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Spanish Patent and Trademark Office to Start Functioning as IPEA

It is recalled that in October 2001, during the thirtieth (13th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office was appointed as an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2001, page 3). The appointment was to have effect one month after the date on which the Office notifies the Director General of WIPO that it is ready to start functioning as an IPEA.

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has now notified the Director General that it is ready to start functioning as an IPEA in respect of any international application filed on or after 1 June 2003 and for which that Office is a competent IPEA.

Information on the fees payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as IPEA is given on page 5, and other information on the requirements of the Office as IPEA will be published in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly. ■

PCT Article 22(1): Withdrawal of Notification of Incompatibility

South Africa

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 Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) (formerly known as the South African Patents and Trade

Marks Office—see “PCT Information Update” for announcement of that change), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn its notification with effect from 23 April 2003.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Article 22(3), the Office has notified the International Bureau that the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase before it as a designated Office is, with effect from 23 April 2003, 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of the table of time limits for entering national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2003)). ■

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**Electronic Filing and Processing of
International Applications**

**National Institute of Industrial Property
(France) prepared to receive and process
international applications in electronic form**

On 14 April 2003, the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France), in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 29 April 2003.

Information on the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form, of which the Office has notified the International Bureau in accordance with Section 710(a) of the *Administrative Instructions*, was published in *PCT Gazette* No. 18/2003, Section IV, page 9656, and is available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/weekissu.htm

It is recalled that a CHF 200 reduction in the international fee is available 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*. ■

PCT Information Update

AT Austria (location and mailing address)

The location and mailing address of the Austrian Patent Office has changed, as follows:

mailing address:

P.O.B. 95
Dresdner Straße 87
A-1200 Vienna
Austria

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

BE Belgium (name of Office)

The name of the Industrial Property Office (Belgium) has changed, as follows:

name of Office:

Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)

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

PCT Quiz

The basic fee, designation fee (including the confirmation fee) and handling fee are reduced by 75% where: *(Indicate which statement(s) below is/are true)*

(a) **at least one** of the applicants is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita income is below 3,000 US dollars;

(b) **all** applicants are natural persons and are nationals of and reside in a State whose per capita income is below 3,000 US dollars;

(c) **all** applicants are natural persons and are nationals of and reside in a State whose per capita income is below 3,000 US dollars, and **only where a special request for the fee reduction has been made**;

(d) **all** applicants are natural persons and are nationals of and reside in a **PCT Contracting State** whose per capita income is below 3,000 US dollars.

BG Bulgaria (provisional protection after international publication; fees)

The Bulgarian Patent Office has notified a correction in a reference to an article of the Bulgarian Patent Law in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: "Article 726(3)" has been corrected to read "Article 72b(3)."

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

for patent:

examination fee:

- for one invention: BGL 240
- for a group of two inventions: BGL 360

for utility model:

examination fee:

- for one invention: BGL 120
- for a group of two inventions: BGL 240

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

BY Belarus (telephone and fax numbers)

The telephone and fax numbers of the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) have changed, as follows:

telephone: (375–17) 236 36 56, 285 26 05
 fax: (375–17) 285 26 05

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

BZ Belize (location and mailing address; fees)

The location and mailing address of the Belize Intellectual Property Office has changed and there is an additional e-mail address, as follows:

location and mailing address:

P.O. Box 592
 BELIPO House
 5014 Baldy Beacon Street
 Piccini Site
 Belmopan, Belize

e-mail: belipo@btl.net
 belipobz@lycos.com

That Office has notified the amount of the national fee in BZD, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

filing fee: BZD 300

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

EE Estonia (time limits for entry into the national phase)

The Estonian Patent Office has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under both PCT Article 22(3) and PCT Article 39(1)(b) before the Office as a designated and elected Office. The new time limit, applicable since 1 April 2003, is 31 months from the priority date.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. II/B, National Chapter, Summary (EE) and *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2003, page 7 (table of time limits for entering national/regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II))

FR France (filing of international applications in electronic form)

See cover page.

IB International Bureau (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of the supplement for facsimile payable to the International Bureau of WIPO in particular circumstances, as follows:

supplement for facsimile,
per page: CHF 4

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/A, Annex B2 (IB))

IL Israel (mailing address)

The mailing address of the Israel Patent Office has changed, as follows:

mailing address:

P.O. Box 53420
Jerusalem 91533
Israel

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

KZ Kazakhstan (name of Office)

The name of the Kazakh Patent Office has changed, as follows:

name of Office:

Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet
ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kuckyg
zhonindegi komiteti

Kazakh Patent Office

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

LC Saint Lucia (e-mail addresses)

The Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia) has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. The list of e-mail addresses is now as follows:

e-mail: rocip@candw.lc
rocip2@hotmail.com

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

MW Malawi (fees)

The amount of the following fee, payable to the Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar

General (Malawi) as receiving Office, has changed:

transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

PH Philippines (telephone numbers)

The telephone numbers of the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines) have changed, as follows:

telephone: (632) 752 54 50 to 65
(extensions 401, 406), 897 17 37

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

SE Sweden (fees)

The Swedish Patent Office has introduced a new fee in SEK, payable to it as receiving Office, for the late furnishing of a translation in accordance with PCT Rule 12.4(e). The new fee, applicable as from 1 May 2003, is as follows:

fee for late furnishing of a
translation: SEK 2,195

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

TT Trinidad and Tobago (mailing address)

The mailing address of the Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago) has changed, as follows:

mailing address:

3rd Floor, Registration House
72–74 South Quay
Port of Spain
Trinidad and Tobago

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

UZ Uzbekistan (Internet address)

The State Patent Office of Uzbekistan has notified an additional Internet address. The Internet addresses to be used are now as follows:

Internet: www.patent.uz
www.patent.gov.uz

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

YU Serbia and Montenegro (name of Office)

The name of the Federal Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro) has changed, as follows:

name of Office:

Zavod za intelektualnu svojinu

Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro)

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

ZA South African Patent and Trade Marks Office (name of Office)

The name of the South African Patent and Trade Marks Office has changed, as follows:

name of Office:

Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office

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

Search fee (European Patent Office)

As from 1 July 2003, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in GBP for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, as indicated in Table I(b).

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

Fees relating to the international preliminary examination (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, following its appointment as International Preliminary Examining Authority (see cover page), has notified new fees in EUR, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable as from 1 June 2003, as indicated below:

preliminary examination fee:	EUR 493.11
additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR 493.11

fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report:

per national document:	EUR	3.81
per foreign document:	EUR	5.37

fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, per document:

EUR	0.23
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The equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in EUR to the Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, is indicated in Table II.

A provisional sheet for the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex E (ES) will be included in the *PCT Newsletter* shortly.

Language(s) accepted for the filing of requests: notification by receiving Offices under PCT Rule 12.1(c) (Australia, Belarus, Canada and Slovenia)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the language or languages which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

AU	Australia	English
BY	Belarus	English, Russian
CA	Canada	English, French
SI	Slovenia	English, French, German

This updates the table published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 01/2003, on page 10. ■

World Trade Organization

The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia becomes a Member

On 4 April 2003, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (country code: MK), 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 146. This updates the table of Members of the WTO, the PCT and the Paris Convention that was published in *PCT Newsletter* No. 08/2002. ■

New PCT Materials on the Internet

Consolidated version of the Regulations Under the PCT

A consolidated version of the Regulations Under the PCT, which includes all amendments adopted on or before 1 October 2002, is available in English and French in the “New on the PCT website” box on the home pages of the PCT website:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/

Please note that this text has been prepared **for reference purposes only** and that further amendments may be adopted before the most recent amendments to the Regulations come into force on 1 January 2004. ■

PCT-EASY Update

PCT-EASY update patch available

An update patch for the PCT-EASY software, version 2.92 (build 0005) (April 2003) is now available for download from the PCT-EASY website. Some of the changes incorporated into the new version are:

- 1) new PCT Contracting States: Papua New Guinea (PG) and Syrian Arab Republic (SY); and
- 2) the inclusion of Romania in the EP designation;
- 3) the change of name of Yugoslavia to Serbia and Montenegro;
- 4) updated fee schedules.

The patch version 2.92 (build 0005) will only update version 2.92 (build 0004). If you have an earlier version of PCT-EASY installed on your computer you should first update your software with the full installation of version 2.92 (build 0004) before running the 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

telephone: (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. ■

Backlog in the Issuance of Form PCT/IB/306 by the International Bureau

As explained in *PCT Newsletter* No. 12/2002, there has recently been a backlog in the issuance of certain forms by the International Bureau (IB). It has come to the attention of the IB that, in a number of cases, although requests for recording changes under PCT Rule 92*bis* were received at the IB within the time limit under PCT Rule 92*bis*.1(b) (that is, 30 months from the priority date), the forms confirming the recording of the change by the IB in respect of the international applications concerned, that is, Form PCT/IB/306 “Notification of the Recording of a Change,” have not been sent out by the IB to the applicant (with copies to the designated/elected Offices) until after those international applications had entered the national phase.

Some applicants are concerned about the fact that Form PCT/IB/306 only indicates the date of mailing of the form, which may be after the 30-month time limit, and does not indicate the date of receipt of the request for recording the change by the International Bureau (or the date of receipt by the receiving Office, if the request for recording the change was sent to that Office). However, applicants should be reassured that the fact that the IB has actually processed the change is proof to the designated/elected Offices that the request for change was received within that time limit. Any requests for change that are received after the expiration of that time limit are not processed by the IB and the applicant would be so informed.

In certain cases, some designated/elected Offices that require a copy of Form PCT/IB/306 but that have not yet received it have requested a copy direct from the applicant. This is not necessary or appropriate since the Office should receive Form PCT/IB/306 at the same time as the applicant. The applicant should not be made responsible for submitting copies of that Form which is issued by the IB, and the Office concerned should request them direct from the IB.

The IB regrets any inconvenience that any delays in the transmittal of Form PCT/IB/306

may have caused PCT users, but is pleased to note that the IB has now made significant progress in the processing of the backlog cases. Users who continue to experience delays that may result in undue hardship should contact the PCT Information Service at:

telephone: (41–22) 338 83 38
fax: (41–22) 338 83 39
e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int ■

New PCT Contracting States—*corrigendum*

On the cover page of *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2003 it was announced that the Syrian Arab Republic had deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. The text should have read “instrument of ratification.” ■

Practical Advice

Applicability of the modified time limit under PCT Article 22(1) where a designation for a regional patent is made and the national law applied by a State covered by the regional patent is not compatible with that modification

Q: In April 2002, I filed an international application in which I made, amongst others, a designation for a European patent, as well as designations for national patents in respect of the following States which are covered by the designation for a European patent and which have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility with their national law of the new time limit under PCT Article 22(1) (that is, 30 months from the priority date), which entered into force in April 2002: Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, Sweden and Switzerland. Given that the time limit under PCT Article 22 for entry into the national phase before those States is 20 months from the priority date, and that the time limit for entry into the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) is 31 months from the priority date, when do I have to enter the national/regional phase in respect of those countries? Will it be necessary to enter the European regional phase in respect of those countries at 20 months from the priority date, or is it possible to keep them together with the remaining States which are Contracting States of the

European Patent Convention, and enter the European regional phase within 31 months from the priority date?

A: If you decide to enter the regional phase before the EPO in respect of the above-mentioned States, you will benefit, in respect of those States (as well as all other States covered by the “EP” designation), from the uniform time limit set by the EPO, that is, 31 months from the priority date, even though the States concerned have notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility of the new 30-month time limit with their respective national laws. The 31-month time limit was fixed by the EPO under PCT Article 22(3) with effect from 2 January 2002, and applies to the entry into the regional phase before the EPO in respect of all States designated for a European patent.

If you decide to follow the national route in respect of any of those States based on national designations of those States, however, the applicable time limit for entry into the national phase in respect of all five States depends on whether you file a demand for international preliminary examination before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. If you do not, the time limit is currently 20 months from the priority date, even if you are also seeking a European patent for those States. This may change however, as and when the States concerned notify the International Bureau that the modification of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) is no longer incompatible with their national law. If you do file a demand for international preliminary examination before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the time limit for entry into the national/regional phase before each elected Office will be, regardless of whether a national or regional patent is sought, the time limit under PCT Article 39(1)(a), that is, 30 months from the priority date, or, if applicable, a time limit set by the national or regional law applied by the elected Office under PCT Article 39(1)(b) that expires later than 30 months from the priority date (for example, in the case of the EPO it is 31 months from the priority date).

Going beyond your specific question, you should also note that if you have designated

the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda or Zambia for a national patent, and have, in addition, made a designation for an ARIPO patent which also covers those States, the same situation will arise, since those three States have also notified the International Bureau of the incompatibility of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) with their respective national laws, whereas the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) for entry into the regional phase before the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) is 31 months from the priority date.

For further information on the effects of the modification of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) see the “Frequently Asked Questions” on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/faqs/article22_faq.htm

For details on the time limits for entering the national/regional phase before the designated/elected Offices, see the table in *PCT Newsletter* No. 04/2003. This table is also updated regularly on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/time_limits.pdf ■

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
8–9 May 2003 Quito (EC)	Spanish	WIPO Workshop on the Preparation of PCT Applications WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mr. Roy	Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property (IEPI) (Mr. Nelson Velasco) Tel: (593–2) 250 80 23 Fax: (593–2) 250 80 26
20–21 May 2003 Paris (FR)	French	Basic PCT seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 42 93 63 52
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
27–28 May 2003 Copenhagen (DK)	English	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Trpkovska	Danish Patent and Trademark Office (Ms. Inge-Lise Høybye) Tel: (45–43) 50 80 00 Fax: (45–43) 50 80 01 E-mail: pvs@dkpto.dk
2-3 June 2003 Kisumu (KE)	English	WIPO National Roving Seminar on Industrial Property and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) followed by Workshop on the Role of Industrial Property as a Stimulant for Economic Growth WIPO speakers: Mr. Nyagua and Mr. Kalanje	Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) (Professor Norah K. Olembo) Tel: (254-2) 606 306 Fax: (254-2) 606 312

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PCT Seminar Calendar [continued]			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
5–6 June 2003 Mombasa (KE)	English	WIPO National Roving Seminar on Industrial Property and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) followed by Workshop on the Role of Industrial Property as a Stimulant for Economic Growth WIPO speakers: Mr. Nyagua and Mr. Kalanje	Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) (Professor Norah K. Olemba) Tel: (254-2) 606 306 Fax: (254-2) 606 312
11–12 June 2003 Lima (Peru)	Spanish	WIPO National Seminar on Patent Protection WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Hernández Vigaud	National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (INDECOPI) of Peru (Mrs. Odette Herbozo) Tel: (51–1) 224 78 00, ext. 1634 Fax: (51–1) 224 03 48
17–18 June 2003 Paris (FR)	French	Advanced PCT seminar on PCT procedures WIPO speaker: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 42 93 63 52
9–10 July 2003 Panama City (Panama)	Spanish	WIPO National Seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Hernández Vigaud and Mrs. Guerra	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry, National Directorate of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industries of Panama (Mrs. Luz Celeste Rios de Davis) Tel: (507) 360 07 05 Fax: (507) 321 02 66
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)
9–10 September 2003 Munich (DE) <i>(previously announced as 11–12 September 2003)</i>	German	Basic PCT seminar <i>(previously announced as advanced seminar)</i> 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
16–17 October 2003 Boston (US)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Maassel	Boston Patent Law Association (Mr. Neil P. Ferraro) Tel: (1–617) 720 35 00 Fax: (1–617) 720 24 41 E-mail: nferraro@wolfgreenfield.com

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	Belarussian rouble	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SIT	Slovenian tolar
n a	not applicable	BZD	Belize dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SKK	Slovak koruna
RO	receiving Office	CAD	Canadian dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso		
		CUP	Cuban convertible peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CYP	Cyprus pound	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	USD	US dollar
		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
		DKK	Danish krone	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PLZ	Polish zloty	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
		DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	KP won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
		EEK	Estonian kroon	KRW	KR won	RUR	Russian rouble	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SDP	Sudanese pound		

Table I(a) — Transmittal, basic and designation fees
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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
AE	AED ⁹ —	AED eq CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT AU
AG	Information not yet available					
AL	ALL 9,000	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
AM	AMD 32,000	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
AP	USD 50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 476	12	104	148	AT EP SE
AT	EUR 50	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
AU	AUD 100	AUD 746	17	161	230	AU
AZ	AZM 55,000	USD 476	12	104	n a	EP RU
BA	EUR 25.56	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
BE	EUR 40	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
BG	BGL 60	BGL eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP RU
BR	BRR 236	BRR eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AT EP SE US
BY	BYR eq USD 70	USD 476	12	104	n a	EP RU
BZ	BZD 220	USD 476	12	104	148	EP
CA	CAD 200	CAD 730	17	157	224	EP

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

(as at 1 May 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 476	eq USD 12	eq USD 104	eq USD 148	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD 175	USD 476	12	104	148	EP ES
CU	USD (or eq CUP)200	USD (or eq CUP)476	12	104	148	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP 75	CYP 258	6	56	n a	EP
CZ	CZK 1,500	CZK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
DE	EUR 90	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
DK	DKK 1,500	DKK 3,300	80	710	1,020	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available					
DZ	DZD ⁹ —	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD 50	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
EC	USD ⁹ —	USD 476	12	104	148	EP ES
EE	EEK 1,800	EEK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
EP ⁷	EUR 100	EUR 444	10	96	137 ⁷	EP
ES	EUR 62.74	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP ES
FI	EUR 135	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP SE
FR	EUR 60	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
GB	GBP 55	GBP 278	6	60	86	EP
GD	Information not yet available					
GE	GEL ¹⁰ 10	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹ 2,500 or 5,000	USD 476	12	104	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR 115	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
HR	HRK 200	HRK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
HU	HUF 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 476 or EUR 444	15 12 10	140 104 96	200 148 137	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 476	12	104	148	EP US
IN	INR 5,000 (filing by indiv: 1,500)	USD 476	12	104	148	AT AU CN EP SE US

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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 <i>(from 15.5.03: 37,400)</i>	1,000 <i>(860)</i>	8,900 <i>(8,000)</i>	11,600 <i>(11,500)</i>	EP SE
IT	EUR 30.99	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
JP	JPY 18,000	JPY 54,000	1,200	11,600	16,600	EP JP
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 476	12	104	148	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	AT RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 530,000	12,000	114,000	163,000	AT AU JP ¹⁵ KR
KZ	KZT ⁹ —	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
LR	USD 45	USD 476	12	104	n a	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁹ —	LSM eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
MA	None	CHF 650	15	140	n a	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹⁶	EUR 444	10	96	n a	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,750	MKD eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
MN	None	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP RU
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 25,000	600	5,400	7,700	EP
MX	MXP ³ eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP ES SE US
NI	Information not yet available					
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 476	12	104	148	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
PT	EUR 23.19	EUR 444	10	96	137	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 650	15	140	200	AT EP RU
RU	RUR 294	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
SC	Information not yet available					
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 4,390	100	950	1,350	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 828	19	178	255	AT AU EP
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP
SK	SKK 1,600	SKK eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	eq CHF 200	EP

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RO	Transmittal fee ¹	Basic fee ^{1,2,3} (CHF 650)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3,4} (CHF 15)	Designation fee ^{1,2,3,5,6} (CHF 140)	PCT-EASY reduction ^{2,7} (CHF 200)	Competent ISA(s) ⁸
TJ	TJS ⁹ —	USD 476	12	104	n a	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹ —	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹ —	CHF 650	15	140	n a	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 650	15	140	200	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 476	12	104	148	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD 476	12	104	n a	EP RU
US	USD 240	USD 476	12	104	148	EP US
UZ	USD ⁹ —	USD 476	12	104	148	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available					
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 650	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 140	n a	ATAU 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 6,000	ZWD eq USD 476	eq USD 12	eq USD 104	eq USD 148	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(as at 1 May 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 1,073	SGD 1,030						
	USD 592	ZAR 5,360										
CN	CNY 1,500	CHF 250	EUR 185	USD 180								
EP ¹⁸	EUR 945	CAD* 1,440	CHF 1,383	CYP 550	DKK 7,030	GBP** 592	ISK 83,000	JPY 117,900	MWK 53,000	NOK 7,070	NZD 1,889	SEK 8,720
	SGD* 1,660	USD* 936	ZAR 8,600	SGD 1,780	USD 1,020							
	* (from 1.6.03: CAD 1,552)											
	** (from 1.7.03: GBP 640)											
ES ¹⁸	EUR 945	CHF 1,383	USD* 936	*(from 1.6.03: USD 1,020)								
JP	JPY 72,000	CHF 870	EUR 620	KRW 798,000	USD 611							
KR	KRW 150,000	CHF 180	EUR 130	USD 120								
RU ¹⁹	USD 300	CHF 410	EUR 306									
SE	SEK 8,720	CHF 1,383	DKK 7,030	EUR 945	ISK 83,000	NOK 7,070						
	USD* 936	*(from 1.6.03: USD 1,020)										
US	USD 700	450 ²⁰	CHF 947	609 ²⁰	EUR 714	459 ²⁰	NZD* 1,270	920 ²⁰				
	ZAR 6,000	4,000 ²⁰										
	* (from 15.5.03: NZD 1,270 (810 ²⁰))											

Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(as at 1 May 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	
ES	(only from 1.6.03: EUR 493.11)		(only from 1.6.03: EUR 159)		
JP	JPY	28,000	JPY	19,200	
KR	KRW	150,000	KRW	190,000	
RU ¹⁹	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	172
SE	SEK	5,000	SEK	1,570	
US	USD	490	750 ²⁵	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, Niger, Papua New Guinea (from 14 June 2003), Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic (from 26 June 2003), Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia or Zimbabwe. For further details, see *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/1995, cover page, No. 11/1995, page 6, and No. 05/1996, cover page.
- 4 Where the PCT application as filed contains a sequence listing part in computer readable form only, or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801 of the PCT *Administrative Instructions*, and where that application is filed with a receiving Office which is prepared to accept such filings, a fixed component of 400 times the fee per sheet over 30 is payable for the sequence listing part, irrespective of the actual length of that part (see Section 803(ii) of the *Administrative Instructions*).
- 5 The maximum number of designation fees payable is five.
- 6 The confirmation fee payable under PCT Rules 4.9(c) and 15.5 is 50% of the designation fee due (taking into account any applicable 75% reduction; see footnote 3).
- 7 The same amount of reduction of the basic and designation fee as indicated in footnote 2 applies where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the *Administrative Instructions* and where the international application is filed with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 of the *Administrative Instructions* that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form—only the European Patent Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) have sent such a notification so far.
- 8 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 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, 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 (120 on 1 May 2003)



AE United Arab Emirates	CR Costa Rica	IL Israel	ML Mali (OA) ²	SY Syrian Arab Republic (from 26 June 2003)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IN India	MN Mongolia	Republic (from 26 June 2003)
AL Albania ¹	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MW Malawi (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MX Mexico	TG Togo (OA) ²
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	NE Niger (OA) ²	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BE Belgium (EP) ²	EE Estonia (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LT Lithuania ¹	PG Papua New Guinea (from 14 June 2003)	UG Uganda (AP)
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LR Liberia	PH Philippines	US United States of America
BY Belarus (EA)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LS Lesotho (AP)	PL Poland	UZ Uzbekistan
BZ Belize	GD Grenada	LT Lithuania ¹	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CA Canada	GE Georgia	LU Luxembourg (EP)	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia ¹	RU Russian Federation (EA)	YU Serbia and Montenegro
CG Congo (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	MA Morocco	SC Seychelles	ZA South Africa
CH Switzerland (EP)	GN Guinea (OA) ²	MC Monaco (EP) ²	SD Sudan (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SE Sweden (EP)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GR Greece (EP) ²	MG Madagascar	SG Singapore	
CN China	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
CO Colombia	HR Croatia		SK Slovakia (EP)	
	HU Hungary (EP)		SL Sierra Leone (AP)	
	ID Indonesia		SN Senegal (OA) ²	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²			

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

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