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NEWSLETTER

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MOZAMBIQUE ACCEDES TO THE HARARE PROTOCOL

Mozambique deposited, on 8 February 2000, its instrument of accession to the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) and will become bound by that Protocol on 8 May 2000. This means that, as from 18 May 2000, the date on which Mozambique will become bound by the PCT (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2000), it will be possible for PCT applicants to designate Mozambique for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Note that all international applications whose international filing date is on or after 18 May 2000 and which contain a designation for an ARIPO patent ("AP") expressed so as to include any State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT (standard wording to this effect is included in the official version of the printed Request Form (PCT/RO/101) and in the standard PCT-EASY print-out) will be considered to include the designation of Mozambique ("MZ") for the purposes of obtaining an ARIPO patent.

TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

On page 7, an updated version of a table published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 05/1999, indicates, for each designated/elected Office, the time limits for entering the national (or regional) phase under

Chapters I and II of the PCT (that is, respectively, where the Contracting State concerned has been designated but has not been elected under Chapter II within 19 months from the priority date or 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: Algeria (DZ), Antigua and Barbuda (AG), Belize (BZ), Dominica (DM), Morocco (MA), Mozambique (MZ), and the United Republic of Tanzania (TZ).

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

AT Austria (e-mail address)

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

e-mail:

ingrid.weidinger@patent.bmva.gv.at

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

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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (e-mail and Internet addresses)

The Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of Bosnia and Herzegovina now has e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

e-mail: zsm@bih.net.ba

Internet: <http://www.bih.net.ba/> zsm@

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 10 May 2000, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts in GBP and SEK of the transmittal fee, payable to the European Patent Office as receiving Office, as indicated in footnote 8 of the fee tables.

FR France (fax number)

The fax number of the National Institute of Industrial Property of France has

changed, as follows:

fax: (33) 1 42 94 86 54

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

HR Croatia (number of copies required)

The Croatian Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office has changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application:

number of copies required
by the receiving Office: 1

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

IL Israel (fees)

The amounts of the following fee, payable to the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, have changed:

fee for priority document: ILS 36.00
plus, per page ILS 2.50

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

JP Japan (Internet address; fees)

The Japanese Patent Office has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.jpo-miti.go.jp>

As from 1 June 2000, there will be a change in the amount of the following fee, payable to that Office as receiving Office:

fee for priority document: JPY 1,400

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

KG Kyrgyzstan (location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses; number of copies required; fees)

The location and mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address of the Kyrgyz Patent Office have changed, and that Office has notified its Internet address, as follows:

location and mailing address:
10/1 mikroraion 11, Bishkek 720049,
Kyrgyzstan
telephone: (996-312) 51 08 13;
51 08 10

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

PCT Gazette
PCT Information Line
PCT Newsletter (Nos. 01/1997-05/2000)
Practical advice published in the *PCT Newsletter*
between March 1994 and December 1996
PCT Applicant's Guide
PCT-EASY
PCT press releases/updates
PCT seminar calendar
Basic Facts about the PCT
The PCT in 1999
About the Treaty
Text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty
Status of ratifications
Text of the Regulations under the PCT
Administrative Instructions under the PCT
PCT Receiving Office Guidelines
PCT International Search Guidelines
PCT International Preliminary Examination
Guidelines
Direct filing of PCT applications with the
International Bureau as PCT receiving Office
PCT forms
PCT Assembly documents: 1997, 1998,
1999, 2000
PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal
Matters documents: 1999

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 Internet: http://www.kyrgyzpatent.kg

That Office as receiving Office has changed its requirement concerning the number of copies of the international application:

number of copies required
 by the receiving Office: 2

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

filing and provisional examination fee:	USD	80
claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD	40
examination fee	USD	200
claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD	100
renewal fee for the third year	USD	80

There has also been a change in the conditions for obtaining a reduction in the national fee, as follows:

fees are reduced by 85% where the applicant is a natural person, by 75% where the applicant is a non-commercial organization, and by 50% where the applicant is a small enterprise

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

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea (location and mailing address; fax number)

The location and mailing address and the fax number of the Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

Kinmaul 1 dong, Pipha Street,
 Moranbong District, Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea

fax: (850-2) 381 44 10; 381 44 16;
 381 44 27; 381 21 00

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

MG Madagascar (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Industrial Property Office of Madagascar as designated and elected Office, have changed:

filing fee:	MGF	400,000
annual fees:		
– for the 3rd to the 5th year, per year:	MGF	200,000
– for the 6th to the 10th year, per year:	MGF	600,000
– for the 11th to the 15th year, per year:	MGF	1,000,000
– for the 16th to the 20th year, per year:	MGF	1,200,000
fee for requesting extension of protection beyond the 15th year:	MGF	110,000

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

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (location and mailing address)

The postal code of the Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

Ilindenska b.b.
 1000 Skopje
 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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

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:	TRL	50,000,000
for utility model:		
first annual fee:	TRL	50,000,000

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

ZA South Africa (fax number)

The South African Patents and Trade Marks Office has an additional fax number, as follows:

fax: (2712) 323 42 57 or 326 04 51

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

Search fee (European Patent Office; United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 10 May 2000, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in GBP and SEK for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

As from 1 June 2000, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CAD, ISK and USD for an international search carried out by the European 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).

As from 15 June 2000, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in JPY and SGD for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Preliminary examination fee (European Patent Office)

As from 10 May 2000 there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in GBP and SEK for an international preliminary examination carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table II.

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

PARIS CONVENTION

Accession by Qatar

On 5 April 2000, Qatar (country code: QA) deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Qatar will become bound by that Convention on 5 July 2000

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Jordan becomes Member

On 11 April 2000, Jordan (country code: JO), which is already a member State of the Paris Convention, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). This updates the table of Members

of the WTO which was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/1999.

PCT STATISTICS

1 January to 31 March 2000

During the first three months of 2000, the International Bureau of WIPO received 20,520 international applications filed with PCT receiving Offices worldwide, representing an increase of 15.6% over the same period in 1999. Of those 20,520 applications, 4,866 (23.7%) were prepared using the PCT-EASY software.

The number of demands for international preliminary examination filed under Chapter II during the same period amounted to 14,227.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE PCT

With the accession by Belize to the PCT on 17 March 2000, the number of developing countries party to the PCT has increased to 54, which is half the total number of Contracting States of the PCT.

The growing interest of developing countries in the PCT system is also reflected in the increase in the number of international applications originating from those countries. Last year, the number of applications filed by applicants from developing countries rose to 1,745. This represents a 48% increase over the number of applications filed by applicants from those countries in 1998.

In order to encourage developing countries to adhere to the PCT and to assist applicants and patent offices of those countries in their understanding of PCT procedures, the Office of the PCT carries out the following activities, which are coordinated by the Developing Countries (PCT) Division in collaboration with other Divisions of the Office of the PCT and with, among others, the WIPO Bureaus which are responsible for implementing the Cooperation for Development Program for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Arab countries:

- organizes regional and national seminars on the PCT in various countries in the regions of Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean;

- organizes training in PCT procedures for officials of patent offices;
- provides PCT-related information to inventors, industry, patent attorneys, government officials and other interested parties from developing countries.

Further information on the activities of the Developing Countries (PCT) Division can be obtained by telephone: (41-22) 338 80 14 or by fax: (41-22) 338 84 95.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Obtaining copies of documents cited in international search reports

Q: I recently received the international search report for the first international application that I have filed under the PCT. The international search report, however, was not accompanied by a copy of the patent and non-patent documents which are cited in the report. Am I entitled to receive copies of the cited documents, and if so, how can I obtain such copies?

A: Copies of the documents cited in the international search report can be requested from the International Searching Authority (ISA) which established the report. Under PCT Article 20(3), all ISAs, at the request of the designated Office or the applicant, are obliged to send a copy of the documents cited in the international search report.

Such a request may be presented at any time during seven years from the international filing date of the international application to which the international search report relates (see PCT Rule 44.3(a)). The ISA may require payment of a fee to cover the cost of preparing and mailing copies of those documents. The European Patent Office, the Russian Patent Office, the Swedish Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office do not charge any fee to the applicant for preparing and mailing a copy of the cited documents, and they usually transmit them automatically, together with the international search report. Note, however, that if any extra copy of the cited documents is requested from those Offices over and above the free copy, the applicant may be requested to pay for such a service. For example, the European Patent Office charges EUR 20 for each extra set of copies of cited documents.

The fees charged, if any, for the furnishing of copies of cited documents are set out in the Agreements concluded between the International Bureau of WIPO and the International Searching Authorities. Those fees are also published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex D, which may be consulted on WIPO's Internet site at the following address:

<http://www.wipo.int/eng/mainpct.htm>

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR			
Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16 May 2000 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys 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
17-18 May 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
19 May 2000 Munich (DE)	German	PCT-EASY presentation WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Orichev	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
22 May 2000 Stockholm (SE)	English	Presentation on the PCT as part of a three-day course: "The International Patent Systems PCT/EPC" WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes	Swedish Patent and Registration Office (Mr. Christer Eklof) Tel: (46-8) 782 28 32 Fax: (46-8) 783 01 63 E-mail: christer.eklof@prv.se

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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
7–8 June 2000 Paris (FR)	French	Basic seminar on PCT procedures for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron Other speaker: Mr. Verone (Institut national de la propriété industrielle)	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
9 June 2000 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
12–13 June 2000 Jerusalem (IL)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kramer	Israel Patent Office (Dr. Michael Bart) Tel: (972–2) 531 67 05 Fax: (972–2) 531 85 90 E-mail: igjppelt@trendline.co.il
20–23 June 2000 Beijing (CN)	English	WIPO Asia-Pacific Regional Training Course on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Developing Contracting States WIPO speakers: Mr. Smith, Mr. Wang, Mr. Reischle	State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) (International Cooperation Department) Tel: (86–10) 62 01 32 76 Fax: (86–10) 62 01 96 15
22 June 2000 Paris (FR)	French	“Journée d'information sur les demandes de brevets PCT et les différents systèmes de dépôts de brevets ainsi que leur spécificités” (pour les mandataires français uniquement) WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon (on the PCT) and Mr. Baechtold (on the Patent Law Treaty)	Compagnie nationale des conseils en propriété industrielle (CNCPI) (Mrs. Anne-Marie Morton) Tel: (33–1) 53 21 90 99
27–28 June 2000 Jakarta (ID)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Wang, Mr. Reischle and Mr. Wibowo	Directorate General of Intellectual Property Tel: (62–21) 552 53 88 Fax: (62–21) 552 53 66 E-mail: djhaki@indosat.net.id
9–11 August 2000 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–804) 296 39 99
13–15 August 2000 Washington, D.C. (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company)	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–804) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–804) 296 39 99
12–13 September 2000 Banska Bystrica (SK)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators	Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (Dr. Vladimir Banský or Ms. Ludmila Hladka) Tel: (421–88) 413 25 30 Fax: (421–88) 413 25 66 E-mail: vbansky@indprop.gov.sk or lhladka@indprop.gov.sk
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

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 1 May 2000)								
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 ⁴	21	31	MZ ^{2,8}	20	30
EA	21	31	GD ²	20	30	NO	20	30
EP	21	31	GE	21	31	NZ	21	31
OA	20	30	GH ⁷	20	30	PL	20	30
National Offices			GM ⁷	21	31	PT ⁴	20	30
AE ²	20	30	HR	21	31	RO	20	30
AG ²	20	30	HU	21	30	RU ³	21	31
AL	21	31	ID	21	31	SD ⁷	20	30
AM ³	21	31	IL	20	30	SE ⁴	20	30
AT ⁴	20	30	IN	21	31	SG	20	30
AU	21	31	IS	20	30	SI	21	31
AZ ³	21	31	JP	20	30	SK	21	30
BA	21	31	KE ⁷	20	30	SL ⁷	21	31
BB	20	30	KG ³	21	31	TJ ³	21	31
BG	21	31	KP	20	30	TM ³	21	31
BR	20	30	KR	20	30	TR	20 (23 ⁶)	30 (33 ⁶)
BY ³	21	31	KZ ³	21	31	TT	21	31
BZ ^{2,5}	20	30	LC ²	20	30	TZ ⁷	21	31
CA	20 (32 ⁶)	30 (42 ⁶)	LK	20	30	UA	21	31
CH + LI ⁴	20	30	LR	21	31	UG ⁷	21	31
CN	20	30	LS ⁷	21	31	US	20	30
CR ²	20	30	LT	21	31	UZ	21	31
CU	20	30	LU ⁴	20	30	VN	21	31
CZ	21	30	LV	21	31	YU	20 (21 ⁶)	30 (31 ⁶)
DE ⁴	20	30	MA	21	31	ZA	21	31
DK ⁴	20	30	MD ³	21	31	ZW ⁷	21	31
DM ²	20	30	MG	20	30			
DZ ²	20	30	MK	21	31			
EE	20	30	MN	21	31			
ES ⁴	20	30	MW ⁷	20	30			
FI ⁴	20	30	MX	20	30			

- 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).
- In the absence of information from the Office concerned, the time limits shown are those which would normally apply under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). If the Office decides to apply longer time limits, that information will be published in the *PCT Newsletter*.
- If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- Will become bound by the PCT on 17 June 2000.
- Time limit applicable if applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase.
- If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
- Will become bound by the PCT on 18 May 2000.

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 May 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	10	92	132	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 427	10	92	132	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 ⁷ —	USD 427	10	92	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	10	92	n a	EP RU
CA	CAD 200	CAD 630	15	136	194	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	10	92	132	EP ES
CU	USD (or CUP eq) 200	USD (or CUP eq) 427	10	92	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
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	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 10	USD 427	10	92	n a	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 427	10	92	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	GRD 39,500	GRD 136,000	3,000	29,000	42,000	EP

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 May 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
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
HU	HUF ¹⁰ 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	15 10	140 92	200 132	See footnote 11
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	10	92	132	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by individual:1,500)	USD 427	10	92	132	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 46,000	1,100	9,900	14,200	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ³⁰	USD 427	10	92	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 427	10	92	132	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	10	92	132	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 427	10	92	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁷ —	LSM eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL eq USD 80	USD 427	10	92	n a	EP RU
LU	LUF/BEF 800	LUF/BEF 16,499	363	3,550	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	FRF 320	FRF 2,682.86	59.04	577.24	n a	EP
MD	MDL ⁷ 180	USD 427	10	92	132	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	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP

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Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES

(as at 1 May 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁵				Handling fee ^{3,15} (CHF 233)			
AT	ATS 2,200				ATS 2,022.76			
AU	AUD 450				AUD 238			
CN	CNY 800				CNY eq CHF 233			
EP ¹²	EUR 1,533	DKK 11,500	IEP 1,207.34	EUR 147	DKK 1,100	IEP 115.77		
	ATS 21,094.54	ESP 255,070	ITL 2,968,302	ATS 2,022.76	ESP 24,459	ITL 284,632		
	BEF 61,841	FIM 9,114.80	LUF 61,841	BEF 5,930	FIM 874.02	LUF 5,930		
	CHF 2,480	FRF 10,055.82	NLG 3,378.29	CHF 233	FRF 964.26	NLG 323.95		
	CYP 904	GBP* 1,035	PTE 307,338.90	CYP 84	GBP 94	PTE 29,470.90		
	DEM 2,998.29	GRD 510,500	SEK* 13,800	DEM 287.51	GRD 49,000	SEK 1,270		
	*(from 10.5.00: GBP 981 SEK 13,340)							
JP	JPY 28,000				JPY 16,500			
KR	KRW 150,000				KRW eq CHF 233			
RU ¹³	USD 200 ¹⁶ 300 ¹⁷				USD 153			
SE	SEK 4,200				SEK 1,270			
US	USD 490 750 ¹⁸				USD 153			

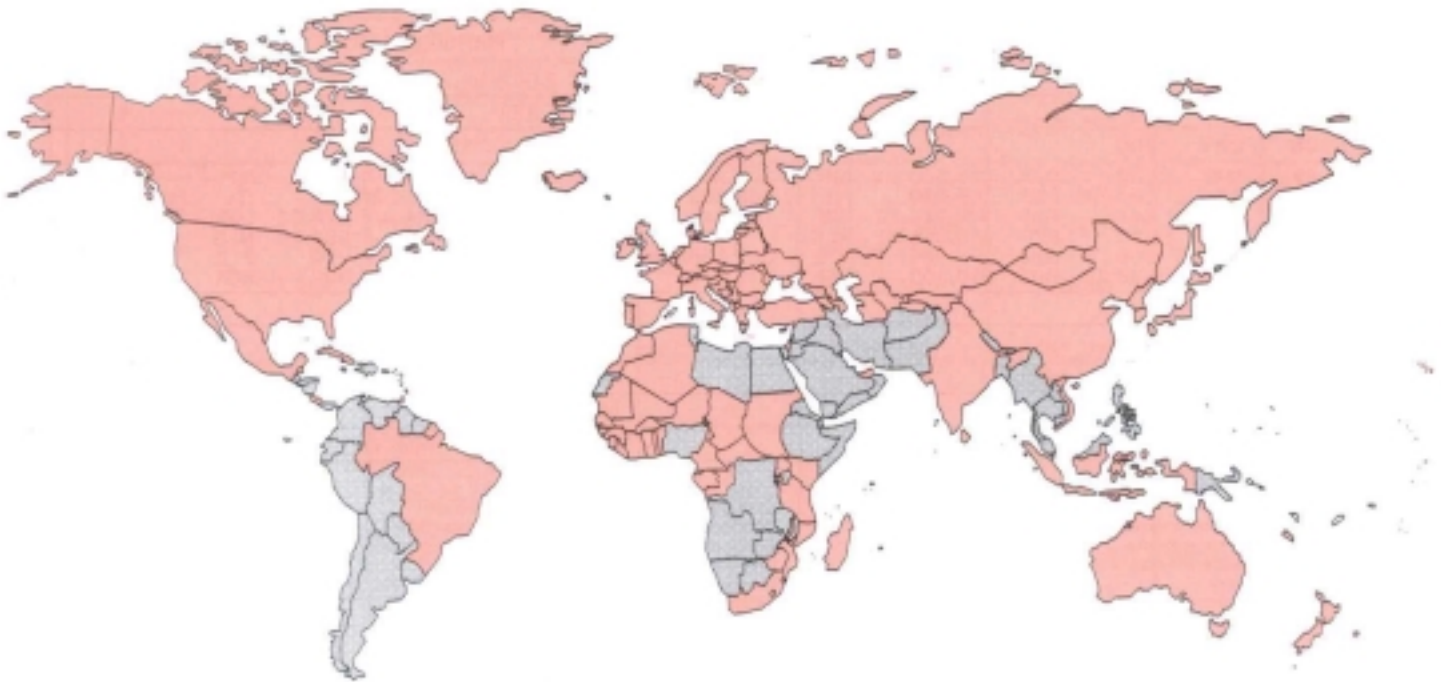
Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Footnotes to 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 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.
- 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, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belize (from 17 June 2000), 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 (from 18 May 2000), 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.
- 4 The maximum number of designation fees payable is eight.
- 5 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).
- 6 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 7 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.
- 8 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 (from 10.5.00: GBP 65); GRD 34,000; IEP 80.33; ITL 197,500; LUF 4,115; NLG 224.78; PTE 20,449.20; SEK 920 (from 10.5.00: 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.
- 11 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).
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed and the basic filing fee for that US application has been paid.
- 15 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 16 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 17 In all cases where footnote 16 does not apply.
- 18 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	CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	HU Hungary	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore
AG <i>Antigua and Barbuda</i>	CM Cameroon (OA) ²	ID Indonesia	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia ¹
AL Albania ¹	CN China	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia
AM Armenia (EA)	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AT Austria (EP)	CU Cuba	IN India	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	CZ Czech Republic	IT Italy (EP) ²	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MX Mexico	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MZ <i>Mozambique</i> <i>(from 18 May 2000)(AP)</i>	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	DZ <i>Algeria</i>	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey
BG Bulgaria	EE Estonia	KR Republic of Korea	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BR Brazil	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	PL Poland	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PT Portugal (EP)	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ <i>Belize</i> <i>(from 17 June 2000)</i>	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	RO Romania ¹	US United States of America
CA Canada	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	RU Russian Federation (EA)	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	SD Sudan (AP)	VN Viet Nam
CG Congo (OA) ²	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania ¹	SE Sweden (EP)	YU Yugoslavia
CH Switzerland (EP)	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)		ZA South Africa
	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia ¹		ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco		
	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).

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).

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