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PARIS CONVENTION

Accessions by Papua New Guinea and Ecuador

On 15 March 1999, Papua New Guinea (country code: PG) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Papua New Guinea will become bound by that Convention on 15 June 1999.

On 22 March 1999, Ecuador (country code: EC) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention. Ecuador will become bound by that Convention on 22 June 1999.

PCT-EASY UPDATE

The Spanish Patent and Trade-mark Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

(Updating of list of Offices appearing in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/1999)

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

FR France (fees)

The following fees, payable to the National Institute of Industrial Property of France as receiving Office, may now be paid in either French francs or euro:

transmittal fee:			
FRF 400	EUR	60.98	
fee for priority document:			
FRF 100	EUR	15.24	

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

IB International Bureau (means of telecommunication)

The International Bureau has discontinued the use of its teleprinter. The only means of

telecommunication by which it will accept the filing of documents is by fax.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B2 (IB))

ZA South Africa (fees; general information)

The amounts/equivalent amounts of the following fees, payable to the South African Patents and Trade Marks Office as receiving Office, have been established:

transmittal fee, basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30 and designation fee: see Table 1(a)

fee for priority document:
ZAR 200

Information about South Africa as a Contracting State and information on the South African Patents and Trade Marks Office as receiving Office is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (ZA), and Vol. I/B, Annex C (ZA).

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

Equivalent amounts have been established in South African rand

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(ZAR) for international searches carried out by the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 15 May 1999, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 1 June 1999, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in NZD, SGD and USD for an international search carried out by the EPO, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Preliminary examination fee (European Patent Office)—*corrigendum*

The equivalent amount payable in PTE for an international preliminary examination carried out by the EPO, indicated in the fee tables of *PCT Newsletter* Nos. 02 and 03/1999 as 307,388.90, should be corrected to read 307,338.90.

PCT MATERIALS ON INTERNET

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PRACTICAL ADVICE

Ensuring that the correct claims are used as the basis for international preliminary examination

Q: I am considering, immediately after filing an international application, submitting a demand for international preliminary examination of that application. I realize, however, that the international preliminary examination may start early as a consequence of the early submission of the demand. I would like to ensure that that examination does not start before I have had the opportunity to file amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, so that, if I do make any such amendments, the international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the claims as amended, and not as originally filed. How can this be done?

A: Although PCT Article 31(3) requires that the demand be made “separately from” the international application, there is nothing (subject to any applicable national security provision) to prevent it from being submitted immediately after the international application has been filed, which of course, would be before any amendments under PCT Article 19 could be made.

In general, the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) can, if it wishes and provided any defects in the demand have been corrected and any required fees have been paid, start the international preliminary examination as soon as it is in possession of both the demand and the international search report (ISR) (or a declaration by the International Searching Authority (ISA) that no ISR will be established) (PCT Rule 69.1(a)). An applicant filing a demand soon after the filing of the international application might not, therefore, have time to file amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 before the IPEA starts to draw up the international preliminary examination report (IPER). Note that amendments under Article 19 may only be filed after the applicant has received the ISR.

To ensure that any amendments under PCT Article 19 are taken into account as a basis for starting the international preliminary examination and eventually for the purposes of establishing the IPER, and provided the time limit under PCT Article 19 has not yet expired, you should mark the check box in Box No. IV (Basis for International Preliminary Examination) of the demand form (Form PCT/IPEA/401) which states:

“the applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be

postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the IPEA receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)).

In accordance with PCT Rule 69.1(d), the IPEA will not, in such a case, start the international preliminary examination before whichever of the following occurs first:

- (1) receipt by the IPEA of a copy of any amendments under PCT Article 19;
- (2) receipt by the IPEA of a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make amendments under PCT Article 19; or
- (3) the expiration of 20 months from the priority date.

In order to avoid any unnecessary delay in the start of the international preliminary examination procedure, you should ensure that the IPEA is informed promptly of any amendments or of any decision not to file amendments.

If Box No. IV of the demand form is not completed, the international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed; nevertheless, if a copy of amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the IPEA before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the IPER,

those amendments will be taken into account. Concerning the latter point, you are reminded that you do also have the opportunity, under PCT Article 34(2)(b), to amend the claims, description and drawings at the start of the international preliminary examination and also during the examination, if time permits, until the preparation of the IPER.

Note that in the case where a demand is submitted **after Article 19 amendments have been filed**, you should indicate in the demand that the international preliminary examination should start on the basis of the claims as amended under Article 19; the IPEA will not then start the international preliminary examination before it has received a copy of the amendments concerned. You should, in such a case, attach a copy of those amendments to the demand in order to allow as much time as possible for the international preliminary examination procedure. The International Bureau will, in any event, send a copy of those amendments to the IPEA unless it has indicated that it has already received a copy, but waiting for that copy to be sent may delay the start of the international preliminary examination.

For further information on filing the demand at an early stage, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/1998, and for further information on completing Box No. IV of the demand form, see *PCT Applicants Guide*, Vol. I, paragraphs 345–349.

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR

Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14–15 April 1999 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT seminar for administrative assistants "Working with the PCT" WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon 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
16 April 1999 London (GB)	English	PCT symposium for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: management_forum@psilink.co.uk
16–17 April 1999 Concord (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (Procter & Gamble)	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1–603) 228 19 63, ext. 1108 Fax: (1–603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@fplc.edu

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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
21 April 1999 Munich (DE)	German	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	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 WIPO speakers: Mr. Matthes and Mrs. Coeckelbergs	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
25-27 April 1999 Miami (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Basic Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
29 April-1 May 1999 Miami (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys "Advanced Patent Cooperation Treaty Practice" WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Mr. Philpott (European Patent Office) and Mr. Welch (Eli Lilly)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1-804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1-804) 296 39 99
17-18 May 1999 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Kramer, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Ms. Jackie Carbé) Tel: (1-703) 415 03 73 or (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86
20-21 May 1999 Minneapolis (US)	English	Intermediate PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Kramer, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Ms. Jackie Carbé) Tel: (1-703) 415 03 73 or (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86
24-25 May 1999 New York (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Kramer, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Ms. Jackie Carbé) Tel: (1-703) 415 03 73 or (1-703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1-703) 415 07 86
10 June 1999 Paris (FR)	French	Basic seminar on PCT procedures for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 or (Mr. Jean-Pierre Cardon) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 52 70 Fax: (33-1) 42 93 63 52
17 June 1999 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon Other speakers: Mr. Catherine (Cabinet Casalonga Josse), Mr. Mousseron (Faculté de Droit de Montpellier)	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) and Association Française des Spécialistes en Propriété Industrielle de l'Industrie (ASPI) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37

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 2 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 3 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 April 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 5,683	137.60	1,307.23	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 16,660	403	3,832	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 807.76	19.56	185.80	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	EUR 102	EUR 413	10	95	EP
ES	ESP 10,040	ESP 68,717	1,664	15,807	EP ES
FI	FIM 800	FIM 2,455.59	59.46	564.84	EP SE
FR	FRF 400	FRF 2,709.10	65.60	623.16	EP
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 ³ 300 or USD ³ 200	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 325.26	7.88	74.82	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 799,680	19,363	183,946	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 54,800	1,300	12,600	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 30	USD 455	10	105	AT AU CN EP SE

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

(as at 1 April 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
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	LTU equiv of USD 80	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 800	LUF/BEF 16,660	403	3,832	EP
LV	LVL 40	USD 455	10	105	EP RU
MC	FRF 320	FRF 2,709.10	65.60	623.16	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 ³ equiv of USD200	MXP equiv of CHF 650	equiv of CHF 15	equiv of CHF 150	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG 110	NLG 910.13	22.04	209.35	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 82,799	2,005	19,046	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
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 2,790	65	644	AU 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 April 1999, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT	ATS 2,200	CHF 250	SGD 313	USD 180						
AU	AUD 800	CHF 721	NZD 910	SGD 875	USD 488	ZAR 3,126				
CN	CNY 800	CHF 140	USD 100							
EP ¹¹	EUR 1,124	CYP 671	FRF 7,372.96	ITL 2,176,367	NLG 2,476.97	SEK 10,730				
	ATS 15,466.58	DEM 2,198.35	GBP 812	JPY 149,000	NOK 9,800	SGD* 2,270				
	BEF 45,342	DKK 8,640	GRD 392,900	LUF 45,342	NZD* 2,460	USD* 1,338				
	CAD 2,088	ESP 187,018	IEP 885.22	MWK 32,600	PTE 225,341.80	ZAR 7,620				
	CHF 1,850	FIM 6,683	ISK 94,000							
	(*from 1.6.99:	NZD 2,286	SGD 2,124	USD 1,227)						
ES	ESP 76,520	CHF 724	USD 494							
JP	JPY 77,000	CHF 923	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				
	(*from 15.5.99:		CHF 1,014	652 ¹⁵)						

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 April 1999, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁶				Handling fee ^{3,16} (CHF 233)							
AT	ATS	2,200			ATS	2,020						
AU	AUD	450			AUD	260						
CN	CNY	800			CNY equiv of CHF 233							
EP ¹¹	EUR	1,533	DKK	11,790	IEP	1,207.34	EUR	148	DKK	1,000	IEP	116.56
	ATS	21,094.54	ESP	255,070	ITL	2,968,302	ATS	2,036.52	ESP	24,625	ITL	286,568
	BEF	61,841	FIM	9,114.80	LUF	61,841	BEF	5,970	FIM	879.97	LUF	5,970
	CHF	2,520	FRF	10,055.82	NLG	3,378.29	CHF	233	FRF	970.82	NLG	326.15
	CYP	915	GBP	1,107	PTE	307,338.90	CYP	85	GBP	100	PTE	29,671
	DEM	2,998.29	GRD	535,700	SEK	14,630	DEM	289.46	GRD	46,000	SEK	1,250
JP	JPY	28,000			JPY	19,600						
RU ¹²	USD	200 ¹⁷	300 ¹⁸		USD	162						
SE	SEK	4,200			SEK	1,250						
US	USD	490	750 ¹⁹		USD	162						

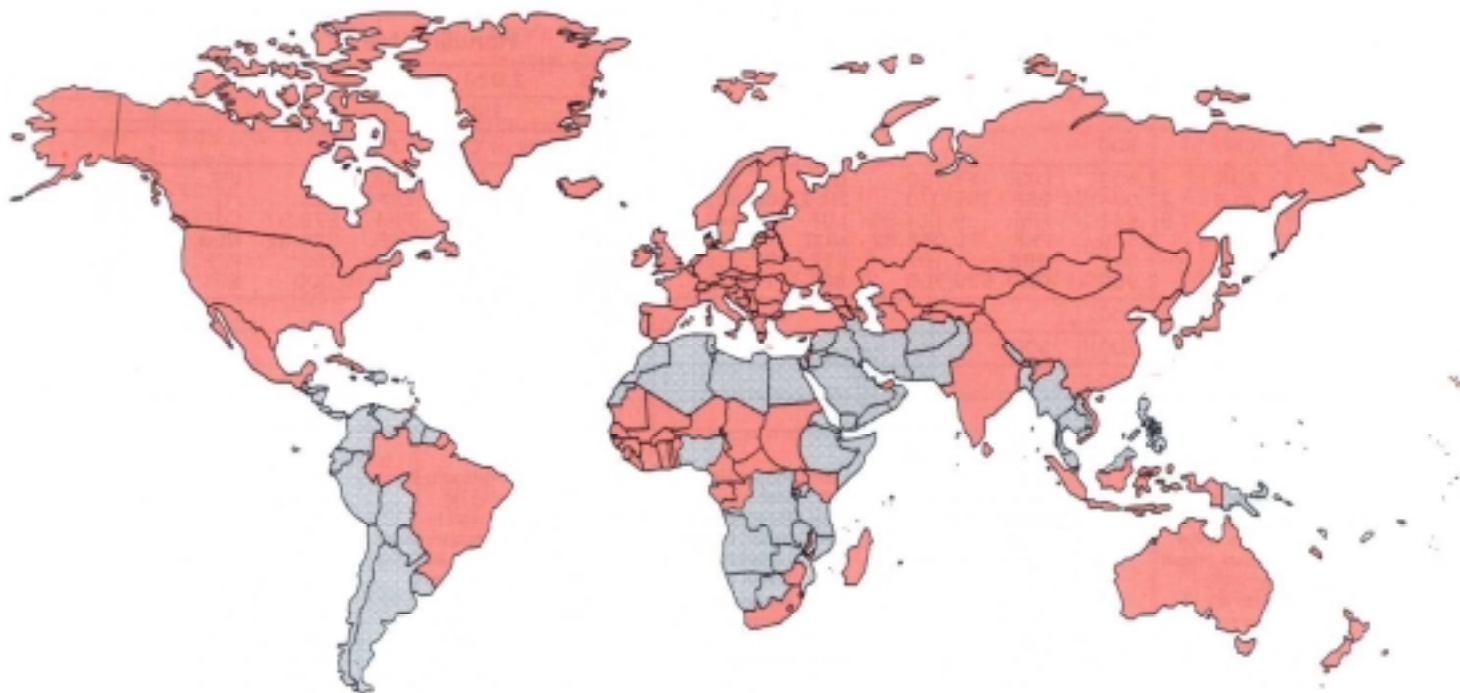
Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

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

Footnotes for all fee tables:

- Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- The total amount of the basic fee and designation fee is, as from 1 January 1999, reduced by 200 Swiss francs (equivalent to: ATS 1,747.56; AUD 222; BEF 5,123; CAD 220; CYP 75; DEM 248.39; DKK 940; ESP 21,131; EUR 127; FIM 755.11; FRF 833.07; GBP 88; GRD 39,100; IEP 100.02; ISK 9,800; ITL 245,906; JPY 16,900; KRW 220,300; LUF 5,123; MWK 3,600; NLG 279.87; NOK 1,020; NZD 262; PTE 25,461; 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.
- 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, 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 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 3).
- 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 EUR are as follows: ATS 1,403.55; BEF 4,115; CHF 170; CYP 61; DEM 199.49; DKK 790; ESP 16,971; FIM 606.46; FRF 669.08; GBP 74; GRD 35,700; IEP 80.33; ITL 197,500; LUF 4,115; NLG 224.78; PTE 20,449.20; 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 3) 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 3.
- 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	CN China	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore
AL Albania ¹	CU Cuba	IL Israel	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia ¹
AM Armenia (EA)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia
AT Austria (EP)	CZ Czech Republic	IS Iceland	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone
AU Australia	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	EE Estonia	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BB Barbados	ES Spain (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (AP)	MX Mexico	TG Togo (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	KR Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway	TR Turkey
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BR Brazil	GD Grenada	LK Sri Lanka	PL Poland	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LR Liberia	PT Portugal (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GH Ghana (AP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	RO Romania ¹	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	SD Sudan (AP)	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	LV Latvia ¹	SE Sweden (EP)	YU Yugoslavia
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²		ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	HR Croatia			ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	HU Hungary			
	ID Indonesia			

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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Name of Office:	South African Patents and Trade Marks Office
Location:	Zanza Building, 116 Proes Street, Pretoria 0001, South Africa
Mailing address:	Private Bag X400, Pretoria 0001, South Africa
Telephone:	(2712) 310 8719
Facsimile machine:	(2712) 323 4257
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	sfenyane@dti.pwv.gov.za
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application, a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application, or a power of attorney. No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents.
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 South Africa:	South African Patents and Trade Marks Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if South Africa is designated (or elected):	South African Patents and Trade Marks Office (see Volume II)
May South Africa 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 South Africa concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if South Africa is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if South Africa 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?

Yes (see Annex L)

C	Receiving Offices	C
ZA	SOUTH AFRICAN PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS OFFICE	ZA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	South Africa
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office ¹
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: South African rand (ZAR)
Transmittal fee:	ZAR 500
Basic fee: ²	ZAR 2,790
Supplement per sheet over 30: ²	ZAR 65
Designation fee: ²	ZAR 644
Search fee:	See Annex D (Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ZAR 200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in South Africa Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney registered before the Office

¹ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

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 South Africa or any other State mentioned in the corresponding footnote to Annex C(1B). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234.