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PCT Article 22(1): Withdrawal of notification of incompatibility

Republic of Korea

Further to its notification of the incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2002), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 12 March 2003.

The 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) will therefore apply to the Republic of Korea as from 12 March 2003.

(Updating of the table of time limits for entering national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2002, tear-out sheets)). ■

European Patent Convention

Romania: Accession to the European Patent Convention

Romania deposited its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 12 December 2002, and will become bound by that Convention on 1 March 2003.

Therefore, in any international application filed on or after 1 March 2003, Romania may be designated for a European patent, in addition to or instead of a national patent.

Note that, even though the January 2003 version of the Request Form does not include Romania in the list of Contracting States of the EPC in Box No. V, **any international application filed on or after 1 March 2003**, and containing a designation for a European patent (EP), will automatically include the designation of Romania for a

European patent, unless expressly excluded, since the statement "and any other State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT" is already printed on that form (that statement should, of course, also be included if applicants prepare their own computer-generated requests). Likewise, if the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY software, and the EP designation box is selected, that designation will, as from 1 March 2003, automatically include Romania.

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Moreover, as from 1 March 2003, it will be possible for nationals and residents of Romania to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

Effect on the extension agreement between the EPO and Romania

The extension agreement between Romania and the European Patent Organisation will terminate with the entry into force of the EPC in Romania on 1 March 2003. It will therefore no longer be possible to extend European patents to Romania. The extension system will, however, continue to apply to all international applications filed prior to 1 March 2003.

For further information, see the Notice from the European Patent Office dated 19 December 2002 at:

www.european-patent-office.org/news/info/index_2002.htm ■

PCT publications

***PCT Gazette* special issue: General information on Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities**

Consolidated general information relating to PCT Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities under the PCT was published in a special issue of the *PCT Gazette* dated 3 January 2003 (No. S-01/2003 (E) (English) and (F) (French)), which replaces the previous special issue containing consolidated general information, published on 4 July 2002 (No. S-03/2002 (E) (English) and (F) (French)). This helpful resource contains the information that is published in Annexes A to E, L and in the National Chapter Summaries of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

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PCT quiz

Last month's question was:

In which of the following circumstances can the international application be published before 18 months from the priority date?

- (a) only if the applicant expressly requests early publication and the international search report is available;
- (b) only if the International Bureau decides that, since all the necessary parts of the international application are available and meet the necessary physical requirements, it can complete technical preparations for international publication earlier than usual;
- (c) only if the applicant expressly requests early publication and, where necessary, has paid the corresponding fee.

The answer is (c). Publication of the international application can take place prior to the usual "promptly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date" only where the applicant has expressly requested that such early publication take place (see PCT Article 21(2)(b)). It can take place even if the international search report (ISR), or the declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a), is not yet available for publication together with the international application; however, if either the ISR or the declaration is not yet available, the applicant must pay a special publication fee (see PCT Rule 48.4(a)) before the early publication can be effected (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B2 (IB) for the amount of that fee). This special fee covers the expenses incurred when, upon receipt of the ISR after the publication of the international application, the ISR has to be published later, along with the front page of the pamphlet.

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The price per special issue is 24 Swiss francs or 15 US dollars by regular mail, and 28 Swiss francs or 17 US dollars by priority mail. Note that the special issue is also available in PDF format, free of charge, as part of the *PCT Gazette* on WIPO's website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/spec_issu/index.htm

PCT Applicant's Guide updating sheets

The next half-yearly set of updating sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (dated January 2003) is under preparation. Provisional sheets which were included in last year's issues and in the January 2003 issue of the *PCT Newsletter*, and which have been inserted in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* by users, should be removed from the *Guide* and replaced with the January 2003 updating sheets when they are received.

The January 2003 updating sheets for the *PCT Applicant's Guide* will also be incorporated in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* on the PCT website shortly.

Note that the above-mentioned special issue of the *PCT Gazette*, which is also available on the Internet, already contains Annexes A, B, C, D, E, L and the "Summaries" of the *Guide*, updated as of 3 January 2003. ■

PCT information update

CO Colombia (requirements for entry into the national phase)

A summary of requirements for entry into the national phase in Colombia is set out on a provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/A, National Chapter, Summary (CO). That sheet supersedes the corresponding updating sheet of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see "PCT Applicant's Guide updating sheets," above).

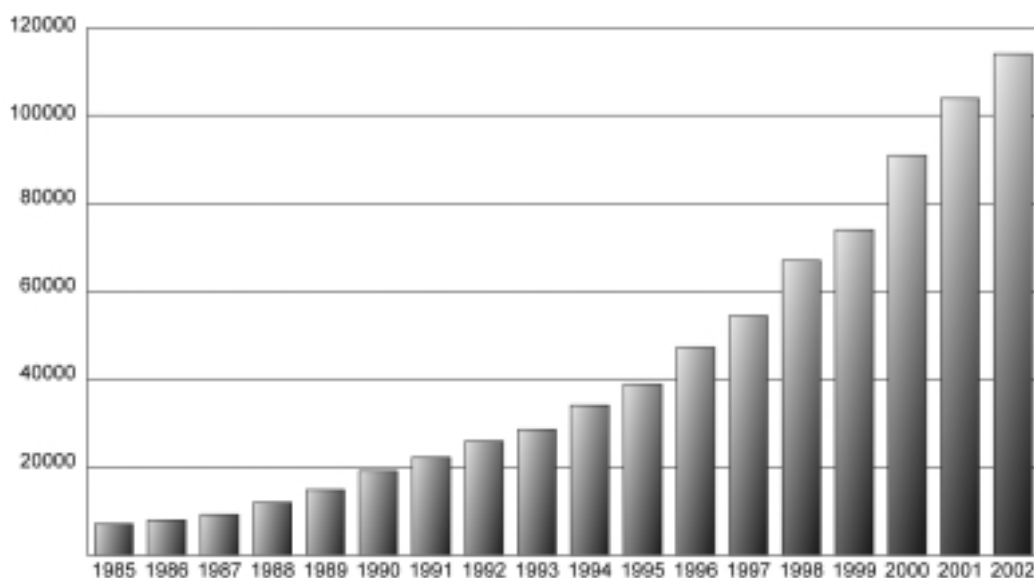
Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, China Intellectual Property Office, Japan Patent Office, Russian Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 March 2003, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in ZAR for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As from 15 March 2003, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in USD for international searches carried out by the Australian Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office, and in CHF for international searches carried out by the China Intellectual Property Office and the Russian Patent Office.

As from 1 April 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in JPY for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office.

International applications received since 1985



All the above-mentioned equivalent amounts are indicated in Table I(b).

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

PCT statistics—1 January to 31 December 2002

In 2002, the International Bureau of WIPO received 114,048 international applications filed with PCT receiving Offices worldwide, which is 10,101 (9.7%) more than in 2001. The chart, above, shows the number of international applications received each year since 1985.

Top countries of origin. The table, opposite, shows the top 10 countries of origin of international applications for that period. (Note that 19.1% of the applications received were filed with either the European Patent Office or the International Bureau as receiving Offices; those filings are included in the figures relating to the countries of residence of the applicants.)

Developing countries. A total of 5,359 international applications originated from developing countries; the highest number were from the Republic of Korea (2,552), China (1,124), India (480), South Africa (407) and Singapore (322). Among the developing countries in which more than 100 international applications were filed, there was a significant increase in applications filed by applicants from India (51.9%), Mexico (19.6%), Singapore (18.8%) and the Republic of Korea (10.1%).

PCT-EASY filings. In 2002, there was a continued increase in the number of international applications whose request part was prepared using the PCT-EASY software. Of the 114,048 international applications received, the request part of 45,300 (39.7%) (compared with 35.0% in 2001) were prepared using the PCT-EASY software.

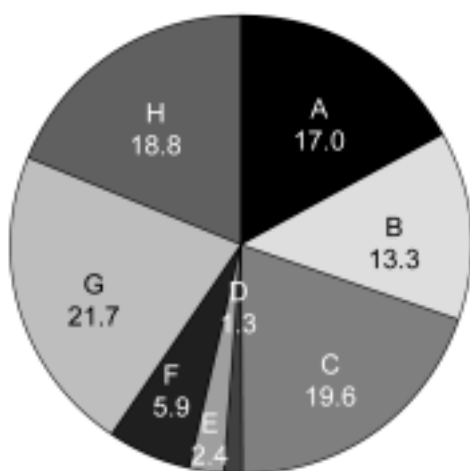
International Bureau as receiving Office. In 2002, there was a sharp increase in the number of international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office (RO/IB); the RO/IB received 5,862 international applications, that is 102.6% more than in 2001, from applicants from 59 countries;

<i>Country of origin</i>	<i>Applications received</i>	<i>% of total</i>
US	44,609	39.1
DE	15,269	13.4
JP	13,531	11.9
GB	6,274	5.5
FR	4,877	4.3
NL	4,019	3.5
SE	2,988	2.6
KR	2,552	2.2
CH (incl. LI)	2,469	2.2
CA	2,210	1.9
Other countries	15,250	13.4
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	114,048	100.0

14.3% of those applications benefited from the safeguard procedure under PCT Rule 19.4.

Fields of technology. The main fields of technology to which the international applications published in 2002 related were physics, chemistry and metallurgy, and electricity. The chart below shows the breakdown of PCT applications published in 2002 according to the eight main technical fields of the International Patent Classification (IPC).

*PCT applications published in 2002:
breakdown according to the main
technical fields under the IPC*



Technical fields under the IPC:

- A Human necessities
- B Performing operations; transporting
- C Chemistry; metallurgy
- D Textiles; paper
- E Fixed constructions
- F Mechanical engineering; lighting, heating, weapons, blasting
- G Physics
- H Electricity

For information on the specific contents of each main technical field, consult the IPC on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/classifications/fulltext/new_ipc/index.htm

Further statistics, as well as information on the main events which occurred in 2002 in relation to the PCT, are contained in the “Yearly review of the PCT: 2002” which will be available

shortly on the PCT website under “PCT News” (www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/news.htm). ■

Applicability of PCT Rule 4.9(b)

In October 2002, the PCT Assembly, during its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session, adopted, amongst others, an amendment to PCT Rule 4.9 concerning an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT. The text of this amended Rule, which will enter into force only on **1 January 2004**, was contained in the Report of the PCT Assembly (WIPO document PCT/A/31/10), which is available on the PCT website under “PCT Meetings—PCT Assembly,” and was also published in Section IV of *PCT Gazette* No. 49/2002 on 5 December 2002.

It is recalled that PCT Rule 4.9(b) states that:

“If, on October 1, 2002, the national law of a Contracting State provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application, any request may, for as long as that national law continues to so provide, contain an indication that the designation of that State is not made, provided that the designated Office informs the International Bureau by January 1, 2003, that this paragraph shall apply in respect of designations of that State...”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau that PCT Rule 4.9(b) shall apply in respect of the designation of the State concerned:

- DE Germany
- KR Republic of Korea
- RU Russian Federation ■

Incompatibility of modified PCT Rule 49.6 with national laws

During the above-mentioned session, the PCT Assembly adopted, amongst others, new PCT Rule 49.6 concerning the reinstatement of rights after failure to comply, within the applicable time limit, with requirements for entering the national phase. The text of this new Rule, which entered into force on 1 January 2003, was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2002,

and was contained in the Report of the PCT Assembly (WIPO document PCT/A/31/10), which is available on the PCT website under “PCT Meetings—PCT Assembly.”

It is recalled that Rule 49.6(f) states that:

“If, on October 1, 2002, paragraphs (a) to (e) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that designated Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by January 1, 2003...”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States and intergovernmental organization have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

BY Belarus
 CA Canada
 CN China
 DE Germany
 EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)
 GB United Kingdom
 HR Croatia
 IN India
 JP Japan
 KR Republic of Korea
 LV Latvia
 MX Mexico
 NZ New Zealand
 PH Philippines
 PL Poland
 PT Portugal
 SG Singapore
 YU Yugoslavia ■

PCT-EASY update

Receiving Offices prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format

A table listing the receiving Offices which have notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of international applications in PCT-EASY format appears on page 8, updating the list included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 02/2002.

New version of PCT-EASY software

A new version of the PCT-EASY software, version 2.92 (build 0004) is now available and includes:

- 1) the designation of Nicaragua (from 6 March 2003);
- 2) the inclusion of Slovenia and Hungary in the EP designation (from 1 December 2002 and 1 January 2003, respectively);
- 3) the closing of the national route by Slovenia (from 1 December 2002);
- 4) updated fee schedules where relevant; and
- 5) other PCT updates.

It will be necessary to update PCT-EASY versions 2.92 (builds 0001 to 0003) and 2.91 (builds 0001 to 0004) using the full installation of version 2.92 build 0004. There will be no update patch.

For further information, including installation instructions, consult the PCT-EASY website at:

<http://pcteasy.wipo.int/en/index.html>

or contact the PCT-EASY Help Desk:

e-mail: pcteasy.help@wipo.int
 tel: (41-22) 338 9523
 fax: (41-22) 338 8040

The PCT-EASY software can be downloaded or ordered on CD-R from the PCT-EASY website, free-of-charge. ■

New PCT materials on the Internet

A table detailing closing dates of intellectual property Offices in PCT Contracting States in 2003 is now available on the PCT website in English at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/closingdates03.pdf ■

Modifications of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*

Corrigendum

The text of the modifications to Sections 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405, 506 and to Annex D of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as in force from 1 January 2003, which was included in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2003, contained, in the paper version only, an erroneous reference to Annex F in the title at the top of page one—the words “Modification of Annex F” should be deleted. ■

Electronically published sequence listings on ESPACE-WORLD DVD-ROMs

Although it was announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2002, based on information received

from the European Patent Office, that as from 3 January 2003, the ESPACE-WORLD DVD-ROM series would contain the sequence listings and related tables, filed in accordance with Part 8 of the *Administrative Instructions*, which are part of the corresponding published international applications contained on the DVD-ROM concerned, the first ESPACE-WORLD DVD-ROM to actually contain such sequence listings was produced on 16 January 2003. ■

Practical advice

Documents required by the designated/elected Office for entry into the national phase

Q: I am the agent for a number of international applications which have entered the national phase before a particular elected Office. The person who is acting as agent for those applications before that Office for the national phase (the “national agent”) has told me that the elected Office requires a copy of the international preliminary examination report (IPER), but it was my understanding that the International Bureau sends a copy of the IPER to all elected Offices. How can I find out what is required by that Office?

A: Elected Offices **are not entitled to require from the applicant a copy of the IPER** since the International Bureau should have already transmitted such a copy to that Office—after the International Bureau (IB) receives the IPER from the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the IB transmits copies of the IPER (including any annexes) to the elected Offices, and where the IPER was not established in English, it also sends a translation into English of the body of the report where that is required by any elected Office (see PCT Article 36(1)). If, for some reason, the elected Office concerned did not receive or cannot locate a copy of such report, the IB will send, free-of-charge, another copy upon request from that Office.

The elected Office may require from the applicant himself a translation of any annexes to the IPER (depending on the elected Office—see the Summary in the relevant National Chapter of Vol. II of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*). Also, the applicant may, if he wishes, address comments on the content of the IPER to the elected Office during the national phase (see *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Vol. I, para. 405), although this is by no means a requirement.

In respect of documents that are required for entry into the national phase, PCT Rule 51*bis*.1 lists some of the documents which the designated/elected Office may, in accordance with PCT Article 27, require the applicant to furnish. In general, the special requirements of specific designated/elected Offices, which must be complied with in connection with entry into the national phase, are set out in the Summary in the relevant National Chapter of Vol. II of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*. The Summary indicates whether the Office concerned will invite the applicant to comply, or if there is no invitation, what the time limit is within which he must comply should he not have done so already. It is important to note that the text of each National Chapter dealing with an Office (whether it be national or regional) in its capacity as designated/elected Office is approved by that Office, and any change which is notified to the International Bureau by that Office is effected as soon as possible on the PCT website and will be included in the paper version in the next set of updating sheets for the *Guide*.

Having said this, however, the International Bureau cannot guarantee that the National Chapters deal with all questions that could emerge; also, some Offices may have recently changed one or more of their requirements, but have not yet informed the International Bureau of the change(s).

Generally, unless the applicant requests early entry into the national phase, certain documents should not be required for the designated/elected Office upon entry into the national phase (for example, international search reports, international preliminary examination reports, priority documents); however, the national agent himself may wish to have a copy of those documents so as to have a complete file and be in a better position to advise you during the course of the national phase; you should, therefore, send him a copy of such documents if he requests them.

If you have doubts as to the need to comply with any requirements, you should contact the International Bureau for assistance. Note that, **following national phase entry**, and where required, for example in connection with substantive examination of the application, the designated/elected Office may require the applicant to furnish certain documents, such as a translation of the priority document or a certified translation of the international application (see PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(e) and (d)(ii), respectively). ■

**Receiving Offices prepared to accept the filing of
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containing requests in PCT-EASY format
(status on 1 February 2003)**

AM	Intellectual Property Agency (Armenia)	IS	Icelandic Patent Office
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AT	Austrian Patent Office	KE	Kenya Industrial Property Institute
AU	Australian Patent Office	KG	Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office
BA	Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina	KP	Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
BE	Industrial Property Office (Belgium)	KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office
BG	Bulgarian Patent Office	KZ	Kazakh Patent Office
BR	National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	LV	Latvian Patent Office
BZ	Intellectual Property Office of Belize	MD	State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Republic of Moldova)
CA	Canadian Patent Office	MK	Industrial Property Protection Office (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
CH	Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute	MN	Mongolian Intellectual Property Office
CN	China Intellectual Property Office	MW	Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi)
CO	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Columbia)	MX	Mexican Institute of Industrial Property
CR	Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	NL	Netherlands Industrial Property Office
CU	Cuban Industrial Property Office	NO	Norwegian Patent Office
CZ	Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)	NZ	Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand
DE	German Patent and Trade Mark Office	PH	Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)
DK	Danish Patent and Trademark Office	PT	National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)
DZ	Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	RO	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)
EA	Eurasian Patent Office	RU	Russian Patent Office
EC	Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property	SE	Swedish Patent Office
EE	Estonian Patent Office	SG	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
EP	European Patent Office	SI	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office
ES	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	SK	Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)
FI	National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)	TM	Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan
FR	National Institute of Industrial Property (France)	TR	Turkish Patent Institute
GB	United Kingdom Patent Office	TT	Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago)
GE	Georgian Intellectual Property Office	US	United States Patent and Trademark Office
GR	Industrial Property Organization (Greece)	UZ	State Patent Office of Uzbekistan
HR	Croatian Intellectual Property Office	YU	Federal Intellectual Property Office (Yugoslavia)
HU	Hungarian Patent Office	ZA	South African Patents and Trade Marks Office
IB	International Bureau of WIPO	ZW	Zimbabwe Patent Office
ID	Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)		
IE	Patents Office (Ireland)		
IL	Israel Patent Office		
IN	Patent Office (India)		

(Total: 68 Offices)

PCT seminar calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25–26 February 2003 Port of Spain (TT)	English	WIPO National Workshop on the PCT WIPO speaker: Mr. Regis Other speakers: Mr. Barford (The Patent Office, United Kingdom), Mr. Aching (Intellectual Property Office, Trinidad and Tobago)	Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago) (Ms. Mazina Kadir) Tel: (1–868) 625 63 66 Fax: (1–868) 625 98 03
27–28 February 2003 San Francisco (US)	English	Basic 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 March 2003 Chicago (US)	English	Basic PCT training session 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
5–6 March 2003 Phnom Penh (Cambodia)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mrs. Simon-Vianès and Ms. Rahimi	Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy (Cambodia) (Mr. Ly Phanna) Tel: (855–15) 91 84 70 Fax: (855–23) 98 23 03
11–12 March 2003 Helsinki (FI)	Finnish	Course on the PCT system for patent administrators WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute of Dipoli (Ms. Arja Andsten) Tel: (358–9) 451 40 47 Fax: (358–9) 451 40 68 E-mail: arja.andsten@dipoli.hut.fi Internet: www.dipoli.hut.fi
12–13 March 2003 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
12 March 2003 Vientiane (Laos)	English	WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) WIPO speakers: Mrs. Simon-Vianès and Ms. Rahimi	Department of Intellectual Property, Standardization and Metrology (Laos) (Mr. Nheune Sisavad) Tel: (85621) 21 34 70 Fax: (85621) 21 34 72
9–10 April 2003 London (GB)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron and Ms. Aeri	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
10 April 2003 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33–1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33–1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
25–26 April 2003 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
27–29 April 2003 Naples, Florida (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–434) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–434) 975 20 66
28–29 April 2003 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mrs. Coeckelbergs	National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) (Ms. Mirja Kuismanen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: mirja.kuismanen@prh.fi
1–3 May 2003 Naples, Florida (US)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Patent Resources Group, Inc. Tel: (1–434) 296 39 00 Fax: (1–434) 975 20 66
20–21 May 2003 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT 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
20–21 May 2003 Munich (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
21–22 May 2003 Oslo (NO)	English	Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys and patent administrators WIPO speakers: Mr. Barmes and Ms. Trpkovska	Norwegian Patent Office (Mr. Otto Scharff) Tel: (47–22) 38 76 69 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 01 e-mail: otto.scharff@patentstyret.no
22–23 May 2003 Vienna (AT)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
23 May 2003 Oslo (NO)	English	PCT-EASY course WIPO speaker: Mrs. Metcalfe	Norwegian Patent Office (Mr. Otto Scharff) Tel: (47–22) 38 76 69 Fax: (47–22) 38 73 01 e-mail: otto.scharff@patentstyret.no
17–18 June 2003 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT 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

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 13 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	Belarusian 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	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krona	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
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	RUR	Russian rouble		
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees
(as at 1 February 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 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 746	17	161	230	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	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

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Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees [continued]
(as at 1 February 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
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 407	eq USD 9	eq USD 88	eq USD 125	AT, EP, ES, RU
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
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 ⁹ —	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	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 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 407	9	88	125	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 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 ¹² 10,000	HUF eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP RU
IB	CHF ¹³ 100 or USD ¹³ 60 or EUR ¹³ 68	CHF 650 or USD 407 or EUR 444	15 9 10	140 88 96	200 125 137	See footnote 14
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 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

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Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees [continued]
(as at 1 February 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
IS	ISK 5,500	ISK 41,300	1,000	8,900	11,600	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 407	9	88	125	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 407	9	88	125	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 ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT ⁹ —	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 407	9	88	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	n a	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹⁶	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 407	9	88	125	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
MN	None	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP RU
MW	MWK 2,000	MWK 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
NL	EUR 50	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
NO	NOK 500	NOK 3,560	80	770	1,090	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹⁷	NZD 890	20	192	274	AU EP US
OA	Information not yet available					
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

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Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees *[continued]*

(as at 1 February 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
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 407	9	88	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 407	9	88	125	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 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 ⁹ —	USD 407	9	88	125	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 RUSE
YU	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 4,240	98	910	1,300	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 February 2003, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹									
AT	EUR 159	CHF 230	KRW 191,000	SGD 259	USD 150	ZAR 1,280				
AU	AUD 1,000	CHF 871	EUR 560	KRW 710,000	NZD 1,222	SGD 1,030				
	USD* 491	ZAR 5,360	*(from 15.3.03: USD 592)							
CN	CNY 1,500	CHF* 290	EUR 185	USD 180	*(from 15.3.03: CHF 250)					
EP ¹⁸	EUR 945	CAD 1,440	CHF 1,383	CYP 550	DKK 7,030	GBP 592				
	ISK 83,000	JPY* 110,000	MWK 53,000	NOK 7,070	NZD 1,889	SEK 8,720				
	SGD 1,660	USD 936	ZAR** 9,500							
	* (from 1.4.03: JPY 117,900)									
	** (from 1.3.03: ZAR 8,600)									
ES ¹⁸	EUR 945	CHF 1,383	USD 936							
JP	JPY 72,000	CHF 870	EUR 620	KRW 798,000	USD* 535					
	* (from 15.3.03: USD 611)									
KR	KRW 150,000	CHF 180	EUR 130	USD 120						
RU ¹⁹	USD 300	CHF* 480	EUR 306	*(from 15.3.03: CHF 410)						
SE	SEK 8,720	CHF 1,383	DKK 7,030	EUR 945	ISK 83,000	NOK 7,070				
	USD 936									
US	USD 700	450 ²⁰	CHF 1,118	719 ²⁰	EUR 714	459 ²⁰	NZD 1,440	920 ²⁰		
	ZAR* 7,000	4,500 ²⁰	*(from 1.3.03: ZAR 6,000	(4,000 ²⁰))						

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

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{3,21} (CHF 233)		
AT	EUR	159	EUR	159	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²²	AUD	267
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	233
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,530		EUR	159
JP	JPY	28,000		JPY	19,200
KR	KRW	150,000		KRW	190,000
RU ¹⁹	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	146
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,570
US	USD	490	750 ²⁵	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, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 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 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 has 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 A supplement of HUF 500 is also payable for each claim in excess of 10.
- 13 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated in footnote 3.
- 14 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).
- 15 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 16 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 17 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 18 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, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 22 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 23 Payable when the international search report was established by the Russian Patent Office.
- 24 In all cases where footnote 23 does not apply.
- 25 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)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (118 on 1 February 2003)



AE United Arab Emirates	CO Colombia	ID Indonesia	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CR Costa Rica	IE Ireland (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AL Albania ¹	CU Cuba	IL Israel	MN Mongolia	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IN India	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AT Austria (EP)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
AU Australia	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MX Mexico	TG Togo (OA) ²
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BB Barbados	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NI Nicaragua (from 6 March 2003)	TN Tunisia
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BR Brazil	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	PL Poland	US United States of America
BZ Belize	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CA Canada	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	RO Romania ^{1,3}	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	VN Viet Nam
CG Congo (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia ¹	SC Seychelles	YU Yugoslavia
CH Switzerland (EP)	GM Gambia (AP)	MA Morocco	SD Sudan (AP)	ZA South Africa
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SE Sweden (EP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SG Singapore	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CN China	HR Croatia	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
	HU Hungary (EP)			

¹ Extension of European patent possible. In the case of Romania, it will not be possible to extend European patents to that State in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 March 2003.

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

³ As from 1 March 2003, it will be possible to designate Romania for a European patent and/or a national patent.

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 2003. The forms are reproduced in Annexes X and Y, respectively, in Vol. I/B of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (January 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.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****CO****SUPERINTENDENCE OF INDUSTRY
AND COMMERCE (COLOMBIA)****CO****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30* months from the priority date Under PCT Article 22(3): 31** months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the applicant expressly requests early commencement of the national phase at a time when the Office has not been sent a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20.
National fee: ¹	Currency: Colombian peso (COP) For patent: Filing fee: COP 378,000 For utility model: Filing fee: COP 223,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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* Time limit applicable as from 1 April 2002 to any international application in respect of which the period of 20 months from the priority date expires on or after 1 April 2002, and in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant.

** Where the 30-month time limit under Article 22(1) expires on or after 2 January 2003, and where the applicant has not yet performed the acts referred to in Article 22(1), the applicable time limit is 31 months as fixed by the Office under Article 22(3).

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

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*).²Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in
the "Request" part of the international application³Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the
change occurred after the international filing date and has not
been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau
(Form PCT/IB/306)Instrument of assignment of the international application if the
applicant has changed after the international filing date

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Colombia

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Colombia

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.