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Meeting of International Authorities Under the PCT

The seventh session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT was held in Geneva, from 10 to 14 February 2003, and was attended by representatives of each of the 11 International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

Most of the discussions concerned changes to the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines which will be needed to reflect the system of enhanced international search and examination, which was adopted by the PCT Assembly at its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session, and which will come into effect on 1 January 2004. In addition, preliminary consideration was given to new forms which will be required for written opinions and reports under both Chapters I and II of the PCT.

Consideration was also given to the PCT minimum documentation, *inter alia* agreeing in principle that traditional knowledge documentation should be included in the non-patent literature part of the PCT minimum documentation.

The meeting documents, including the report adopted by the meeting, are available on the WIPO website at:

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

The eighth session, to be held in Washington, D.C., from 5 to 9 May 2003, will continue the work on the above issues.

Important Advice to Applicants and Their Agents About Notices of Withdrawal

1) Send notices of withdrawal direct to the International Bureau

Even though under PCT Rule 90*bis* notices of withdrawal of international applications, designations or priority claims may be submitted to the receiving Office, and notices of withdrawal of demands or elections may be submitted to the International Preliminary Examining Authority for onward transmission to the International Bureau, applicants are **strongly** advised to send all notices of withdrawal direct to the International Bureau. This will prevent any possible delay that may occur as a result of the extra administrative step that is required when such a notice is sent via another Office.

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2) Send notices of withdrawal by fax to the International Bureau

To avoid any problems caused by delays in the mail, applicants are advised to send all notices of withdrawal **by fax** to the International Bureau, preferably at one of the following numbers:

(41–22) 740 14 35, or
(41–22) 338 89 20

(It is recalled that any notice of withdrawal sent by e-mail will not be acted upon by the International Bureau since e-mails are not permitted as a means of communication—see *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2001, page 13.)

3) Make withdrawals conditional

If there is a risk that the notice of withdrawal may be received by the International Bureau too late to be taken into account before completion of the technical preparations for international publication of the international application (which usually takes place 15 days before the actual publication date of the international application), it is strongly recommended that the withdrawal be made conditional. This can be done by stating that the withdrawal is to be effective only on the condition that international publication can still be prevented, or can still reflect, for example, the withdrawal of a designation or a priority claim. The withdrawal would then not be effective if the condition on which it is made could not be met, that is, if international publication could no longer be prevented or could not be modified to take into account the withdrawn designation or could not be postponed to take into account the withdrawn priority claim, as the case may be. A conditional withdrawal of the international application would avoid the often most undesirable situation where an international application which has been published is withdrawn afterwards whereas the applicant's intention was to prevent publication altogether.

For further information on the withdrawal of international applications, designations, priority claims, demands and elections, see PCT Article 37, PCT Rule 90*bis* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paras. 452 to 463.

Problem with Indication of International Application Numbers on Certain PCT/IB Forms

It has come to our attention that the International Bureau has issued to applicants certain

PCT quiz

Which of the following defects would result in the international application not being accorded an international filing date? (As usual, more than one answer may be possible.)

- (a) The application does not contain any drawings.
- (b) The application does not contain the designation of at least one PCT Contracting State.
- (c) The application does not contain the name of the applicant.
- (d) The transmittal, basic, designation and search fees have not been paid.

PCT/IB forms, namely, Forms PCT/IB/308 (Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices) and PCT/IB/332 (Information Concerning Elected Offices Notified of their Election) on which the international application number was indicated with a six-digit serial number component instead of a five-digit one (for example, the international application number PCT/US02/99999 would be indicated as PCT/US02/099999).

It is recalled that the change from a five-digit serial component of the international application number to a six-digit one will take effect only on 1 January 2004 (see Section 307 of the *Administrative Instructions Under the PCT* as in force 1 January 2004, available on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm)

We apologize for any confusion this may cause, and would like to reassure applicants and Offices that we are looking into this matter and hope to be able to provide further clarification shortly.

Budapest Treaty

Accession by Kyrgyzstan

On 17 February 2003, Kyrgyzstan deposited its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, thus bringing the total

number of States party to the Treaty to 56. The Treaty will enter into force with respect to Kyrgyzstan on 17 May 2003. This updates the table of States party to the Budapest Treaty that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 09/2002.

World Trade Organization

Armenia becomes a Member

On 5 February 2003, Armenia (country code: AM), which is already a member State of the PCT and of the Paris Convention, became a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), thus bringing the total number of Members to 145. This updates the table of Members of the WTO, the PCT and the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2002.

PCT Information Update

BZ Belize (name of Office; location and mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail and Internet addresses)

The name of the Intellectual Property Office of Belize has changed, as follows:

name of Office:

Belize Intellectual Property Office

The location and mailing address of the Office, the telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail and Internet addresses have also changed, as follows:

location and mailing address:

P.O. Box 592
BELIPO House
Piccini Site
Belmopan
Belize

telephone: (501–8) 22 13 81

fax: (501–8) 22 13 82

e-mail: belipo@btl.net

Internet: www.belipo.bz

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

CA Canada (fees)

As from 15 April 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in CAD to the Canadian Intellectual

Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction:

basic fee, fee per sheet in excess of 30, designation fee and PCT-EASY fee reduction: see Table I(a) and footnotes

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

KR Republic of Korea (location and mailing address; fees)

The location and mailing address of the Korean Intellectual Property Office should be corrected to read as follows:

920 Dunsan-dong
Seo-gu
Daejeon Metropolitan City 302-701
Republic of Korea

The Office has notified changes with regard to the national fee and the conditions of reduction of the fee for request for examination, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office (this fee was previously not included in the Summary (KR) referred to below) (other fees not indicated have not changed):

| | |
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| for patent: | |
| fee for request for examination: | KRW 141,000 |
| plus, for the second and each subsequent claim: | KRW 32,000 |
| for utility model: | |
| fee for request for examination: | |
| – for international applications filed on or before 30 June 1999: | KRW 55,000 |
| plus, for the second and each subsequent claim: | KRW 14,000 |
| – for international applications filed on or after 1 July 1999: | none |

exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

Filing fee, fee for request for examination and annual fees for the first to the third year are reduced by 70% where the

applicant is a natural person and is also the inventor.

The fee for request for examination is reduced by 10% where the international search report has been established by the European Patent Office, by 30% where the international search report or international preliminary examination report has been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office or by 70% where the international search report and international preliminary examination report have been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

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

RO Romania (telephone and fax numbers; time when name and address of inventor must be given)

The telephone and fax numbers of the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) have changed, as follows:

telephone: (40–21) 314 92 56, 315 90 66,
314 59 64/65/66,
315 19 66, 315 42 44
fax: (40–21) 312 38 19

The Office has notified changes as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Romania is designated (or elected), as follows:

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within 18 months from the request for examination (Articles 14(2) and 28(7a) of the Patent Law (Law No. 64/1991)).

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

SG Singapore (fees)

As from 15 April 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in SGD to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction:

basic fee, fee per sheet in excess of 30, designation fee and PCT-EASY fee reduction: see Table I(a) and footnotes

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

TR Turkey (fees)

The amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Turkish Patent Institute as designated (or elected) Office, have changed:

- for patent and utility model:
- filing fee: TRL 296,000,000
 - fee for grant of letters:
 - for patent: TRL 183,000,000
 - for utility model certificate: TRL 184,000,000
 - first annual fee:
 - for patent: TRL 183,000,000
 - for utility model: TRL 184,000,000

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

UA Ukraine (fees)

The Ukraine Patent Office has notified a change with regard to the reduction of the examination fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

- exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:
 - the examination fee is reduced by 50% where an international search report has been established

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

US United States of America (fees)

See "Fees payable in US dollars," below.

YU Yugoslavia (name of country)

The International Bureau has been notified that the name of "Serbia and Montenegro" should be used instead of the name "Yugoslavia," the two-letter code remaining unchanged for the time being. All Annexes to the *PCT Applicant's Guide* in which this name is indicated should be modified accordingly.

Fees payable in US dollars (various countries)

As from 15 April 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees

payable in USD to various receiving Offices, as well as a change in the equivalent amount of the PCT-EASY fee reduction, where applicable:

- 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 (AM, AP, AZ, BY, BZ, CO, CR, CU, EA, EC, GE, GH, IB, IL, IN, KE, KG, KZ, LR, LV, MD, PH, RU, TJ, TM, TT, UA, US, UZ and ZW))

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 1 April 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in CHF for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office; as from 15 April 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts payable in NZD for international searches carried out by the Australian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Handling fee (Russian Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office)

As from 15 April 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in USD to the Russian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office as International Preliminary Examining Authorities, as indicated in Table II.

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

New PCT Materials on the Internet

Yearly review of the PCT: 2002

The results of operations under the PCT in 2002 and the main events which occurred in that year in relation to the PCT are described in the WIPO publication: *Yearly Review of the PCT: 2002*, which is available in English on the Internet, in PDF format, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/news.htm

Note that the paper version of that publication, to be published as an A5 pamphlet, will be inserted in a future issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

ter. The publication will be available in other languages shortly.

Notifications under PCT Rule 49.6 (f)

A list of notifications from designated Offices of PCT Contracting States that new PCT Rule 49.6 (Reinstatement of rights after failure to perform the acts referred to in Article 22) is not compatible with national laws is available on the PCT website (see the “New on the website” box at www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html).

Notifications concerning non-applicability of modified PCT Article 22(1)

The list of notifications concerning non-applicability (as of 1 April 2002) of the new (30-month) time limit under modified PCT Article 22(1) has been updated as of 6 February 2003, and is available at the above-mentioned Internet address.

Documents: Meeting of International Authorities

Documents relating to the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA), including the Report on that meeting, are available at:

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

See the cover page for further information on the meeting.

Practical Advice

Text matter in drawings filed in a language not accepted by the receiving Office

Q: I have filed an international application in English with the European Patent Office as receiving Office (RO/EP). The earlier national application, the priority of which is being claimed in the international application, was filed in Italian and was sent for translation into one of the languages accepted by RO/EP, namely, into English, before it was filed as an international application with RO/EP. Unfortunately, I forgot to send the translator the drawings with the rest of the application, and, since there was not enough time to get the text matter in the drawings translated into English, the drawings were filed with the original text matter in Italian. Could you confirm that the international filing date will not be affected by this defect, and tell me how I should proceed to correct it.

A: According to PCT Rule 26.3ter(a), where any text matter of the drawings is filed in a language which is different from the language of the description and the claims, the receiving Office will, unless a translation of the international application is required under PCT Rule 12.3(a) or the text matter of the drawings is in the language in which the international application is to be published, invite* the applicant to furnish a translation of the text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. That invitation will specify a time limit fixed by the receiving Office, as provided for in PCT Rule 26, which will not be less than one month. If the translation is not furnished within the time limit indicated in the invitation, the receiving Office may, pursuant to PCT Rule 26.5, declare the international application to be considered withdrawn. Even if the receiving Office has not yet issued such an invitation, there is nothing to prevent you from submitting the translation prior to that invitation—indeed, it is preferable to furnish the translation as soon as possible.

Provided the drawings themselves were furnished at the same time as the rest of the international application, the later furnishing of a translation of the text matter in the drawings will not affect the international filing date.

Even if the text matter in the drawings has been translated into the required language for the international phase, you must nevertheless ensure that the translation of the international application, for the purposes of the entry into the national phase before the respective designated/elected Offices, contains any such text matter, in addition to the description, the claims and the abstract (see PCT Rules 49.5(a) and 76.5).

* Should the receiving Office have been the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), note that following a notification that was sent by the USPTO to the International Bureau that PCT Rule 26.3ter(a) is not compatible with its national law (see *PCT Gazette*, No. 06/1998, page 3607, of 12 February 1998), the USPTO as receiving Office would not, in such a situation, issue an invitation under PCT Rule 26.3ter(c) and, for reasons of non-compliance with PCT Article 11, it would not accord an international filing date to the international application.

Note that it is preferable, wherever possible, to avoid the inclusion of any text matter at all in the drawings (except for the expression “Fig.” which does not require translation into any language (PCT Rule 49.5(f)), and instead to include reference signs to corresponding definitions in the description; for example, the last page of the description could contain a list of such definitions. This would avoid the need to submit new drawings in the national phase to all those designated Offices which require a translation. The definitions would be translated, of course, along with the rest of the description. By doing this, the task of translation would be easier, less time-consuming and costly, and there would be less of a risk that

the translation of that text matter would be overlooked.

If the inclusion of text matter in the drawings is essential for the understanding of the drawings, bear in mind that there may be problems fitting all the words into the drawings if the text matter as translated takes up more space, and if this results in non-compliance with PCT Rule 11, the designated Office may invite the applicant to furnish new drawings.

For further information on the presentation of drawings in an international application, see PCT Rules 11.10, 11.11 and 11.13 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, paras. 143–178.

| PCT Seminar Calendar | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 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 |
| 18–19 March 2003 Skopje (MK) | English | WIPO National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty WIPO speakers: Mr. Khlestov, Mr. Roy, Ms. Trpkovska and Mr. Regis | Industrial Property Protection Office (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) (Mr. Ramadan Ahmedi) Tel: (389–2) 11 63 79; 13 71 89; 22 42 69 Fax: (389–2) 11 60 41 |
| 24–25 March 2003 London (GB) | English | Advanced PCT seminar Speaker: Mr. Wolff (European Patent Office) | Intellectual Property Administrators Group (IPAG) (Ms. Jacqueline Jones) Tel: (44–207) 405 94 50 Fax: (44–207) 430 04 71 E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk Internet: www.cipa.org.uk |
| 9–10 April 2003 London (GB) | English | Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: 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 |
| 11 April 2003 London (GB) | English | PCT-EASY Workshop WIPO speaker: Mrs. Featherby | Management Forum Ltd (see London, above) |
| 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 |

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| PCT Seminar Calendar [continued] | | | |
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| Dates and location | Language of seminar | Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known) | Organizer and contact numbers |
| 28–29 April 2003 Helsinki (FI) | English | Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. H.G. Bartels and Mr. Reischle | 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 |
| 10–12 August 2003 Washington, D.C. (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 |
| 14–16 August 2003 Washington, D.C. (US) | English | Basic PCT seminar for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel | Patent Resources Group, Inc. (see above) |

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:

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|------|---|-----|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 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 | UAH | Ukrainian hryvnia |
| | | CUP | Cuban convertible peso | ISK | Icelandic krona | NOK | Norwegian krone | USD | US dollar |
| | | CYP | Cyprus pound | JPY | Japanese yen | NZD | New Zealand dollar | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| | | CZK | Czech koruna | KES | Kenyan shilling | PHP | Philippine peso | YUD | Yugoslavian dinar |
| | | DKK | Danish krone | KGS | Kyrgyz som | PLZ | Polish zloty | ZAR | South African rand |
| | | 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 March 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 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | 125 <i>(148)</i> | EP RU |
| AP | USD 50 <i>(or eq in local currency)</i> | USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | 125 <i>(148)</i> | 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 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | n a | EP RU |
| BA | EUR 25.56 | EUR 444 | 10 | 96 | 137 | EP |
| BE | EUR 40 | EUR 444 | 10 | 96 | 137 | EP |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees [continued]
(as at 1 March 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 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---|----------------------------------|
| 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 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | n a | EP RU |
| BZ | BZD 220 | USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (148) | EP |
| CA | CAD 200 | CAD 639 (from 15.4.03: 730) | 15 (17) | 138 (157) | 197 (224) | EP |
| CH | CHF 100 | CHF 650 | 15 | 140 | 200 | EP |
| CN | CNY 500 | CNY eq CHF 650 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 140 | eq CHF 200 | CN |
| CO | COP ⁹ — | COP eq USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | eq USD 9 (12) | eq USD 88 (104) | eq USD 125 (148) | AT, EP, ES, RU |
| CR | USD 175 | USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (148) | EP ES |
| CU | USD (or eq CUP)200 | USD (or eq CUP)407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (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 ⁹ — | CHF 650 | 15 | 140 | 200 | AT EP |
| EA | RUR eq USD 50 | USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (148) | EP RU |
| EC | USD ⁹ — | USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (148) | 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 |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees [continued]
(as at 1 March 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 |
|----|---|---|---|--|---|----------------------------------|
| 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 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | 125 <i>(148)</i> | EP RU |
| GH | GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000 | USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | 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 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> or EUR 444 | 15 9 <i>(12)</i> 10 | 140 88 <i>(104)</i> 96 | 200 125 <i>(148)</i> 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 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | 125 <i>(148)</i> | EP US |
| IN | INR 5,000 (filing by indiv: 1,500) | USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | 125 <i>(148)</i> | AT AU CN EP SE US |
| 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 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | 125 <i>(148)</i> | AT AU CN EP SE |
| KG | KGS eq USD 100 | USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | 125 <i>(148)</i> | 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 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | 125 <i>(148)</i> | EP RU |
| LR | USD 45 | USD 407 <i>(from 15.4.03: 476)</i> | 9 <i>(12)</i> | 88 <i>(104)</i> | n a | AT AU CN EP SE |
| LS | LSM ⁹ — | LSM eq CHF 650 | eq CHF 15 | eq CHF 140 | n a | AT EP |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees [continued]
(as at 1 March 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 |
|----|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---|----------------------------------|
| 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 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (148) | 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 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (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 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 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (148) | 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 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (148) | 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 (from 15.4.03: 828) | 17 (19) | 156 (178) | 222 (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 |
| TJ | TJS ⁹ — | USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | n a | EP RU |
| TM | USD ⁹ — | USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (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 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (148) | AT 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 |
|----|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---|----------------------------------|
| UA | UAH 255 | USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | n a | EP RU |
| US | USD 240 | USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (148) | EP US |
| UZ | USD ⁹ — | USD 407 (from 15.4.03: 476) | 9 (12) | 88 (104) | 125 (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 |
| 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 (from 15.4.03: 476) | eq USD 9 (12) | eq USD 88 (104) | eq USD 125 (148) | AT AU CN EP RU |

Table I(b) — Search fees
(as at 1 March 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 15.4.03: 592) | NZD 1,073 | | | | | | | | |
| | ** (from 15.3.03: 592) | USD 592 | | | | | | | | |
| CN | CNY 1,500 | CHF* 290 | EUR 185 | USD 180 | *(from 15.3.03: 250) | 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 8,600 | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.4.03: 117,900) | JPY 117,900 | | | | | | | | |
| 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: 611) | USD 611 | | | | | | | | |
| KR | KRW 150,000 | CHF 180 | EUR 130 | USD 120 | | | | | | |
| RU ¹⁹ | USD 300 | CHF* 480 | EUR 306 | *(from 15.3.03: 410) | 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 6,000 | 4,000 ²⁰ | | | | | | | | |
| | * (from 1.4.03: 609 ²⁰) | CHF 947 | (609 ²⁰) | | | | | | | |
| | ** (from 15.4.03: 920 ²⁰) | NZD 1,270 | (920 ²⁰) | | | | | | | |

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(as at 1 March 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 (from 15.4.03: USD 172) |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | | SEK | 1,570 |
| US | USD | 490 | 750 ²⁵ | USD | 146 (from 15.4.03: 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, 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, Nicaragua (from 6 March 2003), Niger, 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, 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 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, Hungary, Romania (with effect from 6 March 2003), 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)).

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|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
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| 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) |
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| 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 (EP) | 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 Serbia and Montenegro |
| 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 | GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ² | MD Republic of Moldova (EA) | SG Singapore | ZW Zimbabwe (AP) |
| CN China | GR Greece (EP) ² | MG Madagascar | SI Slovenia (EP) ² | |
| | GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ² | | | |
| | HR Croatia | | | |
| | HU Hungary (EP) | | | |

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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