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REDUCTIONS IN PCT FEES

The Assembly of the PCT Union held its twenty-ninth (17th Extraordinary) session in Geneva during the period from 26 September to 3 October 2000, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, and made the following decisions concerning reductions in PCT fees payable for the benefit of the International Bureau.

Reduction in the maximum number of designation fees payable

The Assembly decided to amend the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) to decrease, with effect from 1 January 2001, the maximum number of designation fees payable, from eight to six. It is recalled that only last January, there was a decrease in the maximum number of designation fees payable from ten to eight, in addition to a decrease in the amount of the designation fee from 150 Swiss francs to 140 Swiss francs.

By the end of August 2000, the maximum number of payable designation fees were paid in respect of 67% of all PCT applications filed. Paying the maximum amount while designating all PCT Contracting States allows applicants to keep all possible options open until the end of the international phase before deciding whether, and in which designated and/or elected States, to proceed with the application into the national/regional phase.

Note that the maximum number of designation fees payable relates only to express designations made under PCT Rule 4.9(a), and not to precautionary designations being later confirmed under PCT Rule 4.9(c).

The new reduction in the maximum number of designation fees payable will have the effect that no designation fee will be due for any designation made under PCT Rule 4.9(a) in excess of six; this means that the maximum amount payable will be 840 Swiss francs (instead of 1,120 Swiss francs, which is the current maximum amount payable). This will cover all possible designations that can be made under PCT

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Rule 4.9(a). For applicants who already benefit from either the 75% reduction in the international fee for PCT applications filed by natural persons from certain States or the reduction of the international fee for using the PCT-EASY software (see items 4 and 5 in the Schedule of Fees), the fee reduction will reduce even further the overall cost of obtaining patent protection using the PCT.

The reduced maximum number of designation fees payable (six) will be applicable:

- (1) for all international applications received on or after 1 January 2001;**
(2) for international applications received before 1 January 2001 where the following requirements are met:

(a) the second sentence of PCT Rule 15.4(c) applies (that is, the time limit

under PCT Rule 15.4(b)(i) applies (one year from the priority date) and the designation fees are paid before the expiration of that time limit but later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application); and

(b) the date of payment of the fees is on or after 1 January 2001.

The amended Schedule of Fees, as in force from 1 January 2001, will be included as an insert in an upcoming issue of the *PCT Newsletter*. When the request form (PCT/RO/101) is next updated (with effect from January 2001), the fee calculation sheet and accompanying notes (which are annexed to the request) will take into account the new maximum number of designation fees payable.

Reduction in the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, and waiver of that fee in certain circumstances

It was announced at the Assembly that the Director General of WIPO has decided to decrease, with effect from 1 January 2001, the transmittal fee charged by the International Bureau acting as receiving Office from 300 Swiss francs to 100 Swiss francs. Furthermore, the Director General has decided that applicants who presently qualify for a 75% reduction in the international fee will, as from 1 January 2001, not pay any transmittal fee when filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office. (It is recalled that the 75% reduction in the international fee applies to applicants who are natural persons and who are nationals and residents of States whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars, as provided under item 5 of the Schedule of Fees.)

PROPOSED REFORM OF THE PCT

The Assembly of the PCT Union discussed proposals for reform of the PCT, made by the United States of America and contained in the Annex to document PCT/A/29/3, which is available on the Internet at the following address:

http://wipo.int/eng/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_29.htm

and decided:

“(i) that a special body would be set up to consider, as a first step, proposals

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 PCT forms
 Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office
PCT Applicant's Guide
 Practical advice published in the *PCT Newsletter* between March 1994 and December 1996
 PCT-EASY
 PCT legal texts
 About the Treaty
 Text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, Regulations and Administrative Instructions
 PCT Receiving Office Guidelines
 PCT International Search Guidelines
 PCT International Preliminary Examination Guidelines
 Ratification situation
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 PCT News
PCT Newsletter (Nos. 01/1997–10/2000)
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for reform of the PCT that would pursue the same objectives as those defined under the title "The First Stage of Reform" of the Annex to document PCT/A/29/3. These proposals may be those contained in the Annex and/or in any other submission made to the International Bureau, if possible, before the end of January 2001;

- "(ii) that the special body would consist of Member States, the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities and observers, in particular, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including the European Commission;
- "(iii) that the Director General would designate the members of the special body in consultation with Member States, taking due consideration of the need for geographical balance;
- "(iv) that the special body would report to the September 2001 session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, which would also include its recommendations to that Assembly for proposals to be considered as part of the first step;
- "(v) that the special body would proceed with diligence in completing the first step and in addressing other key issues, subject to the same procedure as that agreed for the first step."

NEW LOOK OF THE PCT HOME PAGE ON THE INTERNET

PCT home page in general

WIPO has introduced a new look to its Internet site, which you are invited to explore. To access the PCT home page from the main WIPO Internet site, click on "Activities & Services," then on "Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) System." However, the PCT home page also has its own Internet addresses, which are, for the English, French and Spanish versions of the home page, respectively:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>
<http://www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html>
<http://www.OMPI.int/pct/es/index.html>

If you use these new addresses you will have direct, and therefore quicker, access to the PCT home page, especially if you create a bookmark to them. You may find

it useful to refer to the box on page 2 of this issue of the *PCT Newsletter* to help you find the various PCT materials.

Note that the Internet version of the *PCT Newsletter* can be accessed by clicking on "PCT News."

Revised version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide on the Internet*

The English version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide on the Internet*, accessible from "Filing PCT Applications" or via the box at the bottom of the PCT home page, has been revised. The main text parts of the Guide "Introduction to the International Phase" and "Introduction to the National Phase" are available in PDF format and are searchable by clicking on the binoculars symbol in the Adobe tool bar. The search engine works best on one word or paragraph number searches. To assist users further, the Index to the International Phase has also been included in PDF format. The section entitled "National phase entry requirements", accessible from the Table of Annexes, now includes scanned images of all available national/regional Offices' forms.

The French version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide on the Internet* will be revised shortly.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

Certain fees payable in US dollars (various Offices)

As from 15 November 2000, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts, in USD, of the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, payable to all receiving Offices or International Preliminary Examining Authorities which accept payments in US dollars. There will also be a change in the amount in USD of the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts are indicated in Tables I(a) and II.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (AM, AP, AZ, BY, CR, CU, EA, GE, GH, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, LT, LV, MD, RU, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ, ZW) and E (RU and US))

BZ Belize (general information)

Information about Belize as a Contracting State, information on the Intellectual

Property Office of Belize as receiving Office and a summary of requirements for entry into the national phase in Belize is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (BZ), Vol. I/B, Annex C (BZ), and Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (BZ).

CA Canada (fees)

As from 15 November 2000, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable to the Canadian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction:

basic fee, supplement per sheet over 30, designation fee and PCT-EASY fee reduction: see Table I(a) and footnotes

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

IB International Bureau (fees)

See item "Reduction in the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, and waiver of that fee in certain circumstances," on page 2.

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

US United States of America (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of certain fees payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as designated or elected Office. Those new amounts, which are applicable as from 1 October 2000, are reflected in the pink tear-out provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/C, National Chapter, Summary (US), pages 3 and 4 (page 5 of the summary remaining unchanged).

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 November 2000, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in SGD for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office, in CAD, ISK and USD for an international

search carried out by the European Patent Office, in USD for an international search carried out by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in ISK and USD for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent Office, and in ZAR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

PCT-EASY UPDATE

The Intellectual Property Office of Belize and the Georgian Intellectual Property Office 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. See Table I(a) for the amounts of the corresponding PCT-EASY fee reduction.

(Updating of the list of Offices included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2000).

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Albania becomes Member

On 8 September 2000, Albania (country code: AL), which is already a member State of the PCT and of the Paris Convention, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). This updates the table of Members of the WTO, the PCT and the Paris Convention which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2000.

WIPO PUBLICATIONS

WIPO Guide to Intellectual Property Worldwide

WIPO has recently published a new Guide that provides, by way of individual country profiles, an overview of all aspects of intellectual property in each of the 175 Member States of WIPO. It is the first of its kind to be published by WIPO.

The profiles include basic legislation, membership of international treaties (WIPO administered treaties, as well as certain non-WIPO administered treaties), administrative structures, governmental and non-governmental bodies for information and enforcement, educational institutions

teaching intellectual property, and statistics relating to industrial property.

The Guide has been compiled to help a wide variety of readers, including officials in national administrations, legal practitioners, teachers and students, researchers, and creators or owners of intellectual property, as well as members of the general public, and will be updated regularly.

The Guide, which contains 629 pages, is available in English only and can be purchased at a price of 65 Swiss francs, plus 13 Swiss francs by regular mail or 26 Swiss francs by priority mail, from the Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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Orders should mention WIPO Publication Number 479.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Designation fees payable when a State has been designated for the purposes of a utility model in addition to a national patent

Q: I am the agent of an applicant who has filed an international application in which only four States have been designated, including Denmark which has been designated for both a national patent and for a utility model. The designation fee is due shortly and I need to know how many designation fees are payable. Will I have to pay two designation fees in respect of Denmark, one for its designation for a national patent and one for its designation for a (national) utility model?

A: According to PCT Rule 15.1(ii), where PCT Article 44 applies in respect of a designation, that is, where in respect of any designated State whose law so permits, the applicant seeks one of the kinds of protection listed in PCT Article 43 (which includes utility models) in addition to a national patent, only one designation fee is due for that designation. Therefore, as far as the designation of Denmark for a national patent and for a utility model is concerned, you only have to pay one designation fee in respect of that State. If you have also designated Denmark for a European patent, however, you will have to pay another designation fee in respect of Denmark for the European designation, since PCT Rule 15.1(ii) also states that as many designation fees as there are national patents and regional patents sought under PCT Rule 4.9(a) are payable.

It is important to note that if an applicant designates a State for a national patent and later wishes to confirm the precautionary designation of that State for a utility model, that applicant must, in addition to the confirmation fee, pay another designation fee for that kind of protection (see PCT Rule 15.5(a), last sentence).

It is recalled that no designation fee is due for any designation made under PCT Rule 4.9(a) in excess of eight.

It is also recalled that not all PCT Contracting States permit applicants to designate them for a national patent as well as for another kind of protection. For further information, see the table in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2000: "Types of protection available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States, the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1, as well as the Notes to the request form.

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
24 October 2000 Philadelphia (US)	English	PCT presentation at the Annual Education Conference of the Philadelphia Association of Paralegals WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Philadelphia Association of Paralegals (Ms. Leigh Anne Mackin) Tel: (1-215) 545 53 95
24 October 2000 Seoul (KR)	English and Korean	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Kim and Mr. Bartels Other speaker: Mr. Weaver (European Patent Office)	WIPO in cooperation with the Korean Industrial Property Office (KIPO) and the European Patent Office (Mr. Chaho Jung, KIPO) Tel: (82-42) 481 54 04 Fax: (82-42) 472 34 70 E-mail: chachoj@unitel.co.kr
31 October – 1 November 2000 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Ms. Eriksson	National Board of Patents and Registration (Ms. Mirja Kuismanen) Tel: (358-9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358-9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: Mirja.Kuismanen@prh.fi
31 October – 1 November 2000 San Francisco (US) [CANCELLED]	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: see below	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) See below
2-3 November 2000 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
6-7 November 2000 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Maassel	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1-312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1-312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu
8-9 November 2000 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: as above	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management As above
8-10 November 2000 New Delhi (IN)	English	WIPO Forum on the Impact of the PCT in Developing Countries WIPO speakers: Mr. Smith, Mr. Sinha and Mr. Bartels Other speakers* :	Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India, and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) (Ms. Rachna Singh (CII)) Tel: (91-11) 436 62 25 Fax: (91-11) 436 62 71 E-mail: rachna.singh@ciionline.org Internet: www.ciionline.org
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9-10 November 2000 Antananarivo (MG)	French	"Séminaire national itinérant sur les aspects généraux de la propriété industrielle et sur le PCT" WIPO speakers: Mr. Curchod, Mr. Fall, Mr. Herce-Vigil, Mrs. Vianès Other speakers: Mr. Ndiba (African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)) and Mrs. Raketamanga (Malagasy Industrial Property Office)	Office malgache de la propriété industrielle (OMAPI) (Mrs. Lalao Raketamanga) Tel: (261) 226 59 75 Fax: (261) 226 59 79 E-mail: omapi@online.mg

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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
13–14 November 2000 Chennai (IN)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Sinha and Mr. Bartels Other speakers: Mr. Graça-Aranha (National Institute of Industrial Property, Brazil) and Mr. Gupta (Patent Office, India)	Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India and Institute of Intellectual Property Development (IIPD) (Dr. Aditya Trivedi) Tel: (91–11) 335 73 89 Fax: (91–11) 335 73 89 E-mail: iipd@del3.vsnl.net.in
13–14 November 2000 Toamasina (MG)	French	“Séminaire national itinérant sur les aspects généraux de la propriété industrielle et sur le PCT” WIPO speakers: Mr. Curchod, Mr. Fall, Mr. Herce-Vigil, Mrs. Vianès Other speakers: Mr. N'Dima (African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)) and Mrs. Raketamanga (Malagasy Industrial Property Office)	Office malgache de la propriété industrielle (OMAPI) (Mrs. Lalao Raketamanga) Tel: (261) 226 59 75 Fax: (261) 226 59 79 E-mail: omapi@online.mg
28–29 November 2000 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
29–30 November 2000 Paris (FR)	French	Basic seminar on PCT procedures for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	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
6–7 December 2000 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
8 December 2000 London (GB)	English	PCT workshop for patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
10–12 January 2001 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of a Postgraduate Program in Intellectual Property Law	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) NDS Intellectual Property (Ms. Elise Brandstätter) Tel: (41–1) 632 68 11 E-mail: brandstaetter@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: http://www.nds-ge.ethz.ch
8–9 February 2001 Antwerp (BE)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys	Koninklijke Vlaamse Ingenieursvereniging (KVIV) (Mrs. Christine Mortelmans) Tel: (32–3) 216 09 96 Fax: (32–3) 216 06 89 E-mail: christine.mortelmans@ti.kviv.be
20 March 2001 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	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
21–22 March 2001 Milan (IT)	English	PCT seminar for patent attorneys	Ordine Consulenti Proprietà Industriale and the Association of Patent Attorneys in Industry (AICIPI) Tel/Fax: (39–2) 55 18 51 44 E-mail: consiglio@ordine-brevetti.it

PCT FEE TABLES

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies 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.) The key to the abbreviations used and the footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES
(as at 1 October 2000, 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 ^{1,2,3,4,5} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	AT EP SE
AT	ATS 700	ATS 5,627.96	123.84	1,210.91	1,733.80	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 665	15	144	205	AU
AZ	AZM eq USD 15 plus mailing costs	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	n a	EP RU
BA	DEM 50	DEM 799.93	17.60	172.11	246.43	EP
BE	BEF 1,500	BEF 16,499	363	3,550	5,083	EP
BG	BGL 60	BGL eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP SE US
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP
CA	CAD 200	CAD 630 (from 15.11.00: 562)	15 (13)	136 (121)	194 (173)	EP
CH	CHF 100	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP
CN	CNY 500	CNY eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	CN
CR	USD 150	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP ES
CU	USD (or CUP eq)200	USD (or CUP eq)427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	n a	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 235	5	50	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
DE	DEM 175	DEM 799.93	17.60	172.11	246.43	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,060	70	660	940	EP SE
DZ	DZD ⁷ —	CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
EP ⁸	EUR 102	EUR 409	9	88	126	EP
ES	ESP 10,040	ESP 68,052	1,497	14,642	20,965	EP ES
FI	FIM 800	FIM 2,431.80	53.51	523.22	749.16	EP SE
FR	FRF 400 or EUR 60.98	FRF 2,682.86 or EUR 409	59.04 9	577.24 88	826.51 126	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 264	6	56	81	EP
GE	GEL ⁹ 10	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU

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

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GH	GHC ¹⁰ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	GRD 39,500	GRD 136,000	3,000	29,000	42,000	EP
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
HU	HUF ¹¹ 10,000	HUF eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP RU
IB	CHF ³ 300 or USD ³ 200	CHF 650 or USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	15 10 (9)	140 92 (82)	200 132 (117)	See footnote 12
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AU EP RU
IE	IEP 60 or EUR 76.18	IEP 322.11 or EUR 409	7.09 9	69.31 88	99.23 126	EP
IL	ILS 437	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by individual:1,500)	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 30,800	700	6,600	n a	EP SE
IT	ITL 60,000	ITL 791,934	17,426	170,392	n a	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 40,700	940	8,800	12,500	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ³⁰	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AT RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AT AU KR
KZ	KZT ⁷ —	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	ATEP
LT	LTL 320	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	n a	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 800	LUF/BEF 16,499	363	3,550	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 650	15	140	n a	ATEP RU SE
MC	FRF 320	FRF 2,682.86	59.04	577.24	n a	EP
MD	MDL ⁷ 180	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
MN	None	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP RU
MW	MWK 2,000	MWK 18,400	400	4,000	5,700	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP ES SE US
NL	NLG 110	NLG 901.32	19.83	193.93	277.67	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,380	80	730	1,040	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180	NZD 822	19	178	n a	AU EP US
PL	PLZ 280	PLZ eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
PT	PTE 4,650	PTE 81,997.10	1,804.30	17,642.40	25,260.70	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 650	15	140	200	ATEP RU

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 October 2000, 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 ^{1,2,3,4,5} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁶
RU	RUR 294	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,000	SEK 3,540	80	760	1,090	EP SE
SG	SGD 135	SGD 727	17	156	224	AT AU EP
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
SK	SKK 1,600	SKK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
TJ	TJR ⁷ —	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁷ —	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU
TR	CHF 100	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT AU CN EP RU
TT	TTD 750	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	n a	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP US
UZ	USD ⁷ —	USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	10 (9)	92 (82)	132 (117)	EP RU
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT AU EP RU SE
YU	YUD 600	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 2,620	60	560	800	AT AU EP US
ZW	ZWD 1,000	ZWD eq USD 427 (from 15.11.00: 382)	eq USD 10 (9)	eq USD 92 (82)	eq USD 132 (117)	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 October 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	ATS 2,200	CHF 250	SGD* 284	USD 170	ZAR 1,022							
	*(from 1.11.00:SGD 247)											
AU	AUD 800	CHF 780	NZD 990	SGD 880	USD 510	ZAR 3,150						
CN	CNY 800	CHF 150	USD 100									
EP ¹³	EUR 945	CYP 558	FRF 6,198.79	ITL 1,829,775	NLG 2,082.51	SEK 8,220	ATS 13,003.48	DEM 1,848.26	GBP 605	JPY 95,500	NOK 7,800	SGD 1,560
	BEF 38,121	DKK 7,090	GRD 314,700	LUF 38,121	NZD 1,900	USD* 925	CAD* 1,353	ESP 157,235	IEP 744.25	MWK 42,500	PTE 189,455.50	ZAR 6,040
	CHF 1,530	FIM 5,618.71	ISK* 66,000	*(from 1.11.00:CAD 1,249 ISK 70,000 USD 846)								
ES	ESP 157,235	CHF 1,500	EUR 945	USD* 990	*(from 1.11.00:USD 846)							
JP	JPY 72,000	CHF 1,170	USD 720									
KR	KRW 150,000	CHF 173	USD 110									
RU ¹⁴	USD 300	CHF 460										
SE	SEK 8,220	CHF 1,530	DKK 7,090	FIM 5,618.71	ISK* 66,000	NOK 7,800	USD* 925	*(from 1.11.00:ISK 70,000 USD 846)				
US	USD 700	450 ¹⁵	CHF 1,064	684 ¹⁵	NZD 1,527	980 ¹⁵	ZAR* 4,560	2,930 ¹⁵	*(from 1.11.00: ZAR 4,900 3,100 ¹⁵)			

Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 October 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

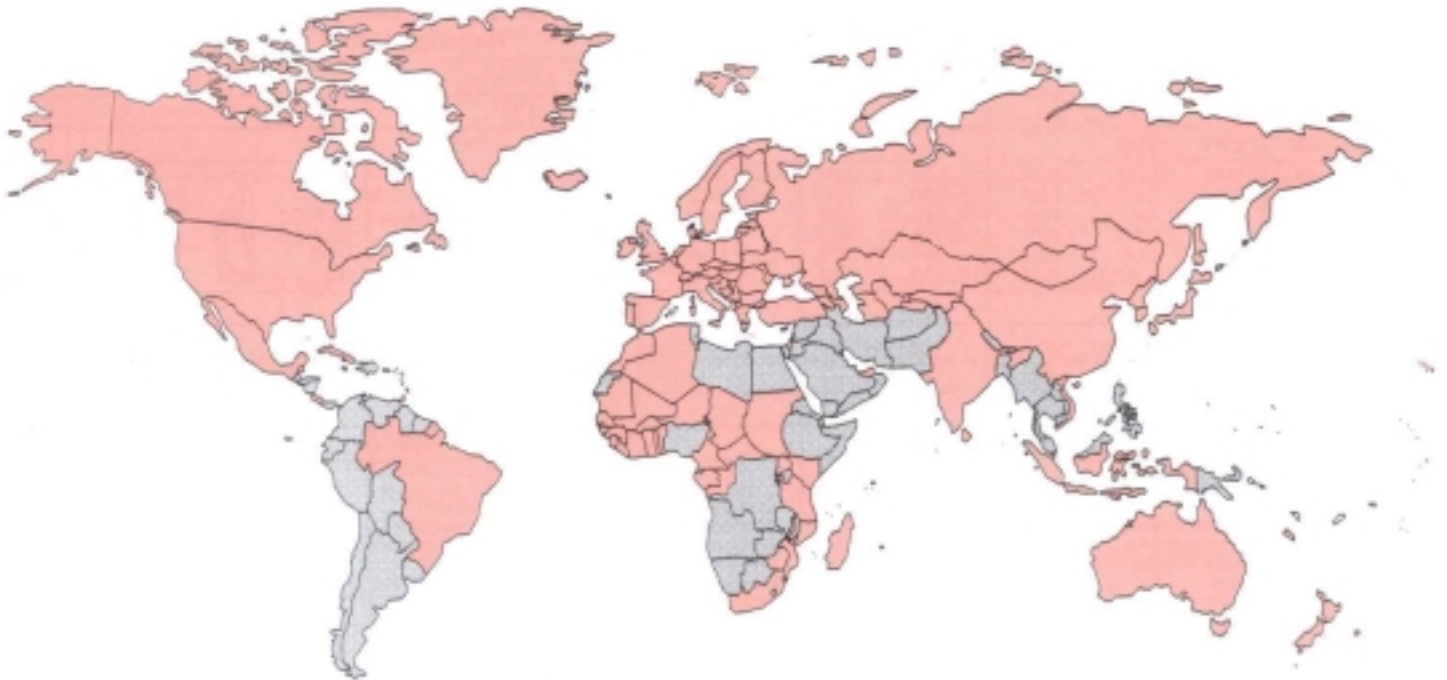
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁶			Handling fee ^{3,16} (CHF 233)					
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,022.76				
AU	AUD	450		AUD	238				
CN	CNY	800		CNY eq CHF	233				
EP ¹³	EUR	1,533	DKK	11,500	IEP	1,207.34			
	ATS	21,094.54	ESP	255,070	ITL	2,968,302			
	BEF	61,841	FIM	9,114.80	LUF	61,841			
	CHF	2,480	FRF	10,055.82	NLG	3,378.29			
	CYP	904	GBP	981	PTE	307,338.90			
	DEM	2,998.29	GRD	510,500	SEK	13,340			
					EUR	147	DKK	1,100	IEP
				ATS	2,022.76	ESP	24,459	ITL	284,632
				BEF	5,930	FIM	874.02	LUF	5,930
				CHF	233	FRF	964.26	NLG	323.95
				CYP	84	GBP	94	PTE	29,470.90
				DEM	287.51	GRD	49,000	SEK	1,270
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	14,600				
KR	KRW	150,000		KRW eq CHF	233				
RU ¹⁴	USD	200 ¹⁷	300 ¹⁸	USD	153	(from 15.11.00: USD 137)			
SE	SEK	4,200		SEK	1,270				
US	USD	490	750 ¹⁹	USD	153	(from 15.11.00: USD 137)			

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GEL	Georgian lari	LSM	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	CAD	Canadian dollar	GRD	Greek drachma	LUF	Luxembourg franc	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	CHF	Swiss franc	HRK	Croatian kuna	LVL	Latvian lat	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CNY	Yuan renminbi	HUF	Hungarian forint	MAD	Moroccan dirham	TJR	Tajik rouble
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MDL	Moldovan leu	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CYP	Cyprus pound	IEP	Irish pound	MKD	Macedonian denar	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CZK	Czech koruna	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	USD	US dollar
		DEM	Deutsche mark	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
		ALL	Albanian lek	ISK	Icelandic krona	NLG	Netherlands guilder	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	ZAR	South African rand
		ATS	Austrian schilling	EEK	Estonian kroon	NZD	New Zealand dollar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		AUD	Australian dollar	ESP	Spanish peseta	PLZ	Polish zloty		
		AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	PTE	Portuguese escudo		
		BEF	Belgian franc	FIM	Finnish markka	ROL	Romanian leu		
		BGL	Bulgarian lev	FRF	French franc	RUR	Russian rouble		
		BRR	Brazilian real	GBP	Pound sterling	KRW	KR won		
				KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Footnotes to 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 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, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, 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, Morocco, Mozambique, 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, 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 maximum number of designation fees payable is eight.
- 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 65; GRD 34,000; IEP 80.33; ITL 197,500; LUF 4,115; NLG 224.78; PTE 20,449.20; SEK 890. 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.
- This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 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 (I/B).
- 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 filing 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.)

PCT CONTRACTING STATES AND TWO-LETTER CODES (108 on 1 October 2000)

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

1 Extension of European patent possible.

2 May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).

3 May also be designated for a European Patent as from 1 November 2000.

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 State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but was not yet bound by the PCT on the date of issue of the latest version of the request form. Where any 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, for the purposes of a national patent, any State which is bound by the PCT on the date on which the international application is filed but which is not listed in the request form, he must add it 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 2000. The forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (July 2000 update), and can be printed from the WIPO Internet site, in PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/eng/pct/forms/index.htm>, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
BZ	BELIZE	BZ

General information

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of Belize
Location and mailing address:	Attorney General's Ministry Chief Parliamentary Counsel and Law Revision East Block, Ground floor, Belmopan, Belize
Telephone:	(501-8) 23 195
Facsimile machine:	(501-8) 23 198
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	parliament@btl.net
Internet:	www.belize.gov.bz
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 one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application 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, provided that the delivery service is DHL, Federal Express, Taca Rapidito or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Belize:	Intellectual Property Office of Belize or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Belize is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office of Belize (see Volume II)
May Belize be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Belize concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Belize is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Belize 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

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

BZ **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **BZ**

OF BELIZE

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Belize
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	Yes
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Belize dollar (BZD) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	BZD 220
International fee:	
Basic fee:	USD 427 (382)*
Supplement per sheet over 30:	USD 10 (9)*
Designation fee:	USD 92 (82)*
PCT-EASY fee reduction: ¹	USD 132 (117)*
Search fee:	See Annex D (European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BZD 20
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Belize Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office. A list of patent attorneys and patent agents may be obtained from the Office.

* The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 15 November 2000.

¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332), the total amount of the international fee is reduced.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****BZ****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF BELIZE****BZ****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:	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), 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, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee:	Currency: Belize dollar (BZD) Filing fee: ¹ BZD ² ...
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): ³	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application Statement justifying the applicant's right to the patent if he is not the inventor Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Belize
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office. A list of patent attorneys and patent agents may be obtained from the Office.

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 or agent should be consulted for the latest applicable amount of the 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.

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY

Designated
(or elected) Office

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO)

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National fee:⁴

Currency: US dollar (USD)

Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):⁵— where a preliminary examination
fee has been paid on the international
application to the USPTO: USD 670 (335)⁶— where no preliminary examination
fee has been paid to the USPTO, but a
search fee has been paid on the international
application to the USPTO as an International
Searching Authority: USD 690 (345)⁶— where no preliminary examination
fee has been paid and no search fee has been
paid on the international application to the
USPTO and no international search report
has been prepared by the European
Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office: USD 970 (485)⁶— where an international search report has
been prepared by the European Patent
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