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## PCT INFORMAL CONSULTATION MEETING ON ELECTRONIC FILING

From 11 to 14 July 2000, a PCT Informal Consultation Meeting on Electronic Filing was held in Geneva. Proposed modifications of the PCT Administrative Instructions (new Part 7) relating to the electronic filing, processing, storage and records management of international applications, as well as a proposed technical standard in new Annex F to the Administrative Instructions were discussed.

The meeting was attended by delegations from 49 PCT Contracting States and eight other States, as well as representatives of five intergovernmental organizations and two non-governmental organizations. The meeting made significant progress towards the establishment of the legal framework and technical standard for electronic filing and processing of PCT applications. The meeting discussed, in particular, a set of common procedures for use by any PCT applicant who has access to a personal computer and the Internet, and by PCT receiving Offices, using WIPO-furnished software.

Also, agreement was reached on questions relating to the use of public key infrastructure (PKI) and on the use of digital certificates (which perform the function of authentication of identity) during both the international and national phases, as well as on many details of procedure and technical matters.

A further redraft of Part 7 and Annex F, prepared by WIPO,

will be the subject of further consultations with PCT Contracting States during the second half of 2000.

## NON-APPLICATION OF THE PCT TO THE MACAU SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

On 7 July 2000, the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland informed the Director General of WIPO that, until further notice from the Chinese Government:

“the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Madrid Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, to which the

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People's Republic of China is a member State, are not applicable to the Macao Special Administrative Region of China."

However, it is recalled that the People's Republic of China has informed the Director General of WIPO that the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property is applicable to the Macao Special Administrative Region (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2000).

## PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

### DZ Algeria (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, as a competent International

Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

## PCT STATISTICS

### The International Bureau as receiving Office receives its 10,000th application

The International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/IB) commenced operations in January 1994. During its first year of operations it processed 447 international applications, and recently, the number has been about 2,000 per year. In July 2000, the RO/IB received its 10,000th application.

It is recalled that nationals and residents of any PCT Contracting State may file international applications with the RO/IB in any language. The RO/IB accepts applications with requests prepared using the PCT-EASY software, and accords a 75% reduction in the transmittal fee to any applicant who is eligible for the 75% reduction in the international fee. Also, international applications that are filed with a receiving Office which is not competent, for reasons of nationality or residence of the applicant or because of the language in which the application was filed, are transmitted to the RO/IB under the safeguard procedure provided under PCT Rule 19.4, thus allowing applicants to retain the date of receipt by the "non-competent" receiving Office as the international filing date.

### PCT filings—1 January to 30 June 2000

During the first six months of 2000, the International Bureau of WIPO received 45,448 international applications filed with PCT receiving Offices worldwide, representing an increase of 25.8% over the same period in 1999. During the month of May alone, it received 9,466 international applications, which is by far the largest number of applications received by the International Bureau in any month since PCT operations began. Of the 45,448 applications received during the first six months, 9,877 (21.7%) were filed with a request prepared using the PCT-EASY software.

The number of demands for international preliminary examination filed under Chapter II during the same period amounted to 31,693, representing an increase of 17.2% over the same period in 1999.

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

*PCT Gazette*  
PCT Information Line  
*PCT Newsletter* (Nos. 01/1997–08/2000)  
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  
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About the Treaty  
Status of ratifications  
Text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty  
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 Informal Consultation Meeting on Electronic Filing (11–14 July 2000)  
PCT Assembly documents: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000  
PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters documents: 1999

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## TYPES OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE IN PCT CONTRACTING STATES

Since the publication in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/1999 of a table setting out, for each Contracting State, the types of protection which can be obtained via the PCT, several States have become bound by the PCT, and there have also been changes in the types of protection other than patents which are available in certain States. An update of that table appears on pages 6 to 8.

## MEMBERS OF THE PCT, THE PARIS CONVENTION AND THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

It is recalled that under PCT Rule 4.10(a) it is possible to claim in an international application the priority of one or more earlier applications filed in or for any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in or for any Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that is not party to that Convention. For the convenience of readers, the table on pages 9 to 11, which will be updated periodically, lists the Contracting States of the PCT, together with the States party to the Paris Convention and Members of the WTO.

## PRACTICAL ADVICE

### ***Requesting a change of address of agent handling a large number of international applications***

*Q: I am working for a firm of patent attorneys that has recently moved to new premises and am acting on behalf of the applicants of a large number of international applications. I now need to ensure that the various PCT Authorities and designated/elected Offices in connection with those international applications that are currently pending are informed of the change of address. Please could you explain the procedure for notifying the change? Is there a form that can be used for this purpose? Can one communication cover the change in respect of all international applications concerned? Can I send my request for a change of address direct to the International Bureau?*

**A:** There is no special form for use when requesting a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*, which is the rule providing for such changes. You can simply request the

change of address of the agent in a letter. Although you may send that letter to the receiving Office, which will then forward it to the International Bureau, the change will be recorded earlier if you send it direct to the International Bureau, particularly if you send it by fax. Sending the request for change by fax to the International Bureau would be preferable, in particular, if the time limits mentioned below are close to expiration in respect of any of the applications, or if any of the applications concerned are due to be published shortly and you wish the change to be reflected in the international publication.

The letter should indicate the name of the agent, the new address of the firm, and preferably the former address of the firm. You can request the change in respect of a large number of international applications in just one letter, but note that each international application number concerned should be listed in the letter—it is not sufficient to simply request the change of address in respect of “all international applications filed by the agent.” The letter should be signed by the agent who has been appointed by the applicant(s) of the international applications concerned. Note that, should any of the other agents from your firm be handling other international applications, separate letters should be sent by each agent in respect of the international applications they are handling.

It is important to note, however, that although the International Bureau (including the International Bureau as receiving Office) accepts a single letter requesting a change which concerns multiple applications, not all receiving Offices may be prepared to accept a request in such a form. It is therefore recommended that if you intend to send such a request for recording of a change direct to the receiving Office, you check with that Office that they will accept requests in that form.

Upon receipt of your letter, the International Bureau will record the change in respect of all international applications concerned if it receives the request for recording before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) or PCT Article 39(1)(a) (that is, 20 months from the priority date, or 30 months from the priority date where a demand for interna-

tional preliminary examination has been filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date).

The International Bureau will confirm to you the recording of the change by means of a special notification (Form PCT/IB/306) sent in respect of each international application concerned, and will send copies of that notification to the PCT Authorities concerned. It will also send copies to each designated Office or, if the Office concerned has been elected under Chapter II, elected Office.

You would have to request the recording of the change of address direct with any designated or elected Office for which, respectively, the 20 or 30 months time limit has expired, and before which you have entered the national phase.

The above-mentioned procedure applies equally where there has been a change in the person or name of the agent, the person, name or address of the applicant or inventor, or the nationality or residence of the applicant.

<b>PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR</b>			
<b>Dates and location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>21–22 August 2000 Seattle (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Kramer and Mr. Maassel	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Ms. Jackie Carbé) Tel: (1–703) 415 03 73 or (1–703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1–703) 415 07 86
<b>24–25 August 2000 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Kramer and Mr. Maassel	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Ms. Jackie Carbé) Tel: (1–703) 415 03 73 or (1–703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1–703) 415 07 86
<b>24–25 August 2000 Lake Chiemsee (DE)</b>	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
<b>28–29 August 2000 Atlanta (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Kramer and Mr. Maassel	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (Ms. Jackie Carbé) Tel: (1–703) 415 03 73 or (1–703) 415 07 80 Fax: (1–703) 415 07 86
<b>7–8 September 2000 Stockholm (SE)</b>	English	PCT-EASY presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Fitzgerald	Swedish Patent Office (Mr. Christer Eklöf) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 34 Fax: (46–8) 782 01 63 E-mail: christer.eklof@prv.se
<b>12–13 September 2000 Bangkok (Thailand)</b>	English/Thai	National Seminar on the Accession to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mr. Sinha and Mr. Bartels Other speakers: Ms. Chng (Intellectual Property Office of Singapore), Mr. Ma (CCPIT Patent and Trademark Law Office, Beijing)	Department of Intellectual Property (Thailand) (Ms. Uraw ee Ngow roongrueng or Ms. Danaya Tangdhanakanond) Tel: (66–2) 547 46 75 Fax: (66–2) 547 46 71 E-mail: uraiwanie@hotmail.com or danaya19@hotmail.com
<b>12–13 September 2000 Banska Bystrica (SK)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Kramer	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

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<b>PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR [continued]</b>			
<b>Dates and Location</b>	<b>Language of seminar</b>	<b>Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)</b>	<b>Organizer and contact numbers</b>
<b>18 September 2000 Munich (DE)</b>	English and French	WIPO/EPO Roving Seminar on the ARIPO-PCT and OAPI-PCT Route WIPO speaker: Mr. Wang Other speakers: Mr. Chirambo (African Regional Industrial Property Organization), Mr. N'Diaye (African Intellectual Property Organization), Dr. Kane (African Regional Center for Technology)	WIPO and the European Patent Office in cooperation with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (Mrs. Françoise Vianes, Developing Countries (PCT) Division, WIPO) Tel: (41-22) 338 82 32 Fax: (41-22) 338 80 40
<b>20 September 2000 London (GB)</b>	English and French	WIPO/EPO Roving Seminar on the ARIPO-PCT and OAPI-PCT Route WIPO speaker: Mr. Wang Other speakers: as above	WIPO and the European Patent Office in cooperation with the Patent Office of the United Kingdom As above
<b>22 September 2000 Paris (FR)</b>	English and French	WIPO/EPO Roving Seminar on the ARIPO-PCT and OAPI-PCT Route WIPO speaker: Mr. Wang Other speakers: as above	WIPO and the European Patent Office in cooperation with the National Institute of Industrial Property of France As above
<b>31 October – 1 November 2000 Helsinki (FI)</b>	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
<b>31 October – 1 November 2000 San Francisco (US)</b>	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
<b>2-3 November 2000 San Francisco (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: as above	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) As above
<b>6-7 November 2000 Chicago (US)</b>	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
<b>8-9 November 2000 Chicago (US)</b>	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent administrators WIPO speakers: as above	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management As above
<b>28-29 November 2000 Munich (DE)</b>	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
<b>29-30 November 2000 Paris (FR)</b>	French	Basic seminar on PCT procedures for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 or (Mr. Jean-Pierre Cardon) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 52 70 Fax: (33-1) 42 93 63 52
<b>6-7 December 2000 London (GB)</b>	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
<b>8 December 2000 London (GB)</b>	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

TYPES OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE VIA THE PCT IN PCT CONTRACTING STATES								
State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of national patent	Utility model in addition to national patent	Other
AE <sup>1</sup>	X							
AG <sup>1</sup>	X							
AL	X					X		Extension of EP patent <sup>2</sup>
AM	X		X			X		Provisional patent
AT	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
AU	X							Patent of addition, petty patent
AZ	X		X					
BA	X							Patent of addition
BB	X							
BE				X				
BF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BG	X					X		
BJ					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
BR	X					X		Certificate of addition
BY	X		X			X		
BZ <sup>1</sup>	X							
CA	X							
CF					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CH + LI	X			X				
CI					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CM					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
CN	X					X		
CR	X					X		
CU	X							Patent of addition, inventor's certificate, inventor's certificate of addition
CY				X				
CZ	X					X	X	
DE	X			X		X	X	Patent of addition
DK	X			X		X	X	
DM <sup>1</sup>	X							
DZ	X							Certificate of addition
EE	X					X	X	
ES	X			X		X		Patent of addition
FI	X			X		X	X	
FR				X				
GA					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GB	X			X				
GD <sup>1</sup>	X							

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TYPES OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE VIA THE PCT IN PCT CONTRACTING STATES [continued]								
State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
GE	X					X		
GH	X	X				X		
GM	X	X						
GN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
GR				X				
GW					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
HR	X							"Consensual patent"
HU	X					X		
ID	X							
IE				X				
IL	X							Patent of addition
IN	X							Patent of addition
IS	X							
IT				X				
JP	X					X		
KE	X	X				X		
KG	X		X			X		Provisional patent
KP	X							Inventor's certificate
KR	X					X	X	
KZ	X		X			X		Provisional patent
LC	X							
LI (see CH)								
LK	X							
LR	X							
LS	X	X				X		
LT	X							Extension of EP patent <sup>2</sup>
LU	X			X				
LV	X							Extension of EP patent <sup>2</sup>
MA	X							Certificate of addition
MC				X				
MD	X		X			X		
MG	X							Certificate of addition
MK	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent <sup>2</sup>
ML					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MN	X							
MR					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
MW	X	X						Patent of addition
MX	X					X		
MZ <sup>1</sup>	X	X						

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TYPES OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE VIA THE PCT IN PCT CONTRACTING STATES [continued]								
State	National patent	ARIPO patent (AP)	Eurasian patent (EA)	European patent (EP)	OAPI patent (OA)	Utility model instead of patent	Utility model in addition to patent	Other
NE					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
NL				X				
NO	X							
NZ	X							Patent of addition
PL	X					X		
PT	X			X		X		
RO	X							Extension of EP patent <sup>1</sup>
RU	X		X			X		
SD	X	X						
SE	X			X				
SG	X							
SI	X							Patent of addition, extension of EP patent <sup>2</sup>
SK	X					X	X	
SL	X	X				X		
SN					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
SZ		X						
TD					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TG					X	OAPI utility model		OAPI certificate of addition
TJ	X		X			X		
TM	X		X					Provisional patent
TR	X					X		Patent of addition
TT	X							Utility certificate
TZ	X	X						
UA	X					X		
UG	X	X						Utility certificate
US	X							
UZ	X					X		Provisional patent
VN	X					X		
YU	X							Patent of addition, petty patent
ZA	X							Patent of addition
ZW	X	X						Patent of addition

1 Information regarding any other type of protection is not yet available.

2 A request for an extension may be made at the time of entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office, provided that the PCT application contained designations both for a European patent and of the State concerned. Such a request may not be made in the PCT request form itself. See the notes to the request form and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paragraphs 41 and 89, and Vol. II/A, National Chapter (EP) for further details as to the procedure to be followed.



**STATES PARTY TO THE PCT AND THE PARIS CONVENTION  
AND MEMBERS OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION  
(on 1 August 2000)**

States/Members	PCT (108)	Paris (160)	WTO (137)	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Albania (AL)	X	X	–	Cameroon (CM)	X	X	X
Algeria (DZ)	X	X	–	Canada (CA)	X	X	X
Angola (AO)	–	–	X	Central African Republic (CF)	X	X	X
Antigua and Barbuda (AG)	X	X	X	Chad (TD)	X	X	X
Argentina (AR)	–	X	X	Chile (CL)	–	X	X
Armenia (AM)	X	X	–	China (CN)	X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>2,3</sup>	–
Australia (AU)	X	X	X	Colombia (CO)	–	X	X
Austria (AT)	X	X	X	Congo (CG)	X	X	X
Azerbaijan (AZ)	X	X	–	Costa Rica (CR)	X	X	X
Bahamas (BS)	–	X	–	Côte d'Ivoire (CI)	X	X	X
Bahrain (BH)	–	X	X	Croatia (HR)	X	X	–
Bangladesh (BD)	–	X	X	Cuba (CU)	X	X	X
Barbados (BB)	X	X	X	Cyprus (CY)	X	X	X
Belarus (BY)	X	X	–	Czech Republic (CZ)	X	X	X
Belgium (BE)	X	X	X	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (KP)	X	X	–
Belize (BZ)	X	X	X	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD)	–	X	X
Benin (BJ)	X	X	X	Denmark (DK)	X	X	X
Bhutan (BT)	–	X <sup>1</sup>	–	Djibouti (DJ)	–	–	X
Bolivia (BO)	–	X	X	Dominica (DM)	X	X	X
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	X	X	–	Dominican Republic (DO)	–	X	X
Botswana (BW)	–	X	X	Ecuador (EC)	–	X	X
Brazil (BR)	X	X	X	Egypt (EG)	–	X	X
Brunei Darussalam (BN)	–	–	X	El Salvador (SV)	–	X	X
Bulgaria (BG)	X	X	X	Equatorial Guinea (GQ)	–	X	–
Burkina Faso (BF)	X	X	X	Estonia (EE)	X	X	X
Burundi (BI)	–	X	X	European Community	–	–	X
Cambodia (KH)	–	X	–	Fiji (FJ)	–	–	X

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States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization *[continued]*

States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Finland (FI)	X	X	X	Kenya (KE)	X	X	X
France (FR)	X	X	X	Kuwait (KW)	–	–	X
Gabon (GA)	X	X	X	Kyrgyzstan (KG)	X	X	X
Gambia (GM)	X	X	X	Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA)	–	X	–
Georgia (GE)	X	X	X	Latvia (LV)	X	X	X
Germany (DE)	X	X	X	Lebanon (LB)	–	X	–
Ghana (GH)	X	X	X	Lesotho (LS)	X	X	X
Greece (GR)	X	X	X	Liberia (LR)	X	X	–
Grenada (GD)	X	X	X	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (LY)	–	X	–
Guatemala (GT)	–	X	X	Liechtenstein (LI)	X	X	X
Guinea (GN)	X	X	X	Lithuania (LT)	X	X	–
Guinea-Bissau (GW)	X	X	X	Luxembourg (LU)	X	X	X
Guyana (GY)	–	X	X	Macau, China (MO)	–	– <sup>3</sup>	X
Haiti (HT)	–	X	X	Madagascar (MG)	X	X	X
Holy See (VA)	–	X	–	Malawi (MW)	X	X	X
Honduras (HN)	–	X	X	Malaysia (MY)	–	X	X
Hong Kong, SAR, China (HK)	– <sup>2</sup>	– <sup>2</sup>	X	Maldives (MV)	–	–	X
Hungary (HU)	X	X	X	Mali (ML)	X	X	X
Iceland (IS)	X	X	X	Malta (MT)	–	X	X
India (IN)	X	X	X	Mauritania (MR)	X	X	X
Indonesia (ID)	X	X	X	Mauritius (MU)	–	X	X
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	–	X	–	Mexico (MX)	X	X	X
Iraq (IQ)	–	X	–	Monaco (MC)	X	X	–
Ireland (IE)	X	X	X	Mongolia (MN)	X	X	X
Israel (IL)	X	X	X	Morocco (MA)	X	X	X
Italy (IT)	X	X	X	Mozambique (MZ)	X	X	X
Jamaica (JM)	–	X	X	Myanmar (MM)	–	–	X
Japan (JP)	X	X	X	Namibia (NA)	–	–	X
Jordan (JO)	–	X	X	Netherlands (NL)	X	X	X
Kazakhstan (KZ)	X	X	–	New Zealand (NZ)	X	X	X

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States party to the PCT and the Paris Convention and Members of the World Trade Organization [continued]

States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO	States/Members	PCT	Paris	WTO
Nicaragua (NI)	–	X	X	South Africa (ZA)	X	X	X
Niger (NE)	X	X	X	Spain (ES)	X	X	X
Nigeria (NG)	–	X	X	Sri Lanka (LK)	X	X	X
Norway (NO)	X	X	X	Sudan (SD)	X	X	–
Oman (OM)	–	X	–	Suriname (SR)	–	X	X
Pakistan (PK)	–	–	X	Swaziland (SZ)	X	X	X
Panama (PA)	–	X	X	Sweden (SE)	X	X	X
Papua New Guinea (PG)	–	X	X	Switzerland (CH)	X	X	X
Paraguay (PY)	–	X	X	Syrian Arab Republic (SY)	–	X	–
Peru (PE)	–	X	X	Tajikistan (TJ)	X	X	–
Philippines (PH)	–	X	X	Thailand (TH)	–	–	X
Poland (PL)	X	X	X	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK)	X	X	–
Portugal (PT)	X	X	X	Togo (TG)	X	X	X
Qatar (QA)	–	X	X	Trinidad and Tobago (TT)	X	X	X
Republic of Korea (KR)	X	X	X	Tunisia (TN)	–	X	X
Republic of Moldova (MD)	X	X	–	Turkey (TR)	X	X	X
Romania (RO)	X	X	X	Turkmenistan (TM)	X	X	–
Russian Federation (RU)	X	X	–	Uganda (UG)	X	X	X
Rwanda (RW)	–	X	X	Ukraine (UA)	X	X	–
Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN)	–	X	X	United Arab Emirates (AE)	X	X	X
Saint Lucia (LC)	X	X	X	United Kingdom (GB)	X	X	X
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC)	–	X	X	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)	X	X	X
San Marino (SM)	–	X	–	United States of America (US)	X	X	X
Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	–	X	–	Uruguay (UY)	–	X	X
Senegal (SN)	X	X	X	Uzbekistan (UZ)	X	X	–
Sierra Leone (SL)	X	X	X	Venezuela (VE)	–	X	X
Singapore (SG)	X	X	X	Viet Nam (VN)	X	X	–
Slovakia (SK)	X	X	X	Yugoslavia (YU)	X	X	–
Slovenia (SI)	X	X	X	Zambia (ZM)	–	X	X
Solomon Islands (SB)	–	–	X	Zimbabwe (ZW)	X	X	X

1. As from 4 August 2000
2. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the PCT and the Paris Convention apply also to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
3. China has notified the Director General of WIPO that the Paris Convention applies also to the Macau Special Administrative Region.

### 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 August 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup> (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2</sup> (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
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 eq USD 15 plus mailing costs	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
DZ	DZD <sup>7</sup> —	CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT EP
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	eq CHF 200	EP
EP <sup>8</sup>	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 <sup>9</sup> 2,500 or 5,000	USD 427	10	92	n a	AT AU CN EP SE

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**Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES** [continued]  
(as at 1 August 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>	Basic fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 650)	Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup> (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2</sup> (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
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 <sup>10</sup> 10,000	HUF eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP RU
IB	CHF <sup>3</sup> 300 or USD <sup>3</sup> 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 40,700	940	8,800	12,500	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) <sup>30</sup>	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 <sup>7</sup> –	USD 427	10	92	132	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 427	10	92	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM <sup>7</sup> –	LSM eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	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 <sup>7</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup> 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

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**Table I(a) – TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES** [continued]  
(as at 1 August 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee <sup>1</sup>		Basic fee <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 650)		Supplement per sheet over 30 <sup>1,2,3</sup> (CHF 15)	Designation fee <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup> (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction <sup>2</sup> (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) <sup>6</sup>
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 <sup>7</sup>	–	USD	427	10	92	n a	EP RU
TM	USD <sup>7</sup>	–	USD	427	10	92	132	EP RU
TR	CHF	100	CHF	650	15	140	200	AT AU CN EP RU
TT	TTD	750	USD	427	10	92	132	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD	427	10	92	n a	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD	427	10	92	132	EP US
UZ	USD <sup>7</sup>	–	USD	427	10	92	132	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	eq USD 10	eq USD 92	eq USD 132	AT AU CN EP RU

**Table I(b) – SEARCH FEES**  
(as at 1 August 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee <sup>1</sup>											
AT	ATS	2,200	CHF	250	SGD	284	USD	170	ZAR	1,022		
AU	AUD	800	CHF	780	NZD	990	SGD	880	USD	510	ZAR	3,150
CN	CNY	800	CHF	150	USD	100						
EP <sup>12</sup>	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						
ES	ESP	157,235	CHF	1,500	EUR	945	USD	990				
JP	JPY	72,000	CHF	1,087	USD	720						
KR	KRW	150,000	CHF	173	USD	110						
RU <sup>13</sup>	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										
US	USD	700	450 <sup>14</sup>	CHF	1,064	684 <sup>14</sup>	NZD	1,527	980 <sup>14</sup>	ZAR	4,560	2,930 <sup>14</sup>

**Table II – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES**  
(as at 1 August 2000, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee <sup>15</sup>			Handling fee <sup>3,15</sup> (CHF 233)				
AT	ATS	2,200		ATS	2,022.76			
AU	AUD	450		AUD	238			
CN	CNY	800		CNY eq CHF	233			
EP <sup>12</sup>	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 981	PTE	307,338.90	CYP 84	GBP 94	PTE 29,470.90
	DEM	2,998.29	GRD 510,500	SEK	13,340	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 <sup>13</sup>	USD	200 <sup>16</sup>	300 <sup>17</sup>	USD	153			
SE	SEK	4,200		SEK	1,270			
US	USD	490	750 <sup>18</sup>	USD	153			

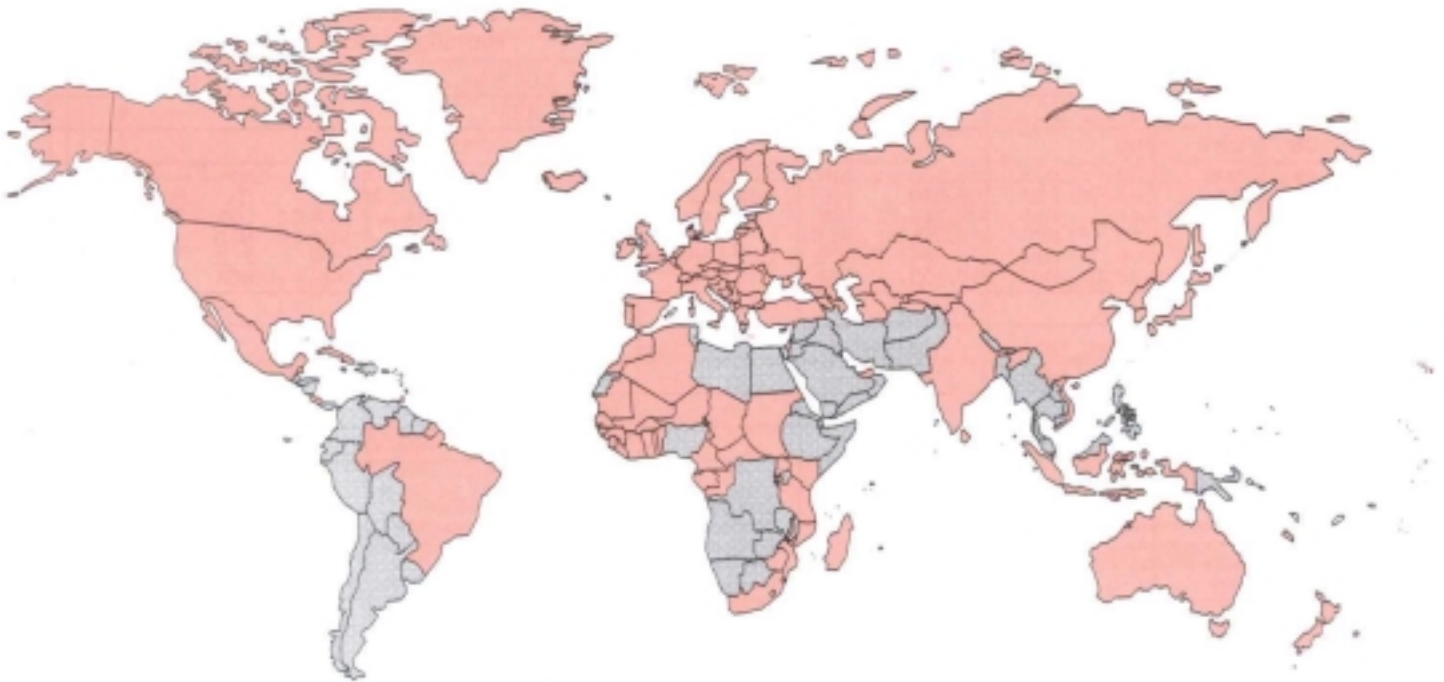
*Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:*

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

*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, 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.
- 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 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.
- 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 (IB).
- 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.)

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



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

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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