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NEWSLETTER

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NEW PCT CONTRACTING STATE

United Republic of Tanzania (country code: TZ)

On 14 June 1999, the United Republic of Tanzania deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 14 September 1999, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 14 September 1999, the United Republic of Tanzania 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 Republic of Tanzania will be entitled from 14 September 1999 to file international applications under the PCT.

PARIS CONVENTION

Application of the Paris Convention to Macau

On 12 May 1999, Portugal deposited a notification that the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property shall extend to Macau. The application of the said Convention to Macau will take effect on 12 August 1999.

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 were published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* on 1 July 1999 (No. S-02/1999 (E) and (F)). It will replace the previous special

issue containing consolidated general information, published on 7 January 1999 (No. S-01/1999 (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:

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

PCT-EASY UPDATE

The China Intellectual Property Office and the Israel Patent Office

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have notified the International Bureau that they are 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

Various receiving Offices: fees payable in EUR and their equivalent amounts in certain other currencies

As indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/1999, new provisional equivalent amounts in ATS, BEF, DEM, ESP, FIM, FRF, IEP, ITL, LUF, NLG and PTE were established for the basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee and PCT-EASY reduction, payable to the European Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as to the receiving Offices of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. Those amounts have now been confirmed. Note, however, that small modifications have been made to the amounts

previously published in PTE, as indicated in Tables I(a) and II and footnote 2 to the fee tables.

IN India (fees)

The amounts of the following fees payable to the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office, and as designated and elected Office, as the case may be, have changed (the amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by an individual):

transmittal fee:	see Table I(a)
fee for priority document:	INR 3,000 (1,000)
national fee:	
filing fee:	INR 5,000 (1,500)

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

Search fee (Swedish Patent Office)

The amount payable in SEK and the equivalent amounts payable in CHF, DKK, FIM, ISK, NOK and USD for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent Office, have changed, as indicated in Table I(b) and in the pink tear-out provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D (SE). The provisional sheet, which replaces the corresponding sheet of the July 1999 updating sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see below), also includes a new condition for, and a new amount of, a refund in the search fee payable for the benefit of that Office.

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

Handling fee (Austrian Patent Office and European Patent Office)

The equivalent amount in EUR, and the new equivalent amounts in ATS, BEF, DEM, ESP, FIM, FRF, IEP, ITL, LUF, NLG and PTE for the handling fee, payable to the EPO as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), which were indicated in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/1999, have now been confirmed. Note that the amount in ATS is also payable to the Austrian Patent Office as IPEA.

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

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 the United Republic of Tanzania and the date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of that State (see cover

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page for details). That sheet replaces the corresponding sheet of the July 1999 updating sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see below).

PCT APPLICANT'S GUIDE UPDATE SHEETS

The next half-yearly set of update sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (dated July 1999) is under preparation. Pink provisional sheets obtained from previous issues of the *PCT Newsletter* this year (Nos. 01-06/1999), which have been inserted in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, should be removed from the *Guide* and replaced with the July 1999 update sheets when they are received.

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

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Requesting early national phase examination of an international application in a country which has been elected under Chapter II

Q: I am the agent for an international application, in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination, electing all designated States, was filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. The applicant has now decided that it would be desirable that a patent be obtained earlier in one of the elected States, and that entry into the national phase therefore take place in that State earlier than the usual 30 months from the priority date provided for under PCT Article 39(1)(a). Is it possible to request that examination in the national phase take place early in any particular State?

A: Generally, if the election of any Contracting State has been effected prior to the expiration of the 19th month from the priority date, examination and other processing of the international application in the national phase does not commence prior to the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 39(1) (see PCT Article 40(1)). However, PCT

Article 40(2) provides that any elected Office, **on the express request of the applicant**, may proceed with the examination and other processing of the international application at any time (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/A, general part, paragraph 16.) Note that if such a request is made, the international phase of that international application will continue in respect of all the other elected States.

In your case, provided you have performed the acts necessary for entry into the national phase, that is, paid the national fee, and where applicable, furnished a translation of the international application, you may at any time request the elected Office concerned to start the examination and other processing of the international application earlier than the time limit under PCT Article 39(1). Assuming that your international application has already been published, you do not need to furnish a copy of it since the International Bureau will have made the communication of that application under PCT Article 20 in the form of the published application (PCT pamphlet) (that pamphlet contains the international application itself and any amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19). If, however, at the time of your request for early processing, international publication has not yet taken place, the International Bureau will not have made the communication under PCT Article 20 and you will have to furnish a copy of the international application to the elected Office concerned; as to amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, you may wish to furnish a copy thereof, together with a translation, if you wish them to be taken into account.

Subsequently, the elected Office concerned will still receive the international preliminary examination report and any annexes thereto.

The provision for making express requests for early examination and other processing of the international application in the national phase does not apply exclusively to elected Offices—it also applies in respect of any designated Office at any time during the international phase (see PCT Article 23(2)).

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR

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

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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
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
24 August 1999 Mexico City (MX)	English and Spanish	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Toledo and Mr. Bryan Other Speaker: Mr. Reed (Procter & Gamble)	Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) (Dra. Deborah Lazard) Tel: (52–5) 624 04 01 Fax: (52–5) 624 04 06
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 September 1999 Monte-Carlo (MC)	English/ French	PCT presentation at a conference on “The Influence of Intellectual Property on World Economic Development” WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Quick Off The Mark (Ms. Natalie Elizabeth Jones) Tel: (377) 93 50 08 22 Fax: (377) 93 50 08 23 E-mail: quickoffthemark@mcn.mc
13 October 1999 Summit, NJ (US)	English	PCT presentation as part of the Patent Information Users Group Workshop WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Patent Information Users Group (PIUG) (Ms. Adrienne Shanler) Tel: (1–609) 716 26 62 Fax: (1–609) 275 35 76 E-mail: shanlera@pt.cyanamid.com
15–16 October 1999 Boston (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Timothy A. French) Tel: (1–617) 542 50 70 Fax: (1–617) 542 89 06 E-mail: French@fr.com
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
8–9 November 1999 Austin (US)	English	Intermediate PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Ms. Bidwell (United States Patent and Trademark Office)	3M, Haynes and Boone, and Austin Intellectual Property Law Association (Ms. Linda Bradshaw) Tel: (1–512) 984 59 53 E-mail: ljbradshaw@mmm.com
11–12 November 1999 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	The 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
15–16 November 1999 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 289 74 71 Fax: (1–415) 331 60 68 E-mail: IPI@IPISeminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
17–18 November 1999 San Francisco (US)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys 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: IPI@IPISeminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com

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 also 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 July 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
Z	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 (from 15.7.99: 641)	17 (15)	166 (148)	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 or EUR 60.98	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 or EUR 76.18	IEP 325.26	7.88	74.82	EP
IL	ILS 425	USD 455	10	105	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by individual: 1,500)	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

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 July 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
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 1,500	MWK 18,000	400	4,200	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 82,799.07	2,004.82	19,045.79	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 600	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 July 1999, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	250	SGD	313	USD	180	ZAR	1,040		
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 received 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	2,124
	BEF	45,342	DKK	8,640	GRD	392,900	LUF	45,342	NZD	2,286	USD	1,227
	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						
EP ¹¹	For international applications received on or after 1 July 1999:											
	EUR	945	CYP	558	FRF	6,198.79	ITL	1,829,775	NLG	2,082.51	SEK	8,510
	ATS	13,003.48	DEM	1,848.26	GBP	638	JPY	120,000	NOK	7,844	SGD	1,704
	BEF	38,121	DKK	7,090	GRD	314,700	LUF	38,121	NZD	1,799	USD	1,002
	CAD	1,874	ESP	157,235	IEP	744.25	MWK	42,000	PTE	189,455.50	ZAR	6,138
	CHF	1,530	FIM	5,618.71	ISK	74,600						
ES	ESP	157,235	CHF	1,530	EUR	945	USD	1,002				
JP	JPY	77,000	CHF	923	USD	644						
RU ¹²	USD	300	CHF	430								
SE	SEK	8,510	CHF	1,530	DKK	7,090	FIM	5,618	ISK	75,000	NOK	7,900
	USD	990										
US	USD	700	450 ¹³	CHF	1,014	652 ¹³	NZD	1,340	862 ¹³			

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 July 1999, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁴				Handling fee ^{3,14} (CHF 233)							
AT	ATS	2,200			ATS	2,036.52						
AU	AUD	450			AUD	260						
CN	CNY	800			CNY equiv of CHF 233							
EP ¹¹	EUR	1,533	DKK	11,500	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	2,480	FRF	10,055.82	NLG	3,378.29	CHF	233	FRF	970.82	NLG	326.15
	CYP	904	GBP	1,035	PTE	307,338.90	CYP	85	GBP	100	PTE	29,671.34
	DEM	2,998.29	GRD	510,500	SEK	13,800	DEM	289.46	GRD	46,000	SEK	1,250
JP	JPY	28,000			JPY	19,600						
RU ¹²	USD	200 ¹⁵	300 ¹⁶		USD	162						
SE	SEK	4,200			SEK	1,250						
US	USD	490	750 ¹⁷		USD	162						

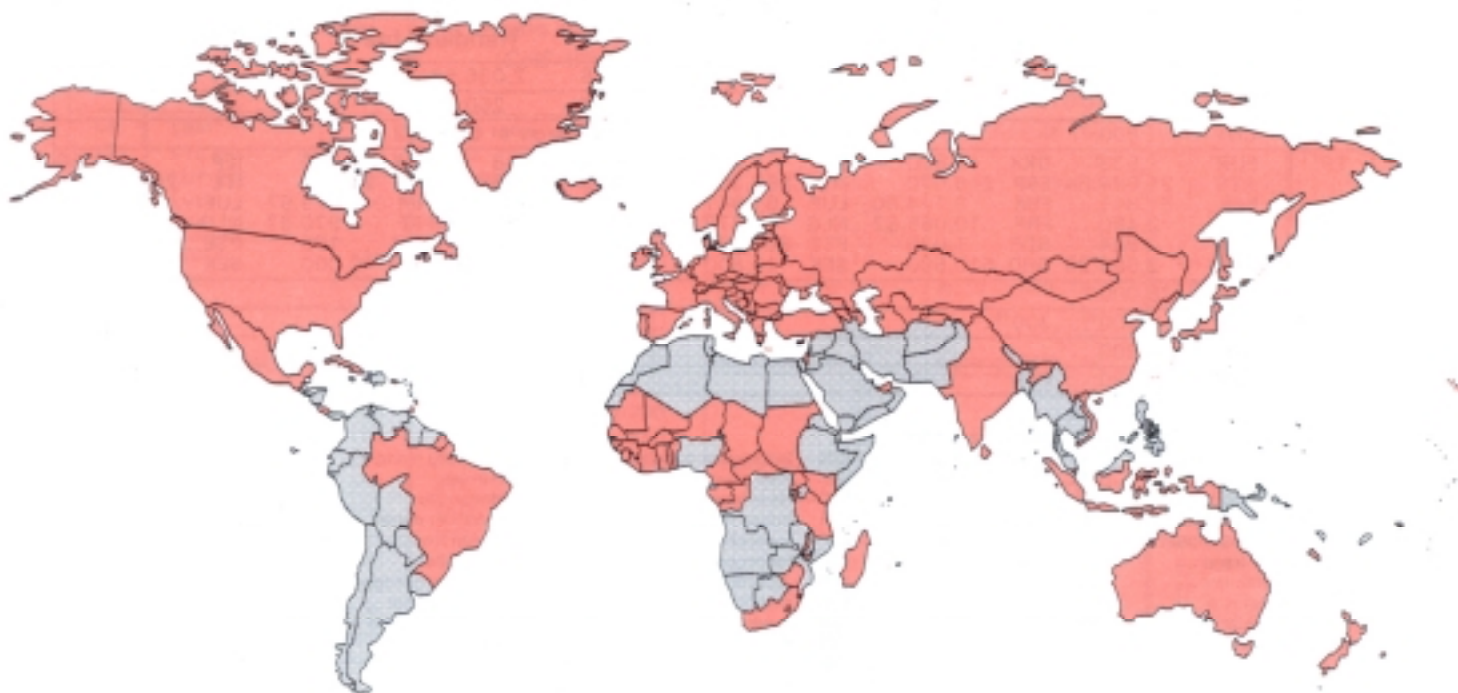
Key to currency abbreviations for all fee tables:

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	LTL 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 reduced by 200 Swiss francs (equivalent to: ATS 1,747.56; AUD 222; BEF 5,123; CAD 220 (from 15.7.99: CAD 197); 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 5,600; NLG 279.87; NOK 1,020; NZD 262; PTE 25,461.21; 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, Costa Rica (from 3 August 1999), Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica (from 7 August 1999), 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, United Republic of Tanzania (from 14 September 1999), 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 60; DEM 199.49; DKK 770; ESP 16,971; FIM 606.46; FRF 669.08; GBP 69; GRD 34,000; IEP 80.33; ITL 197,500; LUF 4,115; NLG 224.78; PTE 20,449.20; SEK 920. 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.
- 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 15 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	CR Costa Rica (from 3 August 1999)	HU Hungary	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SI Slovenia ¹
AL Albania ¹	CU Cuba	ID Indonesia	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SK Slovakia
AM Armenia (EA)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AT Austria (EP)	CZ Czech Republic	IL Israel	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DE Germany (EP)	IN India	ML Mali (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	IS Iceland	MN Mongolia	TD Chad (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DM Dominica (from 7 August 1999)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	EE Estonia	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TR Turkey
BG Bulgaria	FR France (EP) ²	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	KR Republic of Korea	NO Norway	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (from 14 September 1999)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GD Grenada	LC Saint Lucia	PL Poland	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GE Georgia	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LK Sri Lanka	RO Romania ¹	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LR Liberia	RU Russian Federation (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CH Switzerland (EP)	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LS Lesotho (AP)	SD Sudan (AP)	YU Yugoslavia
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	LT Lithuania ¹	SE Sweden (EP)	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	LU Luxembourg (EP)	SG Singapore	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia	LV Latvia ¹		

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. 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. 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.

Applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401), updated versions of which are normally issued twice yearly. The latest versions are dated July 1999. The forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (July 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	India IN ¹	7 December 1998
Armenia ¹ AM	25 December 1991 (17 May 1994 ²)	Indonesia ¹ ID	5 September 1997
Australia AU	31 March 1980	Ireland IE	1 August 1992
Austria AT	23 April 1979	Israel IL	1 June 1996
Azerbaijan AZ	25 December 1995	Italy IT	28 March 1985
Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Japan JP	1 October 1978
Belarus ¹ BY	25 December 1991 (14 April 1993 ²)	Kazakhstan ¹ KZ	25 December 1991 (16 February 1993 ²)
Belgium BE	14 December 1981	Kenya KE	8 June 1994
Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Kyrgyzstan ¹ KG	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)
Bosnia and Herzegovina BA	7 September 1996	Latvia LV	7 September 1993
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Lesotho LS	21 October 1995
Bulgaria BG	21 May 1984	Liberia LR	27 August 1994
Burkina Faso BF	21 March 1989	Liechtenstein LI	19 March 1980
Cameroon CM	24 January 1978	Lithuania LT	5 July 1994
Canada CA	2 January 1990	Luxembourg LU	30 April 1978
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Madagascar MG	24 January 1978
Chad TD	24 January 1978	Malawi MW	24 January 1978
China CN	1 January 1994	Mali ML	19 October 1984
Congo CG	24 January 1978	Mauritania MR	13 April 1983
Costa Rica CR (will become bound on 3 August 1999)		Mexico MX	1 January 1995
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Croatia HR	1 July 1998	Mongolia 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
Dominica DM (will become bound on 7 August 1999)		Portugal PT	24 November 1992
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984
Finland ³ FI	1 October 1980	Republic of Moldova ¹ MD	25 December 1991 (14 February 1994 ²)
France ^{1,4} FR	25 February 1978	Romania ¹ RO	23 July 1979
Gabon GA	24 January 1978	Russian Federation ¹ RU	29 March 1978
Gambia GM	9 December 1997	Saint Lucia ¹ LC	30 August 1996
Georgia ¹ GE	25 December 1991 (18 January 1994 ²)	Senegal SN	24 January 1978
Germany DE	24 January 1978	Sierra Leone SL	17 June 1997
Ghana GH	26 February 1997	Singapore SG	23 February 1995
Greece GR	9 October 1990	Slovakia SK	1 January 1993 (30 December 1992 ²)
Grenada GD	22 September 1998	Slovenia SI	1 March 1994
Guinea GN	27 May 1991	South Africa ¹ ZA	16 March 1999
Guinea-Bissau GW	12 December 1997	Spain ES	16 November 1989
Hungary ¹ HU	27 June 1980	Sri Lanka LK	26 February 1982
Iceland IS	23 March 1995	Sudan SD	16 April 1984
		Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994

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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	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 Republic of Tanzania TZ	(will become bound on 14 September 1999)
Togo TG	24 January 1978	United States of America ^{7,8} US	24 January 1978
Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994	Uzbekistan ¹ UZ	25 December 1991 (18 August 1993 ²)
Turkey TR	1 January 1996	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
Turkmenistan ¹ TM	25 December 1991 (1 March 1995 ²)	Yugoslavia YU	1 February 1997
Uganda UG	9 February 1995	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.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
SE	SWEDISH PATENT OFFICE	SE

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Swedish krona (SEK)	8,510
	Danish krone (DKK)	7,090
	Finnish markka (FIM)	5,618
	Icelandic krona (ISK)	75,000
	Norwegian krone (NOK)	7,900
	Swiss franc (CHF)	1,530
	US dollar (USD)	990
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	SEK	8,510
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	Applicants receive together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein free of charge; in other cases: SEK 4 per page	
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Fee for translation into English of the international application: ²	SEK	2.30 per word
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Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search or from a search carried out by the Swedish Patent Office on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed: refund of 25%, 50% or 75%, depending upon the extent of the benefit</p> <p>Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office: refund of SEK 850</p>	
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Languages accepted for international search:	Danish, English, Finnish, French, ³ Norwegian and Swedish.	
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Requirements concerning nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1):	Computer readable form required	
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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1	

¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ Only for international applications filed with the receiving Offices of, or acting for, developing countries.