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NEWSLETTER

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PCT ARTICLE 22(1): WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY

Australia

Further to its notification of the incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its applicable national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2002), the Australian Patent Office (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 1 April 2002.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Article 22(3), the Office has notified the International Bureau that the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase before it as a designated Office is, with effect from 1 April 2002, 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2002, page 6 (table of time limits for entering national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II))

FILING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS IN ELECTRONIC FORM: NOTIFICATIONS OF INCOMPATIBILITY

It is recalled that modifications of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT* made under PCT Rule 89.2(b) entered into force on 7 January 2002 (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2002, page 3). The modifications, the text of which is reproduced in WIPO document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.2, which is available on the WIPO Internet site at:

<http://pcteasy.wipo.int/efilingstandards/EFPage.htm>

and is also reproduced in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette*, comprised the addition of new Part 7 and new Annex F to the *Administrative Instructions* containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by PCT Rule 89bis.1.

New Section 703(f) provides that: "If, on 7 January 2002, the applicable national law and the technical systems of a national Office provide for the filing with it of national applications in electronic form according to requirements which are incompatible with any of items (ii) to (iv) of paragraph (b):

(i) the provisions concerned shall not apply in respect of

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the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for as long as the incompatibility continues; and

(ii) the Office may instead provide for the filing with it of international applications in electronic form according to that national law and those technical systems;

provided that the Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by the date on which the Office sends the International Bureau a notification under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and in any case no later than 7 April 2002... ”

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- *PCT Newsletter* (Nos. 01/1997-05/2002); Practical Advice published in the *PCT Newsletter* between March 1994 and December 1996 and search facility for all Practical Advice
- PCT Press Releases/Updates
- The PCT in 2001

Seminar calendar and seminar materials:

- seminar documents: February 2002 (English); April 2002 (French); May 2001 (Spanish, German);

PCT meetings (documents):

- Committee (21-25 May 2001) and Working Group on Reform of the PCT (12-15 November 2001; 29 April-3 May 2002)
- PCT Assembly: 1978-2001

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The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

AU Australia, insofar as those requirements relate to the following parts of Annex F:

- section 5.1 “The E-Filing Interoperability Protocol;”
- section 5.2.1 “Package/Transmission Combinations: Applicant-Office (International Phase) Sector;” and
- sections 2(d), (f) and (g) of Appendix III “Basic Common Standard.”

CA Canada, in relation to requirements referred to in all of items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b).

JP Japan, insofar as those requirements relate to the following parts of Annex F:

- section 5.1 “The E-Filing Interoperability Protocol;”
- section 5.2.1 “Package/Transmission Combinations: Applicant-Office (International Phase) Sector;” and
- sections 2(d) to (g) of Appendix III “Basic Common Standard.”

US United States of America, in relation to requirements referred to in all of items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b).

Note that no receiving Office has yet notified the International Bureau that it will accept the filing of international applications in electronic form.

PCT INFORMATION UPDATE

AU Australia (fees; time limit for entry into the national phase)

As from 15 June 2002, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in AUD to the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction:

basic fee, fee per sheet in excess of 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 (AU))

See cover page for information on the time limit for entry into the national phase.

BY Belarus (time limit for entry into the national phase)

See "Time limits for entry into the national phase," below.

DE Germany (time limit for payment of fees)

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office has notified the International Bureau that the filing fee for a patent or a utility model must be paid to it as designated (or elected) Office within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1); if the payment is not effected within the applicable time limit, the Office will no longer invite the applicant to pay the fee within an additional time limit of one month.

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

IL Israel (telephone number)

One of the telephone numbers of the Israel Patent Office has changed, as follows:

telephone: (972-2) 565 17 05,
565 16 95, 565 16 45

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

IS Iceland (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

who can act as agent?

any natural or legal person resident in the European Economic Area

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

LV Latvia (time limit for entry into the national phase)

See "Time limits for entry into the national phase," below.

MK (time limit for entry into the national phase)

See "Time limits for entry into the national phase," below.

NZ (fees; time limit for entry into the national phase)

As from 1 July 2002, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the

following fees payable in NZD to the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction:

basic fee, fee per sheet in excess of 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 (NZ))

See "Time limits for entry into the national phase," below.

SG Singapore (telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; requirements concerning agent)

The telephone and fax numbers of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore have changed, and the Office has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

telephone: (65) 63 39 86 16

fax: (65) 63 39 02 52 (general)
(65) 63 39 92 30 (patents)

e-mail: ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

who can act as agent?

any individual, partnership or body corporate entitled to practice before the Registry of Patents* of the Office

* As to who would be entitled to practice before the Registry, reference is made to Part XIX of the Patents Act and the Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001.

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

SK Slovakia (requirements concerning agent)

There has been a change in the requirement of the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia) as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office, as follows:

is an agent required by the receiving Office? no

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

TN Tunisia (general information)

General information about Tunisia as a Contracting State, as well as information on the National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (Tunisia) as receiving Office, is set out on pink tear-out provisional sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B1 (TN), and Vol. I/B, Annex C (TN). Those sheets will later need to be replaced by the corresponding July 2002 update sheets of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

UA Ukraine (fees)

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

fee for priority document:	UAH	54
plus, for each sheet in excess of 20:	UAH	6
plus, for mailing:	UAH	85
plus, for each sheet in excess of 30 when mailed	UAH	1.70

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

YU Yugoslavia (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Federal Intellectual Property Office (Yugoslavia) as receiving Office, have changed:

transmittal fee:	see Table I(a)
fee for priority document:	YUD 180

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to that Office as designated (or elected) Office, have changed (other fees not indicated have not changed):

for patent:	
filing fee:	YUD 3,000
claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	YUD 150
examination fee:	YUD 3,600
annual fee for the first three years:	YUD 1,500
for petty patent:	
filing fee:	YUD 1,200

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

Search fee and other fees relating to the international search (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office and Swedish Patent Office)

As from 1 June 2002, there will be a change in the amount payable in SEK for an international search carried out by the Swedish Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b), as well as a change in the amount of the additional search fee, as indicated below:

additional search fee: SEK 8,720

As from 15 June 2002, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office, and in ISK for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Time limits for entry into the national phase (Belarus, Latvia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand)

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus), the Latvian Patent Office, the Industrial Property Protection Office (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand have notified, respectively, a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before them as designated Offices. The new time limit in all four cases, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vols. II/A and B, National Chapter, Summaries (BY, LV, MK and NZ) and *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2002, page 6 (table of time limits for entering national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II))

PCT PUBLICATIONS**New editions of the Treaty and Regulations under the PCT**

The International Bureau has published new editions of the English, French, German and Spanish texts of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Regulations under the PCT*, as in force from 1 April 2002. The new editions contain the

amendments which were made during the PCT Union Assembly in October 2001, and which entered into force on 1 April 2002, namely, the modification of PCT Article 22 and the amendment of PCT Rule 90bis. They also include the latest version of the PCT Schedule of Fees (which entered into force on 1 January 2002).

Although the above-mentioned amendments were included as an insert in the November 2001 issue of the *PCT Newsletter* (No. 11/2001), you may wish to order the new edition of the Treaty and Regulations. The price of the publication is 24 Swiss francs or 15 US dollars by regular mail, and 28 Swiss francs or 17 US dollars by priority mail. Orders, which should indicate the language required and refer to WIPO Publication No. 274, should be addressed to the Marketing and Distribution Section at WIPO:

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Note that the consolidated version of the Treaty and Regulations, as in force from 1 April 2002, are available in English, French, German and Spanish, in PDF format, on the PCT website under "PCT Legal Texts".

NEW PCT MATERIALS ON THE INTERNET (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/>)

The table of time limits for entering the national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II, as from 1 April 2002, as updated on 23 April 2002, is now available, in English and French, from the "New on the PCT website" box.

The April 2002 edition of "Basic Facts about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)" will soon be available, in PDF format, in Arabic, English, French, German and Spanish on the Internet. This popular brochure provides an overview of the PCT and is the first item in the "Shortcuts" box on the PCT website.

The Information Note: "The PCT in 2001" is now available under "PCT news" on the PCT website in Japanese, as well as in English, French, German and Spanish.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Time limit for requesting the recording of changes under PCT Rule 92bis

Q: Further to the modification of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) from 20 to 30 months, I would like to know whether this change extends to the term for the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92bis, and, if so, whether any such change requested after 20 months from the priority date will be communicated to any of the designated Offices that have notified the International Bureau that the modification of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) is not compatible with the national law applied by them.

For example, I, as agent for the applicant, have filed an international application, the priority date of which is 10 October 2000 and in respect of which a demand is not going to be filed. The international application is likely to be assigned to a new applicant in July 2002, that is, after 20 months from the priority date. Will the International Bureau record this change, and if so, will it inform all designated States, including those for which the new 30 month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) does not apply?

A: According to PCT Rule 92bis.1, the International Bureau (IB) will record a change if the request for recording is received by it before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1), where PCT Article 39(1) is not applicable with respect to any Contracting State, or before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 39(1), where PCT Article 39(1) is applicable with respect to at least one Contracting State.

In view of the fact that the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) has been modified, with effect from April 1, 2002, from 20 to 30 months, the IB will now, in respect of applications for which the period of 20 months from the priority date expires on or after April 1, 2002, **record all requests for changes up to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date**, regardless of whether a demand for Chapter II has been filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, and regardless of whether any of the Offices designated has notified the IB that the modification of PCT Article 22(1) is incompatible with its applicable national law. The IB will also notify all designated Of-

fices concerned via a copy of Form PCT/IB/306 of any such changes (see Section 422 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*), regardless of whether any of those States have notified the IB that the modification of PCT Article 22(1) is incompatible with the applicable national law. Therefore, in your example, even though you are not going to file a demand for international preliminary examination, and even if the new 30-month time limit does not apply in respect of some of the designated Offices, the IB will record the change of applicant and inform all designated Offices concerned of the change, provided your request for recording of a change is received by it on or before 10 April 2003 (that is, 30 months from the priority date).

In respect of any change under PCT Rule 92*bis* which is recorded after 20 months from the priority date, where any of the designated Offices has notified the IB of the incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law, and in respect of which the national phase has or will be entered by the applicant,

each of these Offices will decide whether or not to accept the change requested. Therefore, the legal effect of the change recorded under PCT Rule 92*bis*.1 will vary from Office to Office. In any case, as is generally the case, Offices are entitled to require additional evidence or documents in the national phase regarding any change requested during the international phase (for information on the Offices which require additional documents in the national phase, including a new request for change specifically for the national phase before a particular Office, see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II, National Chapter Summaries).

Note that even where a designated Office has informed the IB under PCT Article 22(3) that a later time limit for entry into the national phase applies, such as 31 months from the priority date, the applicable time limit for requesting the recording of a change remains, as stated in PCT Rule 92*bis*.1, the time limit referred to in PCT Article 22(1), that is, **30 months, not 31 months**, from the priority date.

PCT SEMINAR CALENDAR

Dates and Location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
7–8 May 2002 Dar es Salaam (TZ)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Nyagua	Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, United Republic of Tanzania and the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) (Mr. Esteriano E. Mahingila) Tel: (255–22) 218 13 44 Fax: (255–22) 218 03 71 E-mail: usajili@intafrika.com
10 May 2002 Bogota (CO)	Spanish	PCT presentation WIPO speaker: Mr. Hernández Vigaud	Industrial Property Association of Colombia (Mr. Guillermo Tamayo) Tel: (57–1) 380 22 00 Fax: (57–1) 380 27 00
10–11 May 2002 Islamabad (Pakistan) [was brought forward to 23–24 April 2002]	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mrs. Rahimi and Mr. Bartels	Ministry of Industry and Production of Pakistan (Mr. Muhammad Anwar Khan) Fax: (92–21) 920 57 46
13–15 May 2002 Lusaka (ZM)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Nyagua	Patents and Companies Registration Office and the African Regional Property Organization (ARIPO) (Mr. M.C.J. Kunkuta) Tel: (260–1) 25 51 51 Fax: (260–1) 25 54 26 E-mail: pcro@zamnet.zm
13–17 May 2002 Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	French	Seminar on patents and on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Fall and Mrs. Simon-Vianès	Directorate of Industrial Property, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Industry Tel: (243–12) 25 630 Fax: (243–12) 880 23 47 E-mail: minicpmea@jobantech.cd

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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
23–24 May 2002 Austin (US)	English	Intermediate PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Ms. Bidwell (United States Patent and Trademark Office) and Mr. Ho (3M Company)	3M, Haynes and Boone, and Austin Intellectual Property Law Association (Ms. Linda Bradshaw) Tel: (1–512) 984 18 00 Fax: (1–512) 984 59 40 E-mail: ljbradshaw @mmm.com
30 May 2002 Bologna (IT)	Italian	PCT presentation at the “Patents and Trademarks in the Internationalization of Enterprise” meeting WIPO speaker: to be announced	Chamber of Commerce of Bologna and the University of Bologna (Dr. Luigi Litardi) Tel: (39–51) 609 31 11 Fax: (39–51) 609 38 55
4–5 June 2002 Paris (FR)	French	Basic seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 42 93 63 52
18–19 June 2002 St. Georges (GD)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speaker: Mr. Regis Other speaker: Mr. Spence (Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery, Barbados)	Supreme Court Registry (Grenada) (Mr. Robert Branch) Tel: (1–473) 435 22 34 Fax: (1–473) 440 88 47
26–27 June 2002 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 42 93 63 52
1–2 July 2002 Rio de Janeiro (BR)	Spanish	WIPO-EPO-OEPM-INPI Regional Seminar on Industrial Property Information and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Latin American Countries WIPO speakers: Mr. Roca Campaña, Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Gironés	National Institute of Industrial Property (Mr. José Graça Aranha) Tel: (55–21) 22 06 34 77/233 03 34 Fax: (55–21) 263 25 39
8 October 2002 Iselin, New Jersey (US)	English	PCT presentation at the PIUG 2002 Northeast Workshop WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Patent Information Users Group (PIUG) (Ms. Elyse Turner) Tel: (1–732) 594 64 18 Fax: (1–732) 594 58 32 E-mail: elyse_turner@merck.com Internet: www.piug.org/ne02meet.html
10 October 2002 Stockholm (SE)	English	PCT presentation at the “Patent Updating Day” seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Thomas	Swedish Patent Office (Mr. Christer Eklöf) Tel: (46–8) 782 28 32 Fax: (46–8) 783 01 63 E-mail: christer.eklof@prv.se
31 October– 1 November 2002 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker(s): to be announced	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
4–5 November 2002 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT training session WIPO speaker(s): to be announced	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

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 fee per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States; see footnote 12 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 footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

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

(as at 1 May 2002, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁷
AE	AED ⁸ —	AED eq CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT AU
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 407	9	88	125	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 828 (from 15.6.02: 746)	19 (17)	178 (161)	255 (230)	AU
AZ	AZM eq USD 15 plus mailing costs	USD 407	9	88	n a	EP RU
BA	EUR 25.56	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 444	10	96	137	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	eq CHF 200	AT EP SE US
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 407	9	88	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 407	9	88	125	EP
CA	CAD 200	CAD 639	15	138	197	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 175	USD 407	9	88	125	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP) 200	USD (or eq CUP) 407	9	88	125	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 258	6	56	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁷
DE	EUR 90	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,300	80	710	1,020	EP SE
DZ	DZD ⁸ —	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
EC	USD ⁸ —	USD 407	9	88	125	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
EP	EUR 100	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
ES	EUR 61.51	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 278	6	60	86	EP
GE	GEL ⁹ 10	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹⁰ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 407	9	88	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 444	10	96	137	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 ¹² 100 or USD ¹² 60	CHF 650 or USD 407	15 9	140 88	200 125	See footnote 13
ID	IDR 500,000	IDR eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AU EP RU
IE	EUR 76.00	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
IL	ILS 445	USD 407	9	88	125	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by indiv: 1,500)	USD 407	9	88	125	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 41,300	1,000	8,900	n a	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 47,800	1,100	10,300	14,700	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ³⁰	USD 407	9	88	n a	AT AUCN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 407	9	88	125	EPRU
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	ATRUJ
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 530,000	12,000	114,000	163,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT ⁸ —	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 407	9	88	n a	AT AUCN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁸ —	LSM eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	USD 407	9	88	n a	EPRU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 444	10	96	n.a.	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 407	9	88	125	EPRU
MA	None	CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT EPRU SE
MC	EUR 49	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 407	9	88	125	EPRU
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	EPRU
MW	MWK 2,000	MWK 25,000	600	5,400	7,700	EP

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Table I(a) — TRANSMITTAL, BASIC AND DESIGNATION FEES [continued]
(as at 1 May 2002, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ² (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁷
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP ES SE US
NL	EUR 50	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,560	80	770	1,090	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180	NZD 1,012 (from 1.7.02: 890)	23 (20)	218 (192)	312 (274)	AU EP US
OM	Information not yet available					
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 407	9	88	125	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
PT	EUR 23.19	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 4,390	100	950	1,350	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 720	17	156	222	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	TJS ⁸ —	USD 407	9	88	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁸ —	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
TN	TND ⁸ —	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 407	9	88	125	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD 407	9	88	n a	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 407	9	88	125	EP US
UZ	USD ⁸ —	USD 407	9	88	125	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 3,000	YUD eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 4,870	112	1,050	1,500	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available					
ZW	ZWD 1,000	ZWD eq USD 407	eq USD 9	eq USD 88	eq USD 125	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — SEARCH FEES
(as at 1 May 2002, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹								
AT	EUR 159	CHF 230	KRW 191,000	SGD 259	USD 150	ZAR 1,280			
AU	AUD 800	CHF* 628	KRW 500,000	NZD 978	SGD 700	USD 393			
	ZAR 4,290	*(from 15.6.02: 697)	CHF 697						
CN	CNY 1,500	CHF 290	USD 180						
EP¹⁵	EUR 945	CAD 1,360	CHF 1,383	CYP 550	DKK 7,030	GBP 592			
	ISK* 88,000	JPY 110,000	MWK 53,000	NOK 7,570	NZD 2,023	SEK** 9,340			
	SGD 1,533	USD 866	ZAR** 10,280						
	* (from 15.6.02: ISK 83,000)								
	** (from 1.6.02: SEK 8,720 ZAR 9,450)								
ES¹⁵	EUR 945	CHF 1,383	USD 866						
JP	JPY 72,000	CHF 980	KRW 798,000	USD 535					
KR	KRW 150,000	CHF 180	USD 120						
RU¹⁶	USD 300	CHF 480							
SE	SEK* 9,340	CHF 1,383	DKK 7,030	EUR 945	ISK** 88,000	NOK 7,570			
	USD 866								
	* (from 1.6.02: SEK 8,720)								
	** (from 15.6.02: ISK 83,000)								
US	USD 700	450 ¹⁷ CHF 1,118	719 ¹⁷ NZD 1,740	1,120 ¹⁷ ZAR*	8,700	5,600 ¹⁷			
	* (from 1.6.02: ZAR 8,000 5,200 ¹⁷)								

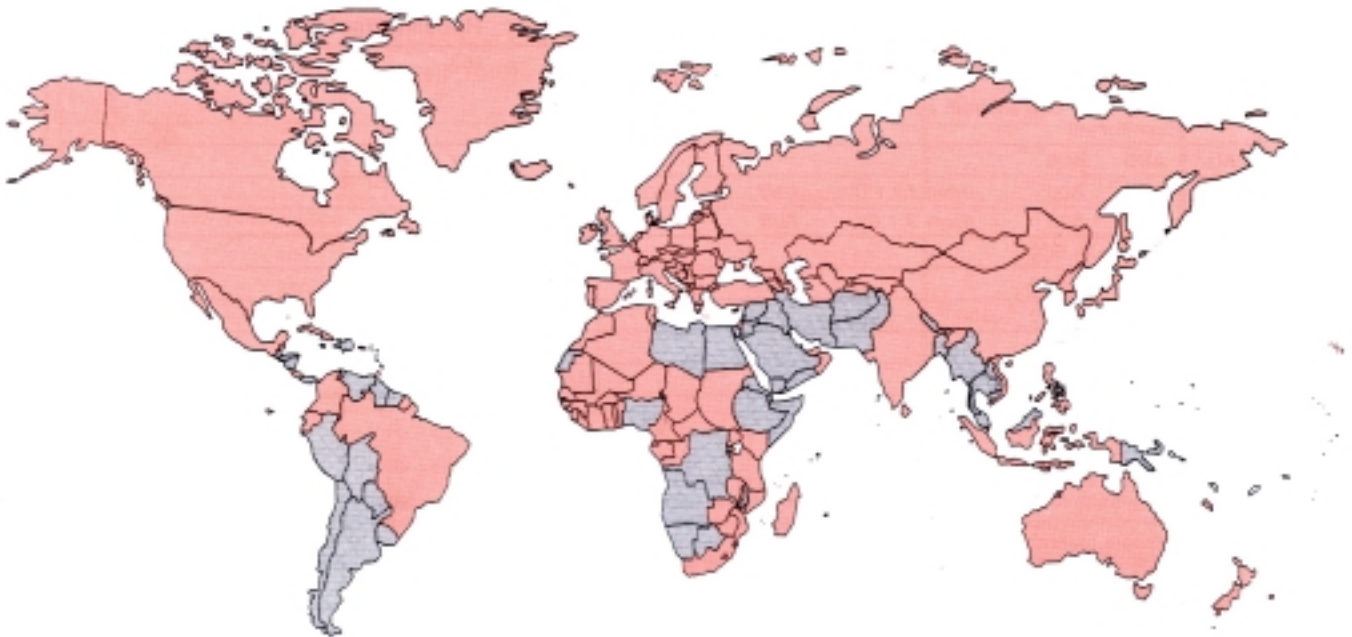
Table II — PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FEES
(as at 1 May 2002, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁸		Handling fee ^{3,18} (CHF 233)	
AT	EUR	159	EUR	159
AU	AUD	450	AUD	297 (from 15.6.02: AUD 267)
CN	CNY	1,500	CNY eq CHF	233
EP ¹⁵	EUR	1,530	EUR	159
JP	JPY	28,000	JPY	17,100
KR	KRW	150,000	KRW	190,000
RU ¹⁶	USD	200 ¹⁹ 300 ²⁰	USD	146
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,570
US	USD	490 750 ²¹	USD	146

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 PCT application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing of PCT 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, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, 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, Philippines, 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, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia 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 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the PCT *Administrative Instructions*, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 The maximum number of designation fees payable is five.
- 6 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).
- 7 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 8 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.
- 9 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 10 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.
- 11 A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated in footnote 3.
- 13 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).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 The search fee payable to the EPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the preliminary examination fee payable to the EPO, are 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 a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000, the text of which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 11/2000. The States concerned are those indicated in footnote 3, with the exception of Turkey.
- 16 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.
- 17 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee for that US application has been paid.
- 18 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 20 In all cases where footnote 19 does not apply.
- 21 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	CN China	HR Croatia	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SI Slovenia ¹
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CO Colombia	HU Hungary	MG Madagascar	SK Slovakia
AL Albania ¹	CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CU Cuba	IE Ireland (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IL Israel	MN Mongolia	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AU Australia	CZ Czech Republic	IN India	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	TD Chad (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	IS Iceland	MW Malawi (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DK Denmark (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MX Mexico	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BB Barbados	DM Dominica	JP Japan	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	DZ Algeria	KE Kenya (AP)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TN Tunisia
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EC Ecuador	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BG Bulgaria	EE Estonia	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BR Brazil	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	FR France (EP) ²	LC Saint Lucia	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PL Poland	US United States of America
CA Canada	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GD Grenada	LR Liberia	RO Romania ¹	VN Viet Nam
CG Congo (OA) ²	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	YU Yugoslavia
CH Switzerland (EP)	GM Gambia (AP)	LT Lithuania ¹	SD Sudan (AP)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia ¹	SE Sweden (EP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MA Morocco	SG Singapore	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
	GR Greece (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²		
	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any 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 January 2002. The forms are reproduced in Annexes Y and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (January 2002 update), and can be printed from the WIPO Internet site, in editable PDF format, at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/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****TN****TUNISIA****TN****General information**

Name of Office:	Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle (Tunisie) National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (Tunisia)
Location:	Cité El Khadhra, 1003, Tunis, Tunisia
Mailing address:	B. P. 23, Tunis – Belvédère, Tunisia
Telephone:	(216-71) 78 59 22
Facsimile machine:	(216-71) 78 15 63
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	INORPI@email.ati.tn
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Tunisia:	National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (Tunisia) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Tunisia is designated (or elected):	National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (Tunisia) (see Volume II)
May Tunisia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Tunisia concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Tunisia is designated (or elected)

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

May be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiry of 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****TN****NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
STANDARDIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY (TUNISIA)****TN**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Tunisia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic, English or French ¹
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? ²	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Tunisian dinar (TND) and Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	TND ³ ...
International fee:	
Basic fee: ⁴	CHF 650
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	CHF 15
Designation fee: ⁴	CHF 140
PCT-EASY fee reduction: ²	Not applicable
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	TND 16
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Tunisia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Tunisia

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² 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.

³ The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

⁴ 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 Tunisia or any other State mentioned in the corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234.