNDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH FEE WHERE AN EARLIER SEARCH HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE SAME OFFICE	
National or regional Office	Conditions under which refund, if any, will be given and extent of refund
AT Austrian Patent Office	Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion: refund of 75%.
AU Australian Patent Office	Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25%, 50%, 75% or 90%, depending upon the extent of the benefit.
CN China Intellectual Property Office	Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion: refund of 75%.
EP European Patent Office	Where the international search report is based on an earlier search (including a privately commissioned "standard" search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, the following refund is made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – no supplementary search performed: refund of 100%; – supplementary search performed in the documentation relating to one or more subdivisions consulted in the earlier search or extended to one or more subdivisions not yet consulted: refund of 75%; – supplementary search performed in the documentation relating to one or more subdivisions already consulted and extended to one or more subdivisions not yet consulted: refund of 50%; – supplementary search performed in the documentation relating to subdivisions concerning a new aspect of the invention claimed (for instance, cases where the international application is based on several earlier applications only one of which was the subject of an earlier search report): refund of 25%.
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100%, depending upon the extent of the benefit.
JP Japanese Patent Office	Where the international search report can be based to a considerable extent on an earlier search: refund of JPY 32.000 upon request by the applicant.
RU Russian Patent Office	Where the international search report is based on an earlier international, international-type or other search, the following refund is made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – no additional search performed: refund of 75%; – additional search performed in documentation relating to one or two additional IPC subgroups: refund of 50%; – additional search performed in documentation concerning a new aspect of the invention claimed (for instance, the international application is based on several earlier applications only one of which was the subject of the earlier search): refund of 25%.
SE Swedish Patent Office	Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search or from a search report drawn up by the Swedish Patent Office in an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed: refund of 25%, 50% or 75%, depending upon the extent of the benefit.
US United States Patent and Trademark Office	No refund is given. Note, however, that a lower amount of the search fee is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee paid.

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR [continued]			
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
10–11 December 1998 Mumbai (IN)	English	WIPO national seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mr. Sinha Other speakers: Mr. Alikhan and Mr. Bartels	Department of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry; Institute of Intellectual Property Development (IIPD) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) (Mr. P. Rai) Tel: (91–11) 301 17 14 Fax: (91–11) 301 36 56 E-mail: prai@alpha.nic.in
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 WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff and Mr. Reischle	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)	Finnish (on 26 January 1999) and English (on 27 January 1999)	PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speaker (on 27 January 1999): Mr. Wolff Other speakers (on 26 January 1999): from Finnish Patent Office and private practice	Helsinki University of Technology/Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli (Ms. Maija Laurila) Tel: (358–9) 451 40 68 Fax: (358–9) 451 40 47
9–10 February 1999 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Wolff, Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
11–12 February 1999 Munich (DE)	German	PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
3 March 1999 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) and the Danish Patent Office (Ms. Inge-Lise Høvbøve) Tel.: (45–43) 50 80 00 Fax: (45–43) 50 80 01
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
21 April 1999 Munich (DE)	German	PCT seminar for patent attorneys	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
22–23 April 1999 Munich (DE)	German	PCT seminar for patent administrators	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de

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 December 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 150)	Competent ISA(s) ⁵
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	150	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
AP	USD 30 (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 ⁶ —	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 721	17	166	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
CY	CYP 75	CYP 250	6	60	EP
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 50	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 ⁷	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

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 150)	Competent ISA(s) ⁵
GB	GBP 55	GBP 285	6	65	EP
GE	GEL ⁶ —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁸ 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 ⁹ 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	See footnote ¹⁰
ID	IDR ⁶ —	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
IN	(from 7.12.98: INR 5,000)	(from 7.12.98: USD 455)	(10)	(105)	AT AU EP
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 62,800	1,450	14,500	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 30	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS equiv of USD 100	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 ⁶ —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁶ —	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 320	FRF 2,690	60	620	EP
MD	MDL ⁶ 180	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 11,600	270	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

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

(as at 1 December 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 150)	Competent ISA(s) ⁵
NL	NLG 110	NLG 900	21	208	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,300	75	770	EP SE
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 820	20	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 ⁶ —	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
TM	USD ⁶ —	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 ⁶ —	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 December 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	ATS 2,200	CHF 250	SGD 313	USD 180								
AU	AUD 800	CHF 619	NZD 910	SGD 875	USD 488							
CN	CNY 800	CHF 140	USD 100									
EP ¹¹	DEM 2,200	CYP 671	FRF 7,590	ISK 87,300	MWK 32,600	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 9,800	SGD 2,270	CAD* 1,856	FIM 6,770	IEP** 846	LUF 46,100	NZD 2,460	USD* 1,250
	CHF 1,850			CAD 2,088	USD 1,338							
	* (from 15.12.98:			GBP 812	IEP 902	SEK 10,730						
	** (from 4.12.98:											
ES	ESP 76,520	CHF 724	USD 494									
JP	JPY 77,000	CHF 810	USD* 553	*(from 1.1.99:		USD 644)						
RU ¹²	USD 300	CHF 430										
SE	SEK 6,200 ¹³	6,800 ¹⁴	FIM 4,200 ¹³	4,600 ¹⁴	USD 815 ¹³	895 ¹⁴	CHF 1,180 ¹³	1,290 ¹⁴	ISK 58,500 ¹³	64,000 ¹⁴		
	DKK 5,300 ¹³	5,800 ¹⁴	NOK 5,750 ¹³	6,300 ¹⁴								
US	USD 700	450 ¹⁵	CHF* 1,000	640 ¹⁵	NZD 1,340	862 ¹⁵						
	*(from 15.12.98:	CHF 930	600 ¹⁵)									

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES
(as at 1 December 1998, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁶			Handling fee ^{2,16} (CHF 233)								
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,020							
AU	AUD	450		AUD	260							
CN	CNY	800		CNY equiv of CHF 233								
EP ¹¹	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		
	*(from 4.12.98:			GBP	1,107	SEK	14,630)					
				IEP	1,230							
	JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	22,500						
	RU ¹²	USD	200 ¹⁷	300 ¹⁸	USD	162						
SE	SEK	4,200		SEK	1,250							
US	USD	490	750 ¹⁹	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	EEK	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 total amount of the basic fee and designation fee will, as from 1 January 1999, be reduced by 200 Swiss francs (equivalent to: ATS 1,720, AUD 222, BEF 5,100, CAD 220, CYP 75, DEM 246, DKK 940, ESP 20,900, FIM 740, FRF 830, GBP 88, GRD 39,100, IPE 92, ISK 9,800, ITL 241,000, JPY 19,300, KRW 220,300, LUF 5,100, MWK 3,600, NLG 277, NOK 1,020, NZD 262, PTE 25,200, SEK 1,080, SGD 250, USD 140) where the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY software; the request is filed together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract; and the international application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

⁴ The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee.

⁵ For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 (from 4 December 1998: GBP 74), GRD 35,700, IEP 77 (from 4 December 1998: IEP 82), ITL 202,000, NLG 230, PTE 20,700, SEK 900 (from 4 December 1998: SEK 980). 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.

⁸ 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.

⁹ A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.

¹⁰ 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).

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ In all cases where footnote 13 does not apply.

¹⁵ Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.

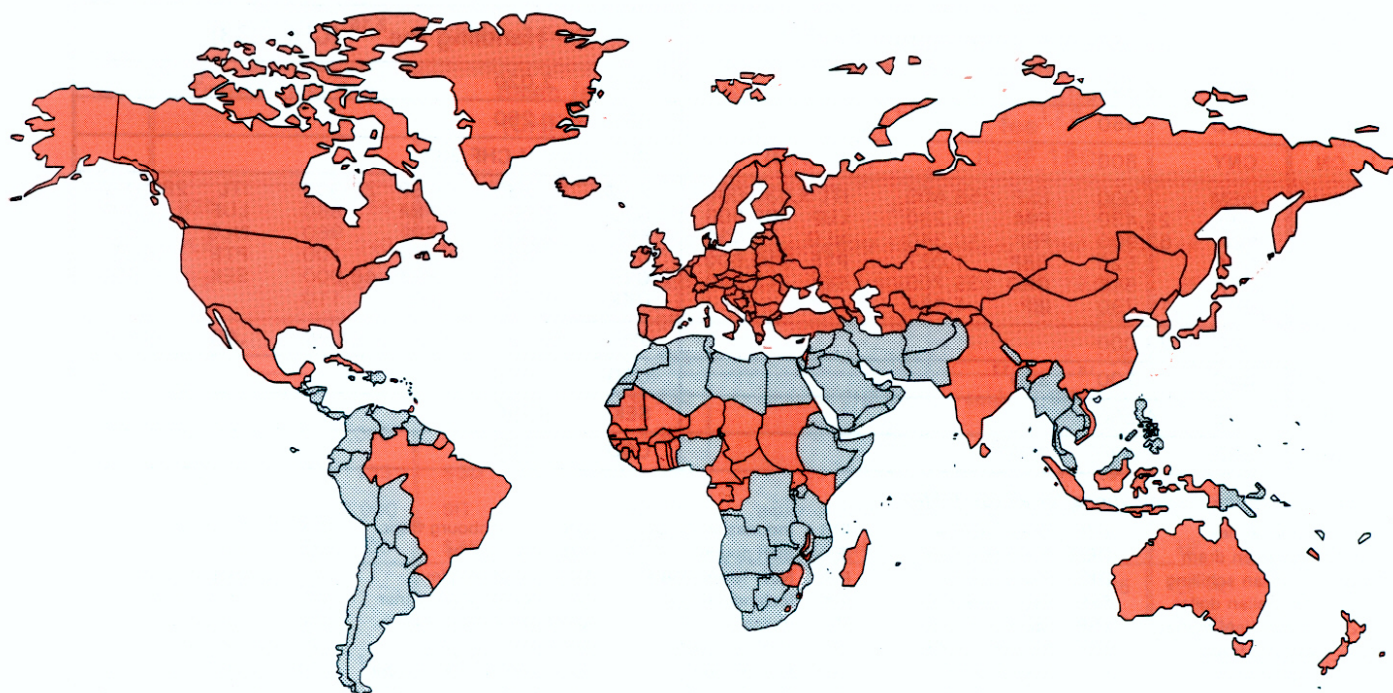
¹⁶ Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.

¹⁷ Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.

¹⁸ In all cases where footnote 17 does not apply.

¹⁹ 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
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MN Mongolia	TD Chad (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	EE Estonia	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	ES Spain (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MW Malawi (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
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BG Bulgaria	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway	UA Ukraine
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CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania ¹	RO Romania ¹	VN Viet Nam
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RU Russian Federa- tion (EA)	YU Yugoslavia
CG Congo (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia ¹	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
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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).

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****CY****CYPRUS****CY****General information**

Name of Office:	Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Corner Makarios Ave. and Karpenssiou St. 1427 Nicosia, Cyprus
Telephone:	(357-2) 307 701, 307 780
Facsimile machine:	(357-2) 304 887
Teleprinter	—
E-mail:	deptcomp@rcor.gov.cy
Internet:	http://www.pio.gov.cy/rcor/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cyprus:	Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus, European Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cyprus is designated(or elected):	European Patent Office (see Volume II)
May Cyprus be elected?	Yes (bound by chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Cyprus concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Cyprus is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2

¹ A national of Cyprus may file directly with the European Patent Office or with the International Bureau of WIPO only if priority based on a national application is claimed.

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CYPRUS

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Cyprus
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, German or Greek ¹
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Cyprus pound (CYP)
Transmittal fee:	CYP 75
Basic fee:	CYP 250
Supplement per sheet over 30:	CYP 6
Designation fee:	CYP 60
Search fee:	See Annex D (European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
Who can act as agent?	Any advocate qualified to practice in Cyprus

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****IN****INDIA****IN****General information**

Name of Office:	Patent Office
Location and mailing address:	Nizam Palace (5th-7th floor), 234/4 Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Road, Calcutta 700 020 (for PCT applications)
Telephone:	(91-33) 247 4401, 247 4402, 247 4403, 240 1353
Facsimile machine:	(91-33) 247 3851
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	—
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of India:	Indian Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if India is designated (or elected):	Indian Patent Office (see Volume II)
May India be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of India concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if India is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if India is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

C**Receiving Offices****C****IN****INDIAN PATENT OFFICE****IN**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	India
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Hindi ¹
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office ²
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Indian rupee (INR) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	INR 5,000
Basic fee: ³	USD 455
Supplement per sheet over 30: ³	USD 10
Designation fee: ³	USD 105
Search fee:	See Annex D (Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	INR 2,000
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, but an address for service in India is required
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent registered to practice before the Office

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office or by the Austrian Patent Office.

³ 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 India or any other State mentioned in the corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****US****UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO)****US****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 20 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter in the drawings, abstract ² Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, description, claims, any text matter in the drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report) ²
Is a copy of the international application required? ³	Applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the USPTO has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2). No copy is required if the international application was filed with the USPTO as receiving Office. A copy of amendments of the claims filed under PCT Article 19 with the International Bureau is required under the conditions indicated in the previous paragraph.

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¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The requirement may still be complied with in response to a notice sent to the applicant, provided that a processing fee is paid for furnishing the translation later.

² If the translation of the amendments is not furnished, the amendments are considered to be cancelled (37 CFR 1.494(d) and 1.495(d)).

³ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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National fee:⁴

Currency:	US dollar (USD)		
Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): ⁵			
— where an international preliminary examination fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO:		USD	670 (335) ⁶
— where no international preliminary examination fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO, but an international search fee has been paid for an international search by the USPTO:		USD	760 (380) ⁶
— where no international preliminary examination fee has been paid to and no international search report has been prepared by the USPTO:		USD	970 (485) ⁶
— where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office:		USD	840 (420) ⁶
— where the international preliminary examination report prepared by the USPTO states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) and industrial applicability, as defined in PCT Article 33(1) presented in the application entering the national phase:		USD	96 (48) ⁶
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: ⁷		USD	78 (39) ⁶
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: ⁷		USD	18 (9) ⁶
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: ⁷		USD	260 (130) ⁶
Surcharge for filing oath or declaration after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):		USD	130 (65) ⁶
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):		USD	130 ⁸

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⁴ Certain of these fees are subject to periodic change. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the *Official Gazette* of the United States Patent and Trademark Office should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

⁵ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁶ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “small entity.” In order to claim “small entity” status, a proper statement, signed by the “small entity,” must be filed with the USPTO (see 37 CFR 1.9(f), 1.27 and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, Annex US.V). Fees are subject to periodic change. Current PCT-related fees can be found in the *Official Gazette* of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

⁷ If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁸ This fee is unaffected by small entity status.