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NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATE

Costa Rica (country code: CR)

On 3 May 1999, Costa Rica deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Costa Rica will become the 101st Contracting State of the PCT on 3 August 1999. Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 3 August 1999, Costa Rica may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Costa Rica will be entitled from 3 August 1999 to file international applications under the PCT.

SIERRA LEONE JOINS ARIPO

Sierra Leone, which became bound by the PCT on 17 June 1997, deposited, on 25 November 1998, its instrument of accession to the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) and, as from 25 February 1999, the date on which it became bound by that Protocol, it is possible for PCT applicants to designate Sierra Leone for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

PARIS CONVENTION

Accession by Oman

On 14 April 1999, Oman (country code: OM) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Oman will become bound by that Convention on 14 July 1999.

TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

On page 6, an updated version of a table published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/1998, indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under Chapter I of the PCT (that is, where the Contracting State concerned has been designated but has not been elected under Chapter II of the PCT within 19 months from the priority date) and under Chapter II (that is, where the Contracting State concerned has been so elected within 19 months from the priority date).

The following States, which have become party to the PCT since the table was last published, are now included in the table: Costa Rica (CR), Grenada (GD), India (IN), South Africa (ZA) and the United Arab Emirates (AE).

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Tear-out sheets: provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (GM), and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (GM)

PCT STATISTICS

1 January to 31 March 1999

During the first three months of 1999, the International Bureau of WIPO received 17,659 international applications filed with PCT receiving Offices worldwide, representing an increase of 7.4% over the same period in 1998.

The number of demands for international preliminary examination filed under Chapter II during the same period amounted to 11,199.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the African Regional Industrial Property Organization as receiving Office, has changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

CZ Czech Republic (who can act as agent)

There has been a change in the requirement as to who can act as agent before the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic as receiving Office and as designated and elected Office, as follows:

who can act as agent?

any patent agent or attorney registered in the Czech Republic

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

EA Eurasian Patent Office (e-mail and Internet addresses; required contents of translation for entry into national phase)

The Eurasian Patent Office has an additional e-mail address, and now has an Internet address, as follows:

e-mail: eapv@euraspo.msk.ru
info@eapo.org

Internet: http://www.eapo.org

There has been a change in the requirements of that Office as designated and elected Office concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, as follows:

under PCT Article 22:

description, claims (if amended, as originally filed or as amended, at applicant's option), 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, as originally filed or as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report, at applicant's option)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B2 (EA), and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (EA))

EE Estonia (e-mail address)

The Estonian Patent Office now has an e-mail address, as follows:

PCT MATERIALS ON INTERNET (<http://www.wipo.int>)

*PCT Gazette**
PCT Information Line
PCT Newsletter (Nos. 01/1997–05/1999*)
PCT Applicant's Guide
PCT-EASY
Recent PCT press releases/updates
PCT seminar calendar*
Basic Facts about the PCT
The PCT in 1998
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

*New or revised since last issue of the *PCT Newsletter*

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

GM Gambia (general information)

Information about Gambia as a Contracting State, and a summary of requirements for entry into the national phase in Gambia is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (GM), and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (GM).

ID Indonesia (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address)

The Directorate General of Intellectual Property of Indonesia has additional telephone and fax numbers and now has e-mail addresses, as follows:

tel: (62-21) 552 53 86,
552 53 88, 552 49 95

fax: (62-21) 552 53 86,
552 53 66, 552 49 95

e-mail: djhaki@indosat.net.id
dgjp@indosat.net.id

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

IL Israel (e-mail address; fees)

The Israel Patent Office now has an e-mail address, as follows:

e-mail: igjpkrem@trendline.co.il

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

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

fee for priority document:

ILS 35 plus ILS 2.40 per page

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

IN India (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Indian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Swedish Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the China Intellectual Property Office, the European Patent Office and the United

States Patent and Trademark Office, as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. (The European Patent Office is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office, by the Austrian Patent Office or by the Swedish Patent Office; the United States Patent and Trademark Office is a competent IPEA only if the international search report has been prepared by that Office.)

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

KG Kyrgyzstan (e-mail address)

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

e-mail: oms@elcat.kg

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

KR Republic of Korea (provisional protection after international publication; institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

There has been a change in the information concerning provisional protection in the Republic of Korea after publication, as follows:

After the applicant has filed a translation of the international application into Korean and paid the national fee, the translation will be laid open for public inspection. The applicant may, after the laying open of the application and following a warning by the applicant in the form of a document describing the contents of the invention claimed in the application, require a person who has commercially worked the invention, after the warning but before the registration of a patent right, to pay in compensation a sum of money equivalent to what he would normally be entitled to receive for the working of the invention if it were a patented invention.

The address of the Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms, an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty, has changed, as follows:

Korean Culture Center of
Microorganisms (KCCM)
361-221, Yurim B/D
Honje 1, Sudaemun
Seoul, 120-091, Republic of Korea

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

MC Monaco (e-mail address)

The Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion of Monaco now has an e-mail address, as follows:

e-mail: mcpi@gouv.mc

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

MG Madagascar (location; telephone numbers; e-mail address)

The location of the Industrial Property Office of Madagascar has changed, as follows:

Rue Agosthino Neto, 67 Ha Sud,
Antananarivo 101, Madagascar

That Office also has additional telephone numbers and now has an e-mail address, as follows:

telephone: (261-20) 226 59 79,
223 35 06, 223 35 02

e-mail: omapi@online.mg

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

PL Poland (teleprinter; Internet address)

The Polish Patent Office has discontinued the use of its teleprinter, and the Internet address has changed, as follows:

Internet: <http://up.ci.uw.edu.pl/>

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

SE Swedish Patent Office (presentation of sequence listings)

There has been a change in the requirements of the Swedish Patent Office as International Searching Authority concerning the presentation of sequence listings under PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1, as follows:

Requirements concerning nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing:

computer readable form required

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

SG Singapore (Internet address)

The Internet address of the Registry of Patents of Singapore has changed, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.gov.sg/molaw/rtmp>

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

TM Turkmenistan (fax numbers; e-mail address)

The Turkmen Patent Office has additional fax numbers and now has an e-mail address, as follows:

fax: (99312) 35 79 86, 35 39 70,
51 16 18, 35 53 79

e-mail: tmpatent@online.tm

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

TR Turkey (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Turkish Patent Institute as designated and elected Office, have changed:

for patent:

fee for grant of
letters patent: TRL 32,000,000

for utility model:

first annual fee: TRL 32,000,000

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

ZA South Africa (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The South African Patents and Trade Marks Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office, as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. (The European Patent Office 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.)

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

Search fee (European Patent Office)

As from 1 July 1999, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable

in CHF, CYP, DKK, GBP, GRD and SEK for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office **in respect of international applications filed before 1 July 1999**, as indicated in Table I(b).

From the same date, there will be a reduction in the amount payable for an international search carried out by that Office **in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 July 1999**. The reduced amount in EUR, and the equivalent amounts in ATS, BEF, CHF, CYP, DEM, DKK, ESP, FIM, FRF, GBP, GRD, IEP, ITL, LUF, NLG, PTE and SEK are indicated in Table I(b). The equivalent amounts in CAD, ISK, JPY, MWL, NOK, NZD, SGD, USD and ZAR will be published later.

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

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Priority claim considered not to have been made—possible remedial action by applicant

Q: My company filed an international application on 1 December 1998, indicating a priority claim with an erroneous date of 10 October 1997, instead of the correct date of 10 December 1997, in addition to a priority claim (correctly) dated 5 March 1998. The International Bureau issued an invitation to correct the earlier priority claim because the filing date indicated for that earlier application did not fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date. We prepared a response to that invitation, but unfortunately, due to an oversight, that response was sent after the expiration of the time limit for correcting the priority claim (which was 1 April 1999). Our response crossed in the post with the notification from the International Bureau, dated 15 April 1999, that the priority claim was considered, for the purposes of the procedure under the PCT, not to have been made. We intend to request the designated Offices before which the application is to enter the national phase to reinstate the priority claim of 10 December 1997. Can I still do something within the international phase to safeguard my rights?

A: The finding under PCT Rule 26bis.2(b) that a priority claim is considered, for the purposes of the procedure under the PCT, not to have been made (for example, when

a response to the invitation under PCT Rule 26bis.1(a) is not received within the prescribed time limit) does not prevent any designated Office from recognizing such a priority claim for the purposes of the national procedure if so permitted or required by national law. Certain designated Offices may recognize the priority claim as far as the national phase before them is concerned; other designated Offices may refuse to recognize it.

PCT Rule 26bis.2(c) provides for the possibility of publication, together with the international application, of information about the priority claim which was considered not to have been made. This would serve to alert designated Offices and third parties to the possibility that a request for correction of the priority claim may be made in the national phase. The request for such publication should be filed directly with the International Bureau, together with the special fee payable to the International Bureau for this service, and must be received by the International Bureau prior to the completion of technical preparations for international publication. (The current fee is 50 Swiss francs plus 12 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of one—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B2 (IB)). Note that a copy of the request for such publication will be included in the communication under PCT Article 20 where a copy of the published pamphlet is not used for that communication or where the international application is not published by virtue of PCT Article 64(3).

One very important thing to consider is that you should calculate any time limits which start from the earliest priority date as though the "corrected" priority date applied. For example: you should file a demand for international preliminary examination, if you intend to do so, within 19 months, calculated from 10 December 1997 (not from 5 March 1998); you should enter the national phase before any designated Office which you intend to ask to recognize the priority claim in question within 20 or 30 months, as applicable, from 10 December 1997 (not from 5 March 1998). You should also request the early publication of your international application so that it will take place as soon as possible after 18 months calculated from 10 December 1997 (not from 5 March 1998).

| TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING NATIONAL/REGIONAL PHASE UNDER PCT CHAPTERS I AND II (in months from priority date, or from international filing date if there is no priority claim) (situation as at 3 May 1999) | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| DO/EO ¹ | Chapter I | Chapter II | DO/EO ¹ | Chapter I | Chapter II | DO/EO ¹ | Chapter I | Chapter II |
| Regional Offices | | | National Offices [continued] | | | National Offices [continued] | | |
| AP | 21 | 31 | GB ³ | 20 | 30 | MN | 21 | 31 |
| EA | 21 | 31 | GD | 20 | 30 | MW ⁶ | 20 | 30 |
| EP | 21 | 31 | GE | 21 | 31 | MX | 20 | 30 |
| OA | 20 | 30 | GH ⁶ | 20 | 30 | NO | 20 | 30 |
| National Offices | | | GM ⁶ | 21 | 31 | NZ | 21 | 31 |
| AE | 20 | 30 | HR | 21 | 31 | PL | 20 | 30 |
| AL | 21 | 31 | HU | 21 | 30 | PT ³ | 20 | 30 |
| AM ² | 21 | 31 | ID | 21 | 31 | RO | 20 | 30 |
| AT ³ | 20 | 30 | IL | 20 | 30 | RU ² | 21 | 31 |
| AU | 21 | 31 | IN | 21 | 31 | SD ⁶ | 20 | 30 |
| AZ ² | 21 | 31 | IS | 20 | 30 | SE ³ | 20 | 30 |
| BA | 21 | 31 | JP | 20 | 30 | SG | 20 | 30 |
| BB | 20 | 30 | KE ⁶ | 20 | 30 | SI | 21 | 31 |
| BG | 21 | 31 | KG ² | 21 | 31 | SK | 21 | 30 |
| BR | 20 | 30 | KP | 20 | 30 | SL ⁶ | 21 | 31 |
| BY ² | 21 | 31 | KR | 20 | 30 | TJ ² | 21 | 31 |
| CA | 20 (32 ⁴) | 30 (42 ⁴) | KZ ² | 21 | 31 | TM ² | 21 | 31 |
| CH + LI ³ | 20 | 30 | LC | 20 | 30 | TR | 20 | 30 |
| CN | 20 | 30 | LK | 20 | 30 | TT | 21 | 31 |
| CR ⁵ | 20 | 30 | LR | 21 | 31 | UA | 21 | 31 |
| CU | 20 | 30 | LS ⁶ | 21 | 31 | UG ⁶ | 21 | 31 |
| CZ | 21 | 30 | LT | 21 | 31 | US | 20 | 30 |
| DE ³ | 20 | 30 | LU ³ | 20 | 30 | UZ | 21 | 31 |
| DK ³ | 20 | 30 | LV | 21 | 31 | VN | 21 | 31 |
| EE | 20 | 30 | MD ² | 21 | 31 | YU | 20 (21 ⁴) | 30 (31 ⁴) |
| ES ³ | 20 | 30 | MG | 20 | 30 | ZA | 21 | 31 |
| FI ³ | 20 | 30 | MK | 21 | 31 | ZW ⁶ | 21 | 31 |

1. The Offices of the PCT Contracting States which follow are not designated Offices (DOs)/elected Offices (EOs) (the DO/EO applicable for each of those States is shown in parentheses): BE (EP), BF (OA), BJ (OA), CF (OA), CG (OA), CI (OA), CM (OA), CY (EP), FR (EP), GA (OA), GN (OA), GR (EP), GW (OA), IE (EP), IT (EP), LI (CH), MC (EP), ML (OA), MR (OA), NE (OA), NL (EP), SN (OA), SZ (AP), TD (OA), TG (OA).
2. If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
3. If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
4. Time limit applicable if applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase.
5. Will become bound by the PCT on 3 August 1999.
6. If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.

| PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|
| Dates and Location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 17–18 May 1999 San Francisco (US) | English | Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Kramer, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Ms. Bidwell (United States Patent and Trademark Office) | 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 for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Kramer, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Ms. Bidwell (United States Patent and Trademark Office) | 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 for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Kramer, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Mr. Bell (United States Patent and Trademark Office) | 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 |
| 31 May–1 June 1999 Brussels (BE) | English | PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Coeckelbergs | Brussels course of the EPI–CEIPI Basic Training in European Patent Law (Mr. Francis Leyder) Tel: (32–64) 51 40 92 Fax: (32–64) 51 46 57 E-mail: francis.leyder@fina.be |
| 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), Mrs. Guth (Institut national de la propriété industrielle), Mr. Mougeot (Pechiney), 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 |
| 22–23 June 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 |
| 24 June 1999 Munich (DE) | English | PCT-EASY training WIPO speakers: Mr. Hawkins 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 June 1999 Munich (DE) | English | PCT-EASY training WIPO speakers: Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Reischle | Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de |

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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 |
| 11–13 August 1999 Washington, D.C. | English | Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (Procter & Gamble) | Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–804) 296 39 99 |
| 16–18 August 1999 Washington, D.C. | English | Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (Procter & Gamble) | Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–804) 296 39 99 |
| 16–17 September 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 |
| 19 October 1999 Helsinki (FI) | English | Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Reischle | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Ms. Mirja Kuismanen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: Mirja.Kuismanen@prh.fi |
| 20–21 October 1999 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Reischle | National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Ms. Mirja Kuismanen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: Mirja.Kuismanen@prh.fi |

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 May 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 50 (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 |

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Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 May 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 |
|-----------------|---|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 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 | EKK 1,800 | EKK 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 425 | USD 455 | 10 | 105 | EP US |
| IN | INR 5,000 | USD 455 | 10 | 105 | AT AU CN EP SE 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 |
| 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 16,660 | 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 USD 200 | 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 |

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

(as at 1 May 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 |
|----|------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 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 | AT 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 May 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 | For international applications filed before 1 July 1999: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 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 1.7.99: CHF 1,820 CYP 663 DKK 8,430 GBP 759 GRD 374,300 SEK 10,120) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (**from 1.6.99: NZD 2,286 SGD 2,124 USD 1,227) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | For international applications filed on or after 1 July 1999: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | EUR | 945 | CHF | 1,530 | DKK | 7,090 | FRF | 6,198.79 | IEP | 744.25 | NLG | 2,082.51 |
| | ATS | 13,003.48 | CYP | 558 | ESP | 157,235 | GBP | 638 | ITL | 1,829,775 | PTE | 189,455.50 |
| | BEF | 38,121 | DEM | 1,848.26 | FIM | 5,618.71 | GRD | 314,700 | LUF | 38,121 | SEK | 8,510 |
| | Equivalent amounts in other currencies will be established shortly and published in the next issue of the PCT Newsletter. Refer also to the next issues of the PCT Gazette, Section IV. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 May 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 | | | | | | |

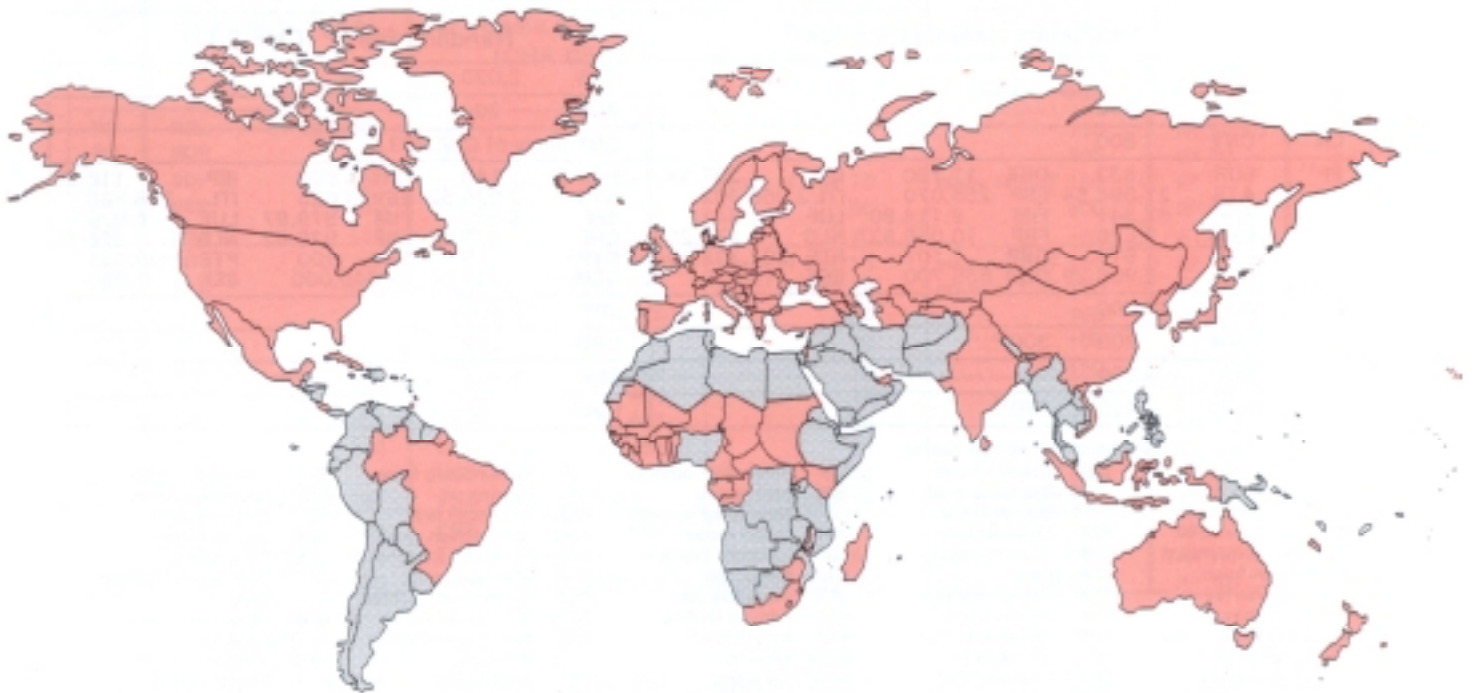
Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 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:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 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.
- 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 Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Costa Rica (from 3 August 1999), 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.
- 4 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).
- 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 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.)

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES (101 on 3 May 1999)



| | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| AE United Arab Emirates | CN China | HU Hungary | LV Latvia ¹ | SE Sweden (EP) |
| AL Albania ¹ | CR Costa Rica (from 3 August 1999) | ID Indonesia | MC Monaco (EP) ² | SG Singapore |
| AM Armenia (EA) | CU Cuba | IE Ireland (EP) ² | MD Republic of Moldova (EA) | SI Slovenia ¹ |
| AT Austria (EP) | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IL Israel | MG Madagascar | SK Slovakia |
| AU Australia | CZ Czech Republic | IN India | MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ | SL Sierra Leone (AP) |
| AZ Azerbaijan (EA) | DE Germany (EP) | IS Iceland | ML Mali (OA) ² | SN Senegal (OA) ² |
| BA Bosnia and Herzegovina | DK Denmark (EP) | IT Italy (EP) ² | MN Mongolia | SZ Swaziland (AP) ² |
| BB Barbados | EE Estonia | JP Japan | MR Mauritania (OA) ² | TD Chad (OA) ² |
| BE Belgium (EP) ² | ES Spain (EP) | KE Kenya (AP) | MW Malawi (AP) | TG Togo (OA) ² |
| BF Burkina Faso (OA) ² | FI Finland (EP) | KG Kyrgyzstan (EA) | MX Mexico | TJ Tajikistan (EA) |
| BG Bulgaria | FR France (EP) ² | KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea | NE Niger (OA) ² | TM Turkmenistan (EA) |
| BJ Benin (OA) ² | GA Gabon (OA) ² | KR Republic of Korea | NL Netherlands (EP) ² | TR Turkey |
| BR Brazil | GB United Kingdom (EP) | KZ Kazakhstan (EA) | NO Norway | TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| BY Belarus (EA) | GE Georgia | LC Saint Lucia | NZ New Zealand | UA Ukraine |
| CA Canada | GH Ghana (AP) | LI Liechtenstein (EP) | PL Poland | UG Uganda (AP) |
| CF Central African Republic (OA) ² | GM Gambia (AP) | LK Sri Lanka | PT Portugal (EP) | US United States of America |
| CG Congo (OA) ² | GN Guinea (OA) ² | LR Liberia | RO Romania ¹ | UZ Uzbekistan |
| CH Switzerland (EP) | GR Greece (EP) ² | LS Lesotho (AP) | RU Russian Federation (EA) | VN Viet Nam |
| CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ² | GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ² | LT Lithuania ¹ | SD Sudan (AP) | YU Yugoslavia |
| CM Cameroon (OA) ² | HR Croatia | LU Luxembourg (EP) | | ZA South Africa |
| | | | | ZW Zimbabwe (AP) |

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.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****GM****GAMBIA****GM****General information**

| | |
|---|--|
| Name of Office: | Registrar General's Department, Department of State for Justice |
| Location and mailing address: | Marina Parade, Banjul, Gambia |
| Telephone: | (220) 22 95 41, 22 24 68, 22 24 84, 22 95 40 |
| Facsimile machine: | (220) 22 53 52 |
| 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)? | Yes |
| Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Gambia: | ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C) |
| Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Gambia is designated (or elected): | National patent: Registrar General's Department, Department of State for Justice (see Volume II) ARIPO patent: ARIPO Office (see Volume II) |
| May the Gambia be elected? | Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT) |
| Types of protection available via the PCT: | National: Patents ARIPO: Patents |
| Provisions of the law of the Gambia concerning international-type search: | None |
| Provisional protection after international publication: | None |

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Information on Contracting States

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Information of interest if the Gambia is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Gambia is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. 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

**For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Industrial Property Organization
(AP) in Annex B2**

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****GM****REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR JUSTICE
(GAMBIA)****GM****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

| | |
|--|--|
| Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase: | Under PCT Article 22: 21 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 31 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: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), 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) |
| Is a copy of the international application required? | No |
| National fee: ¹ | Currency: Gambian dalasi (GMD) Filing fee: GMD ² ... |
| Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee: | None |
| Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): ³ | Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Gambia (a power of attorney must be furnished) |
| Who can act as agent? | Any attorney or patent attorney registered in the Gambia |

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

² The amount of the fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office should be consulted for the applicable amount of fee.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.