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NEW ACCESSIONS BRING TO 100 THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTING STATES OF THE PCT

The following States acceded to the PCT in December, bringing the total number of PCT Contracting States to 100. It is interesting to note that in the last five years, that is, since 1 January 1994, 37 States have joined the PCT.

United Arab Emirates (country code: AE)

On 10 December 1998, the United Arab Emirates deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. The United Arab Emirates will become the 99th Contracting State of the PCT on 10 March 1999.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 10 March 1999, the United Arab Emirates may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the United Arab Emirates will be entitled from 10 March 1999 to file international applications under the PCT.

South Africa (country code: ZA)

On 16 December 1998, South Africa deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. South Africa will become the 100th Contracting State of the PCT on 16 March 1999. Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 16 March 1999, South Africa may be designated and, be-

cause it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of South Africa will be entitled from 16 March 1999 to file international applications under the PCT.

EURO CURRENCY

The Euro has been introduced as a new monetary unit in the countries which are members of the European Monetary Union. Switzerland is not a member of that Union.

Any changes whereby PCT Offices and Authorities in those countries notify the International

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Bureau that they accept the payment of fees in Euros will be published in the *PCT Newsletter*.

PCT fees and subscriptions payable to the International Bureau will continue, until further notice, to be fixed only in Swiss francs (CHF) and (for residents of the United States of America) in US dollars (USD). Current accounts maintained with WIPO will continue to be in CHF, and any payments into such accounts received in any other currency (including in Euros) will continue to be converted into CHF.

PCT MATERIALS ON INTERNET

(<http://www.wipo.int>)

*PCT Gazette**
 PCT Information Line
PCT Newsletter (Nos. 01/1997–01/1999*)
PCT Applicant's Guide
 PCT-EASY*
 Recent PCT press releases/updates
 PCT Automation Project Overview*
 PCT seminar calendar*
Basic Facts about the PCT
 The PCT in 1997
 About the Treaty
 Text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty
 Status of ratifications
 Text of the Regulations under the PCT
 Administrative Instructions under the PCT (as in force from 1 July 1998)
 PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (as in force from 28 August 1998)
 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
 PCT forms
 PCT Assembly documents: 1997, 1998

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PCT PUBLICATIONS

***PCT Gazette* special issue: General information on Contracting States, National and Regional Offices and International Authorities**

Consolidated general information relating to PCT Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities under the PCT will be published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* on 7 January 1999 (No. S-01/1999 (E) and (F)). It will replace the previous special issue containing consolidated general information, published on 2 July 1998 (No. S-04/1998 (E) and (F)).

Subscribers to the *PCT Gazette* will shortly receive that special issue. If you are not a subscriber to the *PCT Gazette* but would like to obtain that special issue, you may order it from the Information Products Section at WIPO:

fax: (41–22) 740 18 12

e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int

mailing address: see address indicated on cover page

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 issue will also be available in PDF format, free of charge, as part of the *PCT Gazette* on WIPO's Internet site.

1999 prices

The 1999 price lists for PCT publications, applicable from 1 January 1999, in Swiss francs and, for residents of the United States of America only, in US dollars, were included at the last minute as inserts in the December issue of the *PCT Newsletter*. The lists also give details of how to order PCT publications.

***PCT APPLICANT'S GUIDE* UPDATE SHEETS**

The next half-yearly set of update sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (dated January 1999) is under preparation. Pink provisional

sheets obtained from last year's issues of the *PCT Newsletter*, which have been inserted in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, should be removed from the *Guide* and replaced with the January 1999 update sheets when they are received.

The January 1999 update sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* will be incorporated in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* on WIPO's Internet site shortly.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

(1) Changes which are also reflected in the January 1999 update sheets for the PCT Applicant's Guide:

CA Canada (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The following depositary institution has acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure:

Bureau of Microbiology at Health Canada
(BMHC)
Federal Laboratories for Health Canada
Room H5190
1015 Arlington Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada R3E 3R2

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

ID Indonesia (name of Office)

The name of the Directorate General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks of Indonesia has changed, as follows:

name of Office:
Directorate General of Intellectual Property

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

IN India (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Indian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the State

Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. (The EPO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office or by the Austrian Patent Office; the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search report has been prepared by that Office.)

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

(2) Changes which are not reflected in the January 1999 update sheets for the PCT Applicant's Guide:

IL Israel (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as designated and elected Office, has changed:

filing fee:	ILS	813
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(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (IL))

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea (fees)

The amount of the following national fee, payable to the Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as designated and elected Office, has changed:

for patent:		
filing fee:	equivalent in KPW of Swiss francs	250

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

List of Contracting States

The pink tear-out provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex A (PCT Contracting States) includes South Africa and the United Arab Emirates and the date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of those States (see cover page for details).

PCT-EASY UPDATE

As indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/1998, one of the three conditions for obtaining the 200 Swiss franc reduction in the international fee is that the international application must be 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. The receiving Offices which have so far notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of international applications in such format are indicated on page 5.

It is now possible to download the PCT-EASY software, either from the PCT-EASY home page (<http://pcteasy.wipo.int>) or via the WIPO home page (<http://www.wipo.int>) on the Internet.

At present, the software is available in English, French, German and Spanish; the Chinese, Japanese and Russian versions will be available shortly. In addition to the software, you can also view and download supporting documentation, including the detailed *PCT-EASY User Reference Manual* and, for quick reference, the *PCT-EASY Mini Guide*. Also available is information on what's new in the development of PCT-EASY, the answers to a number of frequently-asked questions, a form for reporting problems and a user survey, which can be submitted on-line.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Claiming priority in PCT applications designating India

Q: I filed an international application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 8 December 1998, claiming

priority from an earlier United States application filed on 4 January 1998. The international application includes the designation of India as a country in which patent protection is sought. Will the priority claim in question be recognized under Indian law for the purposes of the national phase in India, even though India did not become bound by the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property until 7 December 1998 (the same day as it became bound by the PCT)?

A: Under the PCT, an international application may contain a declaration claiming the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in or for any country party to the Paris Convention. Such a priority claim will (on the assumption that it is validly made) be recognized in the national phase in any country that was party to the Paris Convention on the priority date concerned.

Even though India was not bound by the Paris Convention prior to 7 December 1998, a priority claim to an application filed before that date may be recognized under certain provisions of the Indian national law. Declarations have been made under those provisions with the result that priority rights have for some time been accorded to applications filed in certain countries which have agreements to that effect with India and to applications filed in countries which are members of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In January 1995, the Indian Government made such a declaration in relation to the "founding" members of WTO, which included the United States of America. A priority claim to a United States application filed on 4 January 1998, whether made in an Indian national application or in an international application designating India (as in your case), will thus be recognized under Indian law.

**RECEIVING OFFICES THAT ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE FILING OF
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING REQUESTS IN PCT-EASY FORMAT**

AM Armenian Patent Office
AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)
AT Austrian Patent Office
AU Australian Patent Office
BA Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
BE Industrial Property Office (Belgium)
BG Bulgarian Patent Office
CA Canadian Patent Office
CH Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Office
CZ Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office
DK Danish Patent Office
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)
EP European Patent Office (EPO)
FI National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (France)
GB United Kingdom Patent Office
GR Industrial Property Organization (Greece)
HR Croatian Intellectual Property Office
HU Hungarian Patent Office
IB International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization
ID Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)
IE Irish Patents Office
IN Indian Patent Office
JP Japanese Patent Office
KG Kyrgyz Patent Office
KR Korean Industrial Property Office
LV Latvian Patent Office
MD Moldova Patent Office
MK Industrial Property Protection Office (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
MN Mongolian Intellectual Property Office
MW Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi)
NL Netherlands Industrial Property Office
NO Norwegian Patent Office
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)
RO State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)
RU Russian Patent Office
SE Swedish Patent Office
SG Registry of Patents (Singapore)
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office
SK Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)
TM Turkmen Patent Office
TR Turkish Patent Institute
TT Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago)
US United States Patent and Trademark Office
UZ Uzbek Patent Office
YU Federal Intellectual Property Office (Yugoslavia)
ZW Zimbabwe Patent Office

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
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
4–5 February 1999 London (GB) [originally scheduled for 6–7 October 1998]	English	Presentation on the PCT as part of a conference on “International Law and Practice” WIPO speaker: Mr. Thomas Other speakers*	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: management_forum@psilink.co.uk
* Ms. Fasseur van Santen (Ministry of Justice, The Hague), Mr. Tootal (Herbert Smith), Mr. Sapelnikov (Kvashnin, Sapelnikov & Partners), Mr. Leardini (European Commission), Mr. Cohen (Taylor, Joynson, Garrett), Mr. Hartnack (The Patent Office), Dr. McDonnell and Mr. Hulbert (McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff), Dr. Galligani (European Patent Office), Dr. Peter Kolker (Intellectual Property Consultant)			
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	Basic 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
25–26 February 1999 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic 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

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PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR [continued]			
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
2 March 1999 St. Louis (US)	English	PCT seminar	Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL) Ms. Gwendolyn Byrd Tel: (1-314) 421 41 34 Fax: (1-314) 421 00 13
3 March 1999 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEPI) and the Danish Patent Office (Ms. Inge-Lise Høybye) Te.: (45-43) 50 80 00 Fax: (45-43) 50 80 01
3-4 March 1999 Chicago (US)	English	Basic 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
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	Basic 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. The total amount of the basic fee and designation fee may be reduced by CHF 200 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY software; see footnote 3 for details. A 75% reduction in the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee 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. (Note that if both the CHF 200 reduction and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated *after* the CHF 200 reduction.) Footnotes to all Fee Tables follow Table II.

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

(as at 1 January 1999, 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 January 1999, 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	INR 5,000	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN 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 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 January 1999, 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 January 1999, 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	812	ITL	2,222,000	NLG	2,510	SEK	10,730
	BEF	46,100	ESP	189,700	GRD	392,900	JPY	167,000	NOK	9,800	SGD	2,270
	CAD	2,088	FIM	6,770	IEP	902	LUF	46,100	NZD	2,460	USD	1,338
	CHF	1,850										
ES	ESP	76,520	CHF	724	USD	494						
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	810	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	930	600 ¹⁵	NZD	1,340	862 ¹⁵			

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 January 1999, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee¹⁶			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				
EP¹¹	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 1,107	PTE	310,600	CHF 233	GBP 100	PTE 29,000
	CYP	915	GRD 535,700	SEK	14,630	CYP 85	GRD 46,000	SEK 1,250
	DKK	11,790	IEP 1,230			DKK 1,000	IEP 110	
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	22,500			
RU¹²	USD	200 ¹⁷	300 ¹⁸	USD	162			
SE	SEK	4,200		SEK	1,250			
US	USD	490	750 ¹⁹	USD	162			

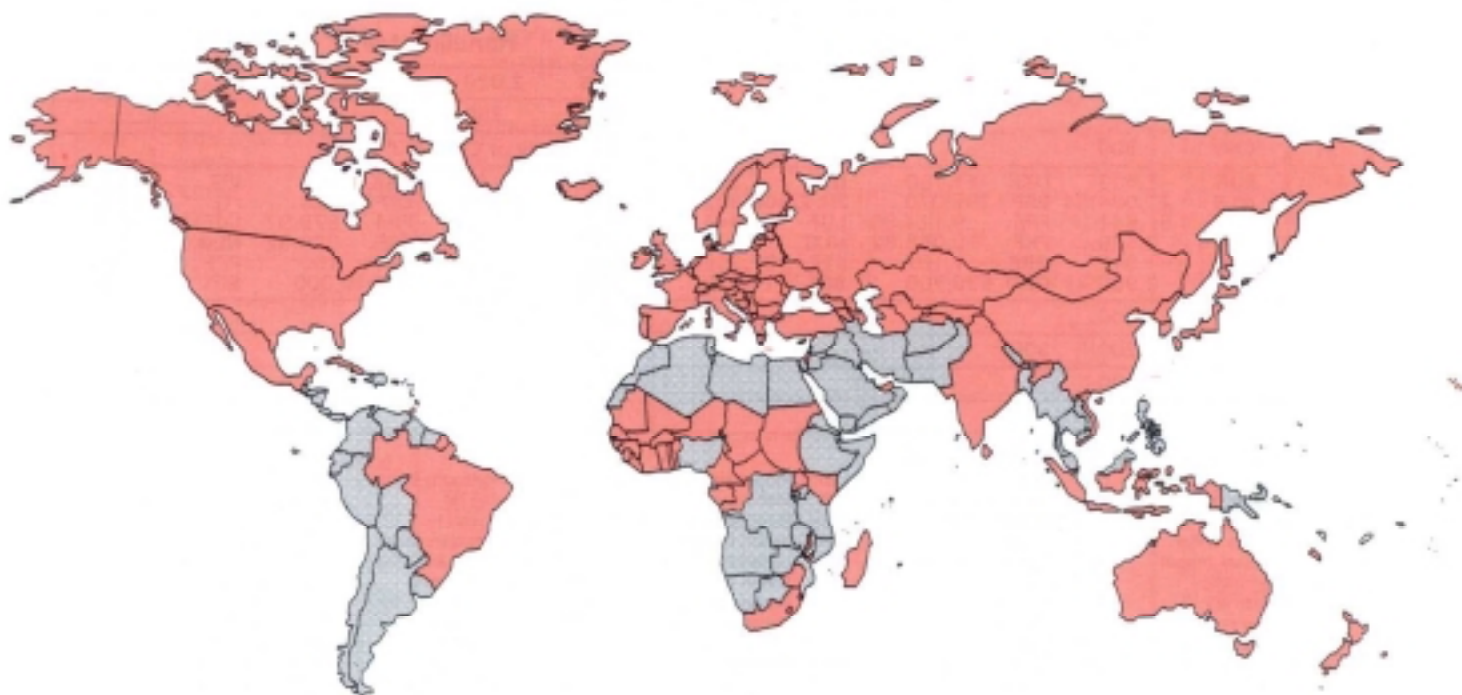
Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

ALL Albanian lek	CZK Czech koruna	IEP Irish pound	LUF Luxembourg franc	SDP Sudanese pound
AMD Armenian dram	DEM Deutsche mark	ILS New Israel shekel	LVL Latvian lat	SEK Swedish krona
ATS Austrian schilling	DKK Danish krone	INR Indian rupee	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 Cyprus pound	IDR Indonesian rupiah			

Footnotes for all fee tables:

- Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 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, 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, South Africa (from 16 March 1999), 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.
- The total amount of the basic fee and designation fee is, as from 1 January 1999, 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, IEP 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 and USD 140) where: (a) the request is presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY software; (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; 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.
- The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee due (taking into account any applicable 75% reduction; see footnote 2).
- For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 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.
- 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 74, GRD 35,700, IEP 82, ITL 202,000, NLG 230, PTE 20,700, 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.
- 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.
- A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- In all cases where footnote 13 does not apply.
- Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic national fee for that US application has been paid.
- Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- In all cases where footnote 17 does not apply.
- 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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AE United Arab Emirates (from 10 March 1999)	CM Cameroon (OA) ²	ID Indonesia	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SI Slovenia ¹
AL Albania ¹	CN China	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SK Slovakia
AM Armenia (EA)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IL Israel	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SL Sierra Leone
AT Austria (EP)	CZ Czech Republic	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DE Germany (EP)	IS Iceland	MN Mongolia	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	EE Estonia	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	ES Spain (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey
BG Bulgaria	GA Gabon (OA) ²	KR Republic of Korea	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LC Saint Lucia	PL Poland	UG Uganda (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CA Canada	GH Ghana (AP)	LR Liberia	RO Romania ¹	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CG Congo (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LT Lithuania ¹	SD Sudan (AP)	YU Yugoslavia
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	SE Sweden (EP)	ZA South Africa (from 16 March 1999)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	LV Latvia ¹	SG Singapore	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	HU Hungary	MC Monaco (EP) ²		

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).

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any States indicated in **bold italics** have adhered to the PCT but were not yet bound by the PCT on the date of issue of the latest version of the request form. If the applicant wishes to designate any States for the purposes of a national patent, which are bound by the PCT on the date on which the international application is filed but which are not listed in the request form, he must add them in Box No. V of the request form and mark the corresponding check-box. Where a State has adhered to but is not yet bound by the PCT, the date on which it will become bound is shown in parentheses; it cannot be designated in international applications filed before that date.

Applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401), new versions of which are normally issued twice yearly. The latest versions are dated January 1999. The forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (January 1999 update), and can be printed from the WIPO Internet site, in PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/eng/pct/forms/index.htm>. The request form can also be obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau. The demand form can also be obtained from receiving Offices, International Preliminary Examining Authorities or the International Bureau.

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Albania AL	4 October 1995	Indonesia ¹ ID	5 September 1997
Armenia ¹ AM	25 December 1991 (17 May 1994 ²)	Ireland IE	1 August 1992
Australia AU	31 March 1980	Israel IL	1 June 1996
Austria AT	23 April 1979	Italy IT	28 March 1985
Azerbaijan AZ	25 December 1995	Japan JP	1 October 1978
Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Kazakhstan ¹ KZ	25 December 1991 (16 February 1993 ²)
Belarus ¹ BY	25 December 1991 (14 April 1993 ²)	Kenya KE	8 June 1994
Belgium BE	14 December 1981	Kyrgyzstan ¹ KG	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)
Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Latvia LV	7 September 1993
Bosnia and Herzegovina BA	7 September 1996	Lesotho LS	21 October 1995
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Liberia LR	27 August 1994
Bulgaria BG	21 May 1984	Liechtenstein LI	19 March 1980
Burkina Faso BF	21 March 1989	Lithuania LT	5 July 1994
Cameroon CM	24 January 1978	Luxembourg LU	30 April 1978
Canada CA	2 January 1990	Madagascar MG	24 January 1978
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Malawi MW	24 January 1978
Chad TD	24 January 1978	Mali ML	19 October 1984
China CN	1 January 1994	Mauritania MR	13 April 1983
Congo CG	24 January 1978	Mexico MX	1 January 1995
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Croatia HR	1 July 1998	Mongolia ¹ MN	27 May 1991
Cuba ¹ CU	16 July 1996	Netherlands ⁵ NL	10 July 1979
Cyprus CY	1 April 1998	New Zealand NZ	1 December 1992
Czech Republic CZ	1 January 1993 (18 December 1992 ²)	Niger NE	21 March 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Norway ³ NO	1 January 1980
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Poland ³ PL	25 December 1990
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Portugal PT	24 November 1992
Finland ³ FI	1 October 1980	Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984
France ^{1,4} FR	25 February 1978	Republic of Moldova ¹ MD	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)
Gabon GA	24 January 1978	Romania ¹ RO	23 July 1979
Gambia GM	9 December 1997	Russian Federation ¹ RU	29 March 1978
Georgia ¹ GE	25 December 1991 (18 January 1994 ²)	Saint Lucia ¹ LC	30 August 1996
Germany DE	24 January 1978	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
Ghana GH	26 February 1997	Sierra Leone SL	17 June 1997
Greece GR	9 October 1990	Singapore SG	23 February 1995
Grenada GD	22 September 1998	Slovakia SK	1 January 1993 (30 December 1992 ²)
Guinea GN	27 May 1991	Slovenia SI	1 March 1994
Guinea-Bissau GW	12 December 1997	South Africa ZA	(will become bound on 16 March 1999)
Hungary ¹ HU	27 June 1980	Spain ES	16 November 1989
Iceland IS	23 March 1995	Sri Lanka LK	26 February 1982
India IN	7 December 1998	Sudan SD	16 April 1984

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Sweden ³ SE	17 May 1978	Ukraine ¹ UA	25 December 1991 (21 September 1992 ²)
Switzerland CH	24 January 1978	United Arab Emirates AE	(will become bound on 10 March 1999)
Tajikistan ¹ TJ	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)	United Kingdom ⁶ GB	24 January 1978
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995	United States of America ^{7,8} US	24 January 1978
Togo TG	24 January 1978	Uzbekistan ¹ UZ	25 December 1991 (18 August 1993 ²)
Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
Turkey TR	1 January 1996	Yugoslavia YU	1 February 1997
Turkmenistan ¹ TM	25 December 1991 (1 March 1995 ²)	Zimbabwe ZW	11 June 1997

¹ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).

² The date in parentheses is the date on which the State deposited a declaration of continued application of the PCT (Rule 32).

³ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(2)(a)(ii).

⁴ Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

⁵ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

⁶ Extends to the Isle of Man.

⁷ With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

⁸ Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.