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New PCT Contracting State Namibia (country code: NA)

On 1 October 2003, Namibia deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 1 January 2004, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 1 January 2004 will automatically include the designation of Namibia. Also, because Namibia will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 1 January 2004. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Namibia will be entitled, as from 1 January 2004, to file international applications under the PCT. ■

Thirty-second Session of the PCT Assembly

A number of changes to the PCT Regulations and other changes affecting the PCT system were approved by the Assembly of the PCT Union during its thirty-second (14th ordinary) session which was held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2003, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. Documents which were prepared for the PCT Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, are available, and the report of the session will be available shortly on the PCT website, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/assemblies/index.htm

Some of the changes that were approved by the Assembly and other matters that were discussed during the meeting are outlined below:

1. Amendments to the PCT Regulations and the Schedule of Fees

The Assembly approved the proposed amendments to the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the PCT Regulations). Those amendments, which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, fixed the amount of the new flat-rate "international filing fee" (the introduction of which had been approved by the Assembly in October 2002), reduced the amount of the handling fee, made the 75% fee reduction more widely available to all applicants from least developed countries, and fixed a new scale of fee reductions for international applications filed in electronic form.

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The amendments, which are outlined below, will generally apply to any international application, the international filing date of which is on or after 1 January 2004. Note, however, that the Schedule of Fees as worded before its amendment will continue to apply to any international application which is received by a receiving Office before 1 January 2004, but is accorded an international filing date that is on or after 1 January 2004, and that there is an exception to the above-mentioned applicability as far as the handling fee is concerned (see (b), below).

(a) New “international filing fee”

The international filing fee, which the Assembly agreed to fix at 1,400 Swiss francs, will replace the current basic and designation fees to give a more simplified fee structure. For information on the new designation system that will operate as from 1 January 2004, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2002, page 4. Note that the fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 will form part of the international filing fee and will remain at the same level (15 Swiss francs). For information on the applicability of the 75% fee reduction, see (c), below.

(b) New amount of the handling fee

The amount of the handling fee has been reduced from 233 Swiss francs to 200 Swiss francs. The new amount (which may, for certain applicants, be subject to the 75% reduction referred to in (c), below) is payable in

Reminder

The designated Offices of the following States do not yet apply the 30-month time limit fixed in PCT Article 22(1) (as modified with effect from 1 April 2002):

BR Brazil
CH Switzerland*
CS Serbia and Montenegro
FI Finland*
LU Luxembourg*
NO Norway
SE Sweden*
SG Singapore
TZ United Republic of Tanzania*
UG Uganda*
ZM Zambia*

* If designated for a regional patent, see time limit applicable to the regional Office concerned.

A more complete list, including dates when other States withdrew their notifications of incompatibility, is reproduced on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/article22_timelimit.pdf

PCT Quiz

The claims in an international application may be amended under PCT Article 19:

(a) at any time during the international phase until the date of completion of technical preparations for international publication (or until the expiration of two months from the date of receipt of the international search report, whichever occurs later);

(b) at any time between the date of transmittal of the international search report and the date of completion of technical preparations for international publication (or the expiration of two months from the date of receipt of the international search report, whichever occurs later);

(c) at any time between the date of receipt of the international search report and the expiration of the limit under PCT Article 22(1) for entry into the national phase.

Answer: (b). According to PCT Rule 46.1, amendments under PCT Article 19 can be filed up to two months from the date of transmittal of the international search report (ISR) to the applicant by the International Searching Authority, or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. However, any amendment which is received by the IB after the applicable time limit will be considered to have been received

by the IB on the last day of that time limit if it reaches it before technical preparations for international publication have been completed (usually 15 days before the date of publication). Note that if the ISR is issued late, the time limit of two months from the date of transmittal of the ISR may expire after the technical preparations for publication of the international application have been completed, in which case the amendments under Article 19 will be published under a revised version of the front page of the pamphlet.

As far as (a) is concerned, the time limit given in PCT Rule 46.1 is effective only after the condition outlined in PCT Article 19 has been met, namely that the applicant has “received the international search report;” any attempt to amend the claims before the applicant had received the international search report would not comply with PCT Article 19.

As far as (c) is concerned, the only amendments that can be made after the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1, are:

- amendments under PCT Article 34(2)(b) before the International Preliminary Examining Authority (where the applicant has filed a demand for international preliminary examination)(see PCT Rule 66); or
- amendments during the national phase under PCT Article 28(1) before the designated Offices or PCT Article 41(1) before the elected Offices (see PCT Rules 52 or 78, as the case may be).

respect of any international application for which a demand for international preliminary examination is filed on or after 1 January 2004, regardless of whether the international filing date of the international application is before, on or after 1 January 2004.

(c) Wider applicability of the 75% fee reduction

The 75% fee reduction which is currently available to an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State the per capita national income of which is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997), will, as from 1 January 2004, be applicable to the new international filing fee and, as is currently the case, the handling fee. It will also be available, as from that date, to any applicant, **whether a natural person or not, who**

is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations. This means that the 75% fee reduction will also be available in respect of international applications filed by universities, research institutions or companies from least developed countries, provided that, if there is more than one applicant, each applicant must either be a national of and reside in a least developed country or must be a natural person who fulfills the requirements outlined at the beginning of this paragraph (that is, must be a national of and reside in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars). The States that are currently classed as least developed countries by the United Nations are listed in the table on page 4.

(d) Fee reductions for requests or international applications filed in electronic form

The Assembly approved the establishment, as from 1 January 2004, of three levels of reduction in the amount of the new international

filing fee for international applications filed in electronic form, as follows:

- where the request is created using the PCT-EASY features that will be incorporated into the PCT-SAFE software (which is expected to be available as from 1 January 2004) and is presented as a computer print-out together with a diskette prepared using that software containing a copy of the data contained in the request and a copy of the abstract): 100 Swiss francs (instead of the current reduction of 200 Swiss francs);
- where the international application is filed in electronic form but the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format—for example, an international application filed in fully electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software and the description, claims and abstract are in PDF (portable document format): 200 Swiss francs;
- where the international application is filed in electronic form and the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format—for example, an international application filed in fully electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software and the description, claims and abstract in the prescribed text based format—XML (extensible markup language) format: 300 Swiss francs.

(e) Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The Assembly also made a number of amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 January 2004, following previously adopted major changes designed to streamline and rationalize the PCT system. Those amendments are annexed to the report of the session which will be available on the PCT website shortly at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/assemblies/index.htm

The amendments that were adopted in October 2002 that will also enter into force on 1 January 2004 are available in the report of the session that took place in 2002, at the above-mentioned Internet address.

A consolidated version of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (WIPO publication no. 274), including all the amendments that will enter into force on 1 January 2004, is under preparation and will be available in paper form and on the PCT website in the near future. An announcement will be made in the *PCT Newsletter* as soon as each of those versions becomes available.

2. PCT Reform

The Assembly approved proposals concerning the work program in connection with reform of

States Classed as “Least Developed Countries” by the United Nations (on 1 October 2003)		
Afghanistan	Gambia*	Rwanda
Angola	Guinea*	Samoa
Bangladesh	Guinea-Bissau*	Sao Tome and Principe
Benin*	Haiti	Senegal*
Bhutan	Kiribati	Sierra Leone*
Burkina Faso*	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Lesotho*	Somalia
Cambodia	Liberia*	Sudan*
Cape Verde	Madagascar*	Togo*
Central African Republic*	Malawi*	Tuvalu
Chad*	Maldives	Uganda*
Comoros	Mali*	United Republic of Tanzania*
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritania*	Vanuatu
Djibouti	Mozambique*	Yemen
Equatorial Guinea*	Myanmar	Zambia*
Eritrea	Nepal	
Ethiopia	Niger*	
* PCT Contracting States		

the PCT to be undertaken between the September 2003 and September 2004 sessions of the Assembly, including matters to be considered, the convening of sessions of the Working Group and possibly the Committee, and financial assistance to enable attendance of certain delegations. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Working Group would be held from 17 to 21 November 2003.

3. Appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as ISAs/IPEAs to 12. Note that **applicants cannot yet choose the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as ISA or IPEA**; the date of entry into force of the Agreement in relation to the functioning of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as an ISA and IPEA (expected to be during the course of 2004) and other details will be announced in the *PCT Newsletter* in due course.

4. IMPACT and PCT-SAFE projects

The Assembly also took note of the status reports on the IMPACT Project and the PCT-SAFE Project, which are also available at the above-mentioned Internet address. ■

Upcoming PCT Users' Meeting

WIPO is organizing, on 24 November 2003, a meeting for PCT users entitled: "PCT – At the Heart of Your Business Strategy." The meeting will be about the impact of the latest developments in the PCT system and on the possible improvements that could be implemented to better address PCT users' needs. The speakers will include patent practitioners from industrial property law firms and companies such as Philips, The Procter & Gamble Company, Eli Lilly, Sanofi-Synthelabo and Nokia.

The meeting will take place at the WIPO headquarters in Geneva and will be free of charge.

For further details, see the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/2003/pctusers/en ■

PCT Rule 51bis.1(e): Withdrawal of Notification of Incompatibility

Singapore

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) (concerning the furnishing of a translation of the priority document), as amended with effect from 1 March 2001, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2001, page 2), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 August 2003. PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) therefore applies in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 August 2003 and in respect of international applications filed before that date, if the date by which the translation of the priority document is to be furnished for that application, in accordance with the Patents Rules in force immediately before 1 August 2003 (including such time limit extended therein), has not passed. ■

PCT Information Update

BZ Belize (fees; national chapter)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Belize Intellectual Property Office as designated (or elected) Office, have been notified to the International Bureau:

for patent:			
filing fee:			[no change]
annual fees for the first three years:	BZD		600
for utility model:			
filing fee:	BZD		300
annual fees for the first three years:	BZD		600

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

Note that the national chapter for Belize has now been included in the Internet version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html

CA Canada (fees)

As from 1 December 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in CAD to the Canadian Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a

change in the equivalent amount in CAD 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 (CA))

SG Singapore (special requirements)

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has notified changes affecting its special requirements as a designated (or elected) Office. The changes only affect the footnotes relating to the requirement of the verified translation of the priority document into English, as follows:

verified translation of priority document into English^{*,**}

- * Must be furnished only upon request from the Registrar within two months from the date of the notice from the Registrar.
- ** Such a translation may be required where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable (see *PCT Gazette* No. 05/2001, page 2024).

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

Language(s) accepted for the filing of requests: notification by receiving Offices under PCT Rule 12.1(c) (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Office of the following State has notified the International Bureau of the language which it is prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

BA Bosnia and
Herzegovina English

This updates the table published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2003, on page 10, and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (BA).

Search fee (European Patent Office)

As from 1 December 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CAD 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))

List of Contracting States

The provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex A (PCT Contracting States) includes Namibia and the date of entry into force of the PCT in respect of that State (see cover page for details). ■

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes

Updated French, German and Spanish versions of the list of PCT Contracting States and two-letter codes, including the notes thereto (printed on the last page of the *PCT Newsletter*) are included in this issue, on pages 17 to 19, respectively. ■

Access to Files at the EPO

It is recalled that according to PCT Rule 94.3, if the national law applicable by any elected Office allows access by third parties to the file of a national application, that Office may allow access to any documents relating to the international application, including any document pertaining to the international preliminary examination, contained in its file, to the same extent as provided by the national law for access to the file of a national application, but not before the international publication of the international application.

The EPO has made the following announcement in the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 7/2003, in respect of access to PCT files at the EPO:

“The EPO currently allows third parties access after completion of the International Preliminary Examination Report to all documents to the international preliminary examination, though not to documents clearly intended for internal use, on condition that the applicant has signalled his intention to enter the European phase before the EPO as elected office by performing at least one of the acts listed in Rule 107(1) EPC...

“As from 1 February 2003 the last mentioned condition, that the applicant must have signalled his intention to enter the European phase, will no longer apply. Access to the file of the international preliminary examination (application filed as from 1 July 1998) will be afforded by the

EPO after publication of the international application *and* completion of the International Preliminary Examination Report. In all other respects the notice published in OJ EPO 5/1999, 329, remains valid.” ■

Online File Inspection at the EPO

On 18 June 2003, the European Patent Office (EPO) launched a free-of-charge online file inspection service. This followed a decision of the President of the EPO dated 6 June 2003, that “...the files relating to European patent applications and patents, and to international applications under the PCT for which the EPO acts as a designated or elected Office, shall be available under Article 128(4) EPC for online inspection...”

Online File Inspection provides users with direct access to all published European patent applications (including published international applications containing an “EP” designation) and patents that are stored in electronic form. Anyone may inspect the associated file online via *epoline*® at:

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Files or parts thereof that are not scannable will be made available for inspection in their original form or as filed. Note that any form of file inspection other than online file inspection (for example, on paper, or on electronic storage media) will be subject to the payment of a fee.

For further information, see the *Official Journal of the EPO*, No. 7/2003, at:

www.european-patent-office.org/epo/pubs/oj003/07_03/index.htm ■

Interruption in the US Postal Service

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has announced that, in view of the official closing of the Federal Government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including the USPTO, on 18 and 19 September 2003, the USPTO will consider those days a “Federal holiday within the District of Columbia” under 35 U.S.C. § 21 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 2.2(d), 2.195, and 2.196. Any action or fee due on those days will be considered as timely for the purposes of, for ex-

ample, 35 U.S.C. §§ 119, 120, 133 and 151, if the action is taken, or the fee is paid, on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO was open, that is, on 22 September 2003.

The USPTO has also announced that any paper or fee properly deposited in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 or 2.198 with the Express Mail service of the United States Postal Service (USPS) on 18 and 19 September 2003 will be considered filed in the USPTO on its date of deposit in the Express Mail service of the USPS.

For further information, see the announcement that was published on the USPTO website at:

www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/isabelclosing092003.htm ■

Developments in Patent Statistics

During the WIPO Conference on the Importance of Statistics on Patenting Trends Analysis and Projections, which took place in Geneva on 17 September 2003, WIPO pledged to boost its activities relating to patent statistics, and announced the development of a web portal for patent statistics with links to institutions with long-standing experience in generating information in this area.

The Conference, attended by some 200 specialists from 35 countries and designed to foster communication among policy makers, national and regional intellectual property offices, patent attorneys, statisticians and research institutions, sought to identify ways to more effectively use intellectual property statistics as indicators of technological development and economic growth.

The conference was followed by a two-day technical workshop on statistics in the patent field co-organized by WIPO and the Organisation for Economic and Co-operation Development (OECD), which brought together science and technology specialists and statisticians from 19 countries.

Further information on the conference and the workshop is given in WIPO press release (PR/2003/354), which is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/releases/2003/p354.htm ■

Practical Advice

Applicability of new/amended Rules relating to the filing of demands and the new enhanced international search and preliminary examination procedure that will enter into force on 1 January 2004

Q: I have filed a number of international applications this year and intend to file demands for international preliminary examination in respect of most of those applications towards the end of this year or at the beginning of 2004. Before I do this, I would like to know whether the new or amended PCT Rules which will enter into force on 1 January 2004 and relate to the filing of demands and the new enhanced international search and preliminary examination procedure apply to international applications filed in 2003 in respect of which demands are filed on or after 1 January 2004, or whether they will only apply to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004?

A: In general, the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 January 2004 will only apply to any international applications, the international filing dates of which are on or after 1 January 2004. This applies, in particular, to the following changes relating to the international preliminary examination procedure under PCT Chapter II:

1. Applicable where the international filing date is on or after 1 January 2004:

(a) The new enhanced international search and preliminary examination system and the new rules governing that system (see, in particular, new or amended PCT Rules: 43*bis*, 44.1, 44*bis*, 44*ter*, 54*bis*, 57.3, 57.6, 58*bis*.1, 59.3, 61.4, 62.1, 62*bis*.1, 63.1, 66.1*bis*, 66.2, 69, 70.15, 72.2*bis*, 72.3, 73.2 and 76.5): The new system, whereby a written opinion will be established by the International Searching Authority and subsequently “converted” by the International Bureau into an international preliminary report on patentability under Chapter I, will apply only to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004; even if the search procedure has not yet started on 1 January 2004 in relation to an application filed before that date, the new system will not apply to that application.

(b) Rule 54*bis* “time limit for making a demand”: Under this new Rule, the demand may be filed at any time prior to the expiration of whichever of the following periods expires later:

- three months from the date of transmittal to the applicant of the international search report (or of the declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) that no international search report will be established) and the written opinion by the International Searching Authority; or
- 22 months from the priority date.

Note, however, that where the 20-month time limit for entry into the national phase under Chapter I is still applicable in respect of at least one of the elected Offices, the time limit for entry into the national phase will only be extended to 30 months in respect of the Offices concerned if the demand is filed prior to the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is recalled that in the case of international applications filed before 1 January 2004, there is no time limit for filing the demand (apart from the 19-month requirement outlined in the previous sentence).

(c) PCT Rule 57.3 “the handling fee: time limit for payment; amount payable”: The new time limit for payment of the handling fee is:

- one month from the date on which the demand was submitted (or one month from the date of receipt by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) where the demand was transmitted to the IPEA under PCT Rule 59.3); or
- 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later; or
- in the case where the IPEA wishes to start the international preliminary examination at the same time as the international search, the IPEA will invite the applicant to pay the handling fee within one month from the date of the invitation.

The amount of the handling fee will, in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004, be the amount applicable on the date of payment (under the currently applicable PCT Rule 57.3, the amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of submission to the IPEA or, where the demand was transmitted to the IPEA under PCT Rule 59.3, on the date of receipt by that IPEA)—see below for information about the new amount of the handling fee, which will be payable in respect of demands filed on or after 1 January 2004.

There are, however, a few exceptions to the general rule that the amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 January 2004 will only apply to any international application the international filing date of which is on or after 1 January 2004: the following amendments to the PCT Regulations relating to the international preliminary examination procedure under PCT Chapter II will apply to any international application in respect of which a demand is filed on or after 1 January 2004, even if the international filing date of the application concerned is before that date.

2. Applicable where the demand is filed on or after 1 January 2004:

(a) PCT Rule 53.7 “election of States”: As from 1 January 2004, the filing of a demand will constitute the election of all PCT Contracting States which have been designated and are bound by Chapter II, and it will no longer be possible for the applicant to exclude any States that he does not wish to elect, or to make any later election of States (PCT Rule 56 “Later Elections” has been deleted with effect from that date). (Note, however, that it will still be possible, if the applicant wishes to do so, to withdraw specific elections by a separate notice of withdrawal under PCT Rule 90*bis*.4).

(b) PCT Rule 60.1 “certain defects in the demand”: In any demand filed on or after 1 January 2004, it will be sufficient, if there are two or more applicants, that the indications

about the applicant referred to in PCT Rule 4.5(a)(ii) (address of the applicant) and (iii) (nationality and residence of the applicant) be provided in respect of one of them who has the right according to PCT Rule 54.2 to file a demand. Likewise, for the purposes of PCT Rule 53.8, it will be sufficient, if there are two or more applicants, that the demand be signed by one of them.

(c) New amount of the handling fee: the amount of the handling fee will be 200 Swiss francs (instead of the 233 Swiss francs, the currently applicable amount), as a result of the decision of the PCT Assembly (see “Thirty-second Session of the PCT Assembly” on the cover page). The new amount will be applicable only where the demand is filed on or after 1 January 2004.

For further information on the new/amended rules that will enter into force on 1 January 2004, see document PCT/A/31/10, dated 1 October 2002 (which includes, in Annex VI, information on those rules which are not subject to the “normal” transitional arrangements (that is, that the amendments apply to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004), and PCT/A/32/8, dated 1 October 2003—document PCT/A/31/10 is available, and document PCT/A/32/8 will be available on the PCT website shortly at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/assemblies/index.htm ■

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
4–5 October 2003 Cairo (EG)	Arabic/ English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Ms. Boutillon and Mr. Abdelaziz	Academy of Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt (ASRT) (Dr. Fawzi Al-Refaie) Tel: (202) 792 12 73 Fax: (202) 792 12 70
10 October 2003 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Nakamaki	Japan Patent Office (Regional Branch Administration Section, General Affairs Division) Tel: (81–3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02C0@jpo.go.jp
15 October 2003 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Nakamaki	Japan Patent Office (Regional Branch Administration Section, General Affairs Division) Tel: (81–3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02C0@jpo.go.jp

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PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
16 October 2003 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Nakamaki	Japan Patent Office (Regional Branch Administration Section, General Affairs Division) Tel: (81-3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02C0@jpo.go.jp
16-17 October 2003 Boston (US)	English	PCT seminar: "Advanced PCT Practice" WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speakers: Ms. Bidwell (USPTO) and Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company (US))	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Neil P. Ferraro) Tel: (1-617) 720 35 00 Fax: (1-617) 720 24 41 E-mail: nferraro@wolfgreenfield.com Internet: www.bpla.org
17 October 2003 Munich (DE)	German	Seminar on the latest changes in the PCT system WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthes	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49-6221) 500 500 Fax: (49-6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
20-21 October 2003 Castries (LC)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and PCT-Related Patent Information WIPO speakers: Mr. Wibowo and Mr. Regis Other speaker: Mr. Vermeesch (Patent Consultant, NL)	Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia) (Mrs. Kimberly A. Cenac-Phulgence) Tel: (1-758) 456 04 00 Fax: (1-758) 451 79 89 E-mail: rocip2@candw.lc
21-22 October 2003 Valletta (Malta)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mrs. Simon-Vianès	Industrial Property Office Tel: (356) 25 69 03 04 Fax: (356) 21 23 19 19
22-23 October 2003 Kingstown (VC)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and PCT-Related Patent Information WIPO speakers: Mr. Wibowo and Mr. Regis	Companies Registry and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) (Mrs. Kaywanah M. Springer-Martin) Tel: (1-784) 451 28 94 Fax: (1-784) 457 28 98 E-mail: kspringer@caribsurf.com
27-28 October 2003 Santa Ana (CA) (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mr. Maassel	Orange County Patent Law Association (OCPLA) (Mr. Stefan J. Kirchanski) Tel: (1-310) 734 54 03 Fax: (1-310) 734 52 99 E-mail: skirchanski@ReedSmith.com
30-31 October 2003 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle 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
3-4 November 2003 Munich (DE)	English	International Forum on the PCT Procedure: Recent Changes WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry, Mr. Matthes and Mr. Kalejs	European Patent Office (International Academy) (Mr. Harald Pichlhöfer) Tel: (49-89) 23 99 52 55 Fax: (49-89) 23 99 52 79 E-mail: hpichlhoefer@email.epo.nl Online registration: www.european-patent-office.org/intcop/intl_academy/courses/pctforum03/registration/index.htm
3-4 November 2003 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT training course WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle 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
4-5 November 2003 Mahé (SC)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Wang and Mr. Nyagua Other speaker: Mr. Kiige (Director Technical, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO))	Department of Legal Affairs, Registration Division (Mr. Cedric Gustave Dodin) Tel: (248) 22 49 04 Fax: (248) 22 57 64 E-mail: regdiv@seychelles.sc

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
14 November 2003 London (GB)	English	PCT presentation at the Annual Senior Patent Administrators' Conference WIPO speaker: 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
17-18 November 2003 Port Moresby (PG)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty WIPO speaker: Mr. Sinha	Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea (IPOPNG) (Mr. Gai Araga) Tel: (675) 321 39 00 Fax: (675) 321 51 55 E-mail: gaia@ipa.gov.pg
18-19 November 2003 Tirana (AL)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Importance of Patent Information and the PCT as a Source of Technical Information WIPO speakers: Mr. Herce-Vigil and Mrs. Simon-Vianès	Albanian Patent and Trademark Office Tel: (355-42) 344 12 Fax: (355-42) 344 12
20-21 November 2003 Chisinau (MD)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Importance of Patent Information and the PCT as a Source of Technical Information WIPO speakers: Mr. Herce-Vigil and Mrs. Simon-Vianès	State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Mr. Nicolae Taran) Tel: (373-2) 44 32 53 Fax: (373-2) 44 01 19
24 November 2003 Geneva (WIPO Headquarters)	English, French, Spanish	PCT users' meeting: "PCT—At the Heart of Your Business Strategy" Speakers: Patent practitioners from IP law firms and companies such as Philips, The Procter & Gamble Company, Eli Lilly, Sanofi-Synthélabo and Nokia Program available at: www.wipo.int/meetings/2003/pctusers/en	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Tel: (41-22) 338 81 93 Fax: (41-22) 338 71 50 E-mail: paola.conti@wipo.int
9-10 December 2003 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33-1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33-1) 42 93 63 52
10 December 2003 London (GB)	English	PCT-EASY Workshop WIPO speaker: Mrs. Featherby	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44-1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44-1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
11-12 December 2003 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT course WIPO speaker(s): Mr. Barmes and Mr. Reischle	Management Forum Ltd (see above)
7-9 January 2004 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT presentation within the framework of a Postgraduate Program in Intellectual Property WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mr. Barmes Other speaker: Mr. Jenny (European patent attorney)	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), NDS Intellectual Property (Ms. Lili Tsiamis) Tel: (41-1) 632 68 08 Fax: (41-1) 632 13 67 E-mail: tsiamis@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.ndsip.ethz.ch
10-11 March 2004 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
16-17 April 2004 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel Other speaker: Mr. Reed (The Procter & Gamble Company (US))	Franklin Pierce Law Center (Ms. Carol Ruh) Tel: (1-603) 228 15 41, ext. 1108 Fax: (1-603) 224 33 42 E-mail: cruh@piercelaw.edu Internet: www.piercelaw.edu/TreatySem/Treatsem.htm

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 or where the international application is filed in electronic form, as prescribed; see footnotes 2 and 7 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	GBP	Pound sterling	LSM	Lesotho loti	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso		
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CYP	Cyprus pound	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
		EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees
(as at 1 October 2003, 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 ^{2,7} (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁸
AE	AED ⁹ —	AED eq CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT AU
AG	Information not yet available					
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 476	12	104	148	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 746	17	161	230	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 476	12	104	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 476	12	104	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 476	12	104	148	EP
CA	CAD 200	CAD 730 (from 1.12.03: 643)	17 (15)	157 (138)	224 (198)	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 ^{2,7} (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁸
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
CO	COP ⁹ —	COP eq USD 476	eq USD 12	eq USD 104	eq USD 148	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 175	USD 476	12	104	148	EP ES
CS	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
CU	USD (or eq CUP)200	USD (or eq CUP)476	12	104	148	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
DE	EUR 90	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,300	80	710	1,020	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available					
DZ	DZD None	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 476	12	104	148	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
EG	Information not yet available					
EP ⁷	EUR 100	EUR 444	10	96	137 ⁷	EP
ES	EUR 62.74	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
GD	Information not yet available					
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 476	12	104	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 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 or EUR ¹² 68	CHF 650 or USD 476 or EUR 444	15 12 10	140 104 96	200 148 137	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 476	USD 476	12	104	148	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by indiv: 1,500)	USD 476	12	104	148	AT AU CN EP SE US

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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 ^{2,7} (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁸
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 37,400	860	8,000	11,500	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 54,000	1,200	11,600	16,600	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) ²⁵⁰ plus cost of mailing	USD 476	12	104	148	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 476	12	104	148	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 530,000	12,000	114,000	163,000	AT AU JP ¹⁴ KR
KZ	KZT ⁹ —	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 476	12	104	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁹ —	LSM eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹⁵	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 476	12	104	148	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 6,000	MWK 25,000	600	5,400	7,700	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP ES SE US
NI	USD 175	USD 476	12	104	148	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,560	80	770	1,090	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁶	NZD 890	20	192	274	AU EP US
OA	Information not yet available					
OM	Information not yet available					
PG	Information not yet available					
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 476	12	104	148	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
PT	EUR 30	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
SC	Information not yet available					
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK* 3,940	90	850	1,210	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 828	19	178	255	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
SY	Information not yet available					

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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 ^{2,7} (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁸
TJ	TJS ⁹	—	USD	476	12	104	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	—	USD	476	12	104	148	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	—	CHF	650	15	140	n a	EP
TR	CHF	100	CHF	650	15	140	200	EP
TT	TTD	750	USD	476	12	104	148	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH	255	USD (or eq UAH) 476		12	104	n a	EP RU
US	USD	240	USD	476	12	104	148	EP US
UZ	USD ⁹	—	USD	476	12	104	148	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available							
VN	VND eq USD	150	VND eq CHF	650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR	500	ZAR	3,580	80	780	1,100	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available							
ZW	ZWD	6,000	ZWD eq USD	476	eq USD 12	eq USD 104	eq USD 148	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(as at 1 October 2003, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹											
AT	EUR	159	CHF	230	KRW	222,000	SGD	259	USD	183	ZAR	1,280
AU	AUD	1,000	CHF	871	EUR	560	KRW	710,000	NZD	1,073	SGD	1,030
	USD	592	ZAR	4,700								
CN	CNY	1,500	CHF	250	EUR	156	USD	180				
EP ¹⁷	EUR	945	CAD*	1,552	CHF	1,383	CYP	550	DKK	7,030	GBP	640
	ISK*	78,000	JPY	129,500	MWK	53,000	NOK	7,830	NZD	1,889	SEK	8,720
	SGD	1,930	USD	1,119	ZAR*	8,760						
	* (from 1.12.03)		CAD	1,457	ISK	83,000	ZAR	7,930)				
ES ¹⁷	EUR	945	CHF	1,383	USD	1,119						
JP	JPY	72,000	CHF	870	EUR	535	KRW	798,000	USD	611		
KR	KRW	150,000	CHF	163	EUR	130	USD	120				
RU ¹⁸	USD	300	CHF	410	EUR	258						
SE	SEK	8,720	CHF	1,383	DKK	7,030	EUR	945	ISK*	78,000	NOK	7,830
	USD	1,119	ISK	83,000)								
	* (from 1.12.03:											
US	USD	700	450 ¹⁹	CHF	947	609 ¹⁹	EUR	615	395 ¹⁹	NZD	1,270	810 ¹⁹
	ZAR	5,300	3,400 ¹⁹									

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(as at 1 October 2003, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²⁰		Handling fee ^{3,20} (CHF 233)		
AT	EUR	159	EUR	159	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²¹	AUD	267
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	233
EP ¹⁷	EUR	1,530		EUR	159
ES	EUR	493.11		EUR	159
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	19,200
KR	KRW	150,000		KRW	190,000
RU ¹⁸	USD	200 ²²	300 ²³	USD	172
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,410
US	USD	490	750 ²⁴	USD	172

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, *Botswana (from 30 October 2003)*, 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, Egypt, 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, *Namibia (from 1 January 2004)*, Nicaragua, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, 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 The same amount of reduction of the basic and designation fee as indicated in footnote 2 applies where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the *Administrative Instructions* and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the *Administrative Instructions* that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form—only the European Patent Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) have sent such a notification so far.
- 8 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 9 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.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 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.
- 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 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 17 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 Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 18 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.
- 19 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.
- 20 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 21 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 23 In all cases where footnote 22 does not apply.
- 24 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 (US)).

États contractants du PCT et codes à deux lettres (123 au 1^{er} octobre 2003)



AE Émirats arabes unis	CS Serbie-et-Monténégro	IE Irlande (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SN Sénégal (OA) ²
AG Antigua-et-Barbuda	CU Cuba	IL Israël	MN Mongolie	SY République arabe syrienne
AL Albanie ¹	CY Chypre (EP) ²	IN Inde	MR Mauritanie (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AM Arménie (EA)	CZ République tchèque (EP)	IS Islande	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Tchad (OA) ²
AT Autriche (EP)	DE Allemagne (EP)	IT Italie (EP) ²	MX Mexique	TG Togo (OA) ²
AU Australie	DK Danemark (EP)	JP Japon	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TJ Tadjikistan (EA)
AZ Azerbaïdjan (EA)	DM Dominique	KE Kenya (AP)	NA Namibie (à partir du 1 ^{er} janvier 2004)	TM Turkménistan (EA)
BA Bosnie-Herzégovine	DZ Algérie	KG Kirghizistan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TN Tunisie
BB Barbade	EE Équateur	KP République populaire démocratique de Corée	NI Nicaragua	TR Turquie (EP)
BE Belgique (EP) ²	EC Estonie (EP)	KR République de Corée	NL Pays-Bas (EP) ²	TT Trinité-et-Tobago
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EG Égypte	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norvège	TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie (AP)
BG Bulgarie (EP)	ES Espagne (EP)	LC Sainte-Lucie	NZ Nouvelle-Zélande	UA Ukraine
BJ Bénin (OA) ²	FI Finlande (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	OM Oman	UG Ouganda (AP)
BR Brésil	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PG Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée	US États-Unis d'Amérique
BY Bélarus (EA)	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	PH Philippines	UZ Ouzbékistan
BW Botswana (AP) (à partir du 30 octobre 2003)	GB Royaume-Uni (EP)	LR Libéria	PL Pologne	VC Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines
BZ Belize	GD Grenade	LS Lesotho (AP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CA Canada	GE Géorgie	LT Lituanie ¹	RO Roumanie ¹	ZA Afrique du Sud
CF République centrafricaine (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RU Fédération de Russie (EA)	ZM Zambie (AP)
CG Congo (OA) ²	GM Gambie (AP)	LV Lettonie ¹	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CH Suisse (EP)	GN Guinée (OA) ²	MA Maroc	SD Soudan (AP)	
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GQ Guinée équatoriale (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SE Suède (EP)	
CM Cameroun (OA) ²	GR Grèce (EP) ²	MD République de Moldova (EA)	SG Singapour	
CN Chine	GW Guinée-Bissau (OA) ²	MG Madagascar	SI Slovénie (EP) ²	
CO Colombie	HR Croatie	MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine ¹	SK Slovaquie (EP)	
CR Costa Rica	HU Hongrie (EP)		SL Sierra Leone (AP)	
	ID Indonésie			

1 Possibilité d'extension d'un brevet européen.

2 Ne peut être désigné qu'aux fins d'un brevet régional (suite à la fermeture de la "voie nationale" via le PCT).

Lorsqu'un État peut être désigné aux fins d'un brevet régional, le code à deux lettres correspondant au brevet régional concerné est indiqué entre parenthèses (AP = brevet ARIPO, EA = brevet eurasien, EP = brevet européen, OA = brevet OAPI).

Important:

Cette liste comporte tous les États qui ont adhéré au PCT à la date qui figure ci-dessus. Un État dont le nom est indiqué en **italique gras** a adhéré au PCT mais n'était pas encore lié par le PCT à la date de publication de la dernière version du formulaire de requête. Lorsqu'un État a adhéré au PCT mais n'est pas encore lié par le PCT, la date à laquelle il deviendra lié figure entre parenthèses; il ne peut être désigné dans des demandes internationales déposées avant cette date. Si le déposant souhaite désigner, aux fins d'un brevet national, un État qui est lié par le PCT à la date à laquelle il dépose la demande internationale mais qui ne figure pas dans le formulaire de requête, il doit l'ajouter dans le cadre n° V dudit formulaire en cochant la case appropriée.

Il est recommandé aux déposants de toujours utiliser les dernières versions du formulaire de requête (PCT/RO/101) et du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international (PCT/IPEA/401), dont il est publié des versions mises à jour, en règle générale, deux fois par an. Les dernières versions sont datées de juillet 2003. Ces formulaires sont reproduits aux annexes X et Y, respectivement, du volume I/B du *Guide du déposant du PCT* (mise à jour de juillet 2003) et peuvent être imprimés à partir du site Internet de l'OMPI (formulaires prêts à être remplis en format PDF) à l'adresse suivante: www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/forms/index.htm, ou être obtenus auprès des offices récepteurs ou du Bureau international, ou, dans le cas du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, également auprès des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international.

PCT-Vertragsstaaten und Zweibuchstaben-Codes (123 am 1. Oktober 2003)



AE Vereinigte Arabische Emirate	CR Costa Rica	HR Kroatien	MK Die ehemalige jugoslawische Republik Mazedonien ¹	SI Slowenien (EP) ²
AG Antigua und Barbuda	CS Serbien und Montenegro	HU Ungarn (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SK Slowakei (EP)
AL Albanien ¹	CU Kuba	ID Indonesien	MN Mongolei	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenien (EA)	CY Zypern ²	IE Irland (EP) ²	MR Mauretania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Österreich (EP)	CZ Tschechische Republik (EP)	IL Israel	MW Malawi (AP)	SY Arabische Republik Syrien
AU Australien	DE Deutschland (EP)	IN Indien	MX Mexiko	SZ Swasiland (AP) ²
AZ Aserbaidschan (EA)	DK Dänemark (EP)	IS Island	MZ Mosambik (AP)	TD Tschad (OA) ²
BA Bosnien-Herzegowina	DM Dominica	IT Italien (EP) ²	NA Namibia (ab 1. Januar 2004)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	DZ Algerien	JP Japan	NE Niger (OA) ²	TJ Tadschikistan (EA)
BE Belgien (EP) ²	EC Ecuador	KE Kenia (AP)	NI Nicaragua	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EE Estland (EP)	KG Kirgisistan (EA)	NL Niederlande (EP) ²	TN Tunesien
BG Bulgarien (EP)	EG Ägypten	KP Demokratische Volksrepublik Korea	NO Norwegen	TR Türkei (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	ES Spanien (EP)	KR Republik Korea	NZ Neuseeland	TT Trinidad und Tobago
BR Brasilien	FI Finnland (EP)	KZ Kasachstan (EA)	OM Oman	TZ Vereinigte Republik Tansania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP) (ab 30. Oktober 2003)	FR Frankreich (EP) ²	LC St. Lucia	PG Papua-Neuguinea	UA Ukraine
BY Belarus (EA)	GA Gabun (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PH Philippinen	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belize	GB Vereinigtes Königreich (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	PL Polen	US Vereinigte Staaten von Amerika
CA Kanada	GD Grenada	LR Liberia	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Usbekistan
CF Zentralafrikanische Republik (OA) ²	GE Georgien	LS Lesotho (AP)	RO Rumänien ¹	VC St. Vincent und die Grenadinen
CG Kongo (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Litauen ¹	RU Russische Föderation (EA)	VN Vietnam
CH Schweiz (EP)	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxemburg (EP)	SC Seychellen	ZA Südafrika
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Lettland ¹	SD Sudan (AP)	ZM Sambia (AP)
CM Kamerun (OA) ²	GQ Äquatorialguinea (OA) ²	MA Marokko	SE Schweden (EP)	ZW Simbabwe (AP)
CN China	GR Griechenland (EP) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SG Singapur	
CO Kolumbien	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republik Moldau (EA)		
		MG Madagaskar		

¹ Erstreckung eines europäischen Patents möglich.

² Kann nur für ein regionales Patent bestimmt werden (die nationale Route über den PCT-Weg ist geschlossen worden).

Kann ein Staat für ein regionales Patent bestimmt werden, so ist der Zweibuchstaben-Code für das entsprechende regionale Patent in Klammern angegeben (AP = ARIPO-Patent, EA = eurasisches Patent, EP = europäisches Patent, OA = OAPI-Patent).

Wichtig:

Diese Liste umfaßt alle Staaten, die dem PCT bis zu dem in der Überschrift genannten Datum beigetreten sind. Diejenigen Staaten, deren Namen **fett und kursiv** gedruckt sind, sind dem PCT beigetreten, waren jedoch am Tag der Herausgabe der letzten Fassung des Antragsformulars noch nicht durch den PCT gebunden. Ist ein Staat dem PCT beigetreten, aber noch nicht durch den PCT gebunden, so ist das Datum, ab dem dieser Staat durch den PCT gebunden sein wird, in Klammern angegeben; dieser Staat kann in internationalen Anmeldungen, die vor diesem Datum eingereicht werden, nicht bestimmt werden. Will der Anmelder einen Staat für ein nationales Patent bestimmen, der an dem Tag, an dem die internationale Anmeldung eingereicht wird, durch den PCT gebunden, aber nicht auf dem Antragsformular aufgeführt ist, so muß er diesen Staat in Feld Nr. V hinzufügen und das entsprechende Kästchen ankreuzen.

Anmelder sollten stets die letzte Fassung des Antragsformulars (PCT/RO/101) sowie des Formulars für den Antrag auf internationale vorläufige Prüfung (PCT/IPEA/401) benutzen. Neufassungen beider Formulare erscheinen üblicherweise zweimal im Jahr; die letzten Neufassungen tragen das Datum Juli 2003. Beide Formulare können von der Internetseite der WIPO unter www.wipo.int/pct/de/forms/index.htm (in editierbarem PDF Format) ausgedruckt oder von den Anmeldeämtern, dem Internationalen Büro oder, hinsichtlich des Antrags auf internationale vorläufige Prüfung, auch von der mit der internationalen vorläufigen Prüfung beauftragten Behörde bezogen werden.

Estados Contratantes del PCT y Códigos de dos Letras (123 el 1 de octubre de 2003)



AE Emiratos Árabes Unidos	CO Colombia	HR Croacia	MK Ex República Yugoslava de Macedonia ¹	SI Eslovenia (EP) ²
AG Antigua y Barbuda	CR Costa Rica	HU Hungría (EP)	ML Malí (OA) ²	SK Eslovaquia (EP)
AL Albania ¹	CS Serbia y Montenegro	ID Indonesia	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leona (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CU Cuba	IE Irlanda (EP) ²	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	CY Chipre (EP) ²	IL Israel	MW Malawi (AP)	SY República Árabe Siria
AU Australia	CZ República Checa (EP)	IN India	MX México	SZ Swazilandia (AP) ²
AZ Azerbaiyán (EA)	DE Alemania (EP)	IS Islandia	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BA Bosnia y Herzegovina	DK Dinamarca (EP)	IT Italia (EP) ²	NA Namibia (a partir del 1 de enero de 2004)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BB Barbados	DM Dominica	JP Japón	NE Níger (OA) ²	TJ Tayikistán (EA)
BE Bélgica (EP) ²	DZ Argelia	KE Kenya (AP)	NI Nicaragua	TM Turkmenistán (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EE Ecuador	KG Kirguistán (EA)	NL Países Bajos (EP) ²	TN Túnez
BG Bulgaria (EP)	EG Egipto	KP República Popular Democrática de Corea	NO Noruega	TR Turquía (EP)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	ES España (EP)	KR República de Corea	NZ Nueva Zelanda	TT Trinidad y Tabago
BR Brasil	FI Finlandia (EP)	KZ Kazajistán (EA)	OM Omán	TZ República Unida de Tanzania (AP)
BW Botswana (AP) (a partir del 30 de octubre de 2003)	FR Francia (EP) ²	LC Santa Lucía	PG Papua Nueva Guinea	UA Ucrania
BY Belarús (EA)	GA Gabón (OA) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PH Filipinas	UG Uganda (AP)
BZ Belice	GB Reino Unido (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	PL Polonia	US Estados Unidos de América
CA Canadá	GD Granada	LR Liberia	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistán
CF República Centroafricana (OA) ²	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	RO Rumania (EP)	VC San Vicente y las Granadinas
CG Congo (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LU Luxemburgo (EP)	RU Federación de Rusia (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CH Suiza (EP)	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Letonia ¹	SC Seychelles	ZA Sudáfrica
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MA Marruecos	SD Sudán (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Camerún (OA) ²	GQ Guinea Ecuatorial (OA) ²	MC Mónaco (EP) ²	SE Suecia (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	GR Grecia (EP) ²	MD República de Moldova (EA)	SG Singapur	
	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MG Madagascar		

¹ Posible extensión de patente europea.

² Puede ser designado solamente para una patente regional (ha sido cerrada la "vía nacional" por medio del PCT).

Cuando se puede designar un Estado para una patente regional, se indica entre paréntesis el código de dos letras respecto de la patente regional en cuestión (AP = patente ARIPO, EA = patente euroasiática, EP = patente europea, OA = patente OAPI).

Importante:

Esta lista incluye todos los Estados adheridos al PCT en la fecha indicada en el título. Los Estados indicados en **cursiva negrilla** se han adherido al PCT pero aún no estaban obligados por el PCT en la fecha de publicación de la última versión del formulario del petitorio. Cuando un Estado se ha adherido al PCT pero aún no está obligado por el mismo, se indica entre paréntesis la fecha en la que quedará obligado; no podrá ser designado en solicitudes internacionales presentadas antes de esa fecha. Si el solicitante desea designar, para una patente nacional, a cualquier Estado que esté obligado por el PCT en la fecha de presentación de la solicitud internacional, pero que aún no esté relacionado en el formulario del petitorio, deberá añadirlo en el recuadro N° V del formulario del petitorio y marcar las casillas correspondientes.

Se recomienda a los solicitantes utilizar siempre las versiones más recientes del formulario del petitorio (PCT/RO/101) y del formulario de la solicitud de examen preliminar internacional (PCT/IPEA/401), de los que se publican nuevas versiones normalmente dos veces al año. Las versiones más recientes son de julio de 2003; se puede imprimir los formularios desde la página de acceso de la OMPI en Internet, disponibles para cumplimentar en formato PDF, en: www.wipo.int/pct/es/forms/index.htm. Se puede obtener los formularios en las Oficinas receptoras o en la Oficina Internacional o, en cuanto al formulario de la solicitud de examen preliminar internacional, también en las Administraciones encargadas del examen preliminar internacional.

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (123 on 1 October 2003)



AE United Arab Emirates	CN China	HR Croatia	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CO Colombia	HU Hungary (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AL Albania ¹	CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	CS Serbia and Montenegro	IE Ireland (EP) ²	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AT Austria (EP)	CU Cuba	IL Israel	MW Malawi (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AU Australia	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IN India	MX Mexico	TD Chad (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	NA Namibia (from 1 January 2004)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BB Barbados	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BJ Benin (OA) ²	EG Egypt	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BR Brazil	EE Estonia (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BW Botswana (AP) (from 30 October 2003)	ES Spain (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	FI Finland (EP)	LK Sri Lanka	PH Philippines	US United States of America
BZ Belize	FR France (EP) ²	LR Liberia	PL Poland	UZ Uzbekistan
CA Canada	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LS Lesotho (AP)	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LT Lithuania ¹	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CG Congo (OA) ²	GD Grenada	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZA South Africa
CH Switzerland (EP)	GE Georgia	LV Latvia ¹	SC Seychelles	ZM Zambia (AP)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	MA Morocco	SD Sudan (AP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SE Sweden (EP)	
	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore	
	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	GR Greece (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 July 2003. The forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (July 2003 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.

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Name of State followed by the two-letter code	Date on which State became bound by the PCT [*]	Name of State followed by the two-letter code	Date on which State became bound by the PCT [*]
Albania AL	4 October 1995	Guinea GN	27 May 1991
Algeria DZ ¹	8 March 2000	Guinea-Bissau GW	12 December 1997
Antigua and Barbuda AG	17 March 2000	Hungary HU ¹	27 June 1980
Armenia AM ¹	25 December 1991	Iceland IS	23 March 1995
Australia AU	31 March 1980	India IN ¹	7 December 1998
Austria AT	23 April 1979	Indonesia ID ¹	5 September 1997
Azerbaijan AZ	25 December 1995	Ireland IE	1 August 1992
Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Israel IL	1 June 1996
Belarus BY ¹	25 December 1991	Italy IT	28 March 1985
Belgium BE	14 December 1981	Japan JP	1 October 1978
Belize BZ	17 June 2000	Kazakhstan KZ ¹	25 December 1991
Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Kenya KE	8 June 1994
Bosnia and Herzegovina BA	7 September 1996	Kyrgyzstan KG ¹	25 December 1991
Botswana BW	(will become bound on 30 October 2003)	Latvia LV	7 September 1993
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Lesotho LS	21 October 1995
Bulgaria BG	21 May 1984	Liberia LR	27 August 1994
Burkina Faso BF	21 March 1989	Liechtenstein LI	19 March 1980
Cameroon CM	24 January 1978	Lithuania LT	5 July 1994
Canada CA	2 January 1990	Luxembourg LU	30 April 1978
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Madagascar MG	24 January 1978
Chad TD	24 January 1978	Malawi MW	24 January 1978
China CN	1 January 1994	Mali ML	19 October 1984
Colombia CO	28 February 2001	Mauritania MR	13 April 1983
Congo CG	24 January 1978	Mexico MX	1 January 1995
Costa Rica CR	3 August 1999	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Mongolia MN	27 May 1991
Croatia HR	1 July 1998	Morocco MA	8 October 1999
Cuba CU ¹	16 July 1996	Mozambique MZ ¹	18 May 2000
Cyprus CY	1 April 1998	Namibia NA	(will become bound on 1 January 2004)
Czech Republic CZ	1 January 1993	Netherlands NL ⁴	10 July 1979
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	New Zealand NZ	1 December 1992
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Nicaragua NI	6 March 2003
Dominica DM	7 August 1999	Niger NE	21 March 1993
Ecuador EC	7 May 2001	Norway NO ²	1 January 1980
Egypt EG	6 September 2003	Oman OM ¹	26 October 2001
Equatorial Guinea GQ	17 July 2001	Papua New Guinea PG	14 June 2003
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Philippines PH	17 August 2001
Finland FI ²	1 October 1980	Poland PL ²	25 December 1990
France FR ^{1,3}	25 February 1978	Portugal PT	24 November 1992
Gabon GA	24 January 1978	Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984
Gambia GM	9 December 1997	Republic of Moldova MD ¹	25 December 1991
Georgia GE ¹	25 December 1991	Romania RO ¹	23 July 1979
Germany DE	24 January 1978	Russian Federation RU ¹	29 March 1978
Ghana GH	26 February 1997	Saint Lucia LC ¹	30 August 1996
Greece GR	9 October 1990	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines VC ¹	6 August 2002
Grenada GD	22 September 1998	Senegal SN	24 January 1978

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Name of State followed by the two-letter code	Date on which State became bound by the PCT*	Name of State followed by the two-letter code	Date on which State became bound by the PCT*
Serbia and Montenegro CS	1 February 1997	Togo TG	24 January 1978
Seychelles SC	7 November 2002	Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994
Sierra Leone SL	17 June 1997	Tunisia TN ¹	10 December 2001
Singapore SG	23 February 1995	Turkey TR	1 January 1996
Slovakia SK	1 January 1993	Turkmenistan TM ¹	25 December 1991
Slovenia SI	1 March 1994	Uganda UG	9 February 1995
South Africa ZA ¹	16 March 1999	Ukraine UA ¹	25 December 1991
Spain ES	16 November 1989	United Arab Emirates AE	10 March 1999
Sri Lanka LK	26 February 1982	United Kingdom GB ⁵	24 January 1978
Sudan SD	16 April 1984	United Republic of	
Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994	Tanzania TZ	14 September 1999
Sweden SE ²	17 May 1978	United States of America US ^{6,7}	24 January 1978
Switzerland CH	24 January 1978	Uzbekistan UZ ¹	25 December 1991
Syrian Arab Republic SY	26 June 2003	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
Tajikistan TJ ¹	25 December 1991	Zambia ZM	15 November 2001
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995	Zimbabwe ZW	11 June 1997

* All PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II of the PCT relating to the international preliminary examination.

¹ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).

² With the declaration provided for in Article 64(2)(a)(ii).

³ Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

⁴ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

⁵ Extends to the Isle of Man.

⁶ With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

⁷ Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.