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Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, including the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, were held in Geneva from 25 September to 3 October 2006.

Assembly of the PCT Union

The PCT Assembly appointed the Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. The appointment will take effect from the entry into force of the necessary agreement between NPI and the International Bureau, envisaged to take place in January 2008. NPI is an intergovernmental organization established by Denmark, Iceland and Norway in July 2006 to act as a formal instrument of cooperation in the patent field between those States. Further information can be found in document PCT/A/35/4 (see end of article for links). NPI will become the thirteenth International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

The Assembly amended, with effect from 12 October 2006, the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations to incorporate a new fee reduction for international applications filed in electronic form where the entire application, including the request, is in a non-character coded format (for example, PDF). For further details, see "Amendments to the Schedule of Fees" and "Modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT", below.

The Assembly also adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, further to those which were adopted in October 2005, which

will enter into force on 1 April 2007 and apply to international applications whose international filing date is on or after that date, subject to transitional arrangements in relation to certain provisions. The amendments relate to:

- minimum requirements for International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (relating to the International Authorities' quality management systems and internal review arrangements);
- changes to physical requirements of the international application to assist optical character recognition (minimum text size

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requirements and procedures for making corrections);

- clarification of language-related requirements of the international application (relating to the language of indications in relation to deposited biological material, of corrections of defects in translations and of the international search report, and to the establishment of translations of international search reports, abstracts, etc.);

- clarifications and consequential amendments relating to amendments previously adopted by the Assembly.

The amendments were adopted in the form shown in documents PCT/A/35/2 and 2 Add. (see end of article for links).

The Assembly agreed that there would be a further session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT before the 2007 session of the Assembly to consider outstanding proposals for reform of the PCT including, in particular, options for applicants to request international publication in multiple languages and supplementary searches to be carried out by Authorities other than the main International Searching Authority, as well as proposals

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Reminder

The national Offices of the following States do not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase under Chapter I as fixed in PCT Article 22(1) (as modified with effect from 1 April 2002). Note, however, that in respect of the **regional** designation of all those States, the time limit under PCT Article 22(3) of 31 months applies.

CH Switzerland

LU Luxembourg

SE Sweden

TZ United Republic of Tanzania

UG Uganda

A list of time limits applicable for each designated/elected Office for entering the national phase under Chapters I and II of the PCT is available at:

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

relating to declaration of the source of genetic resources and traditional knowledge in patent applications. The Assembly noted that there are only a few PCT reform-related items remaining on the agenda of the Working Group and that the next meeting of the Working Group would most likely be the last in the present reform exercise.

The Assembly also received status reports on quality management systems for PCT International Authorities (PCT/A/35/3), on projects related to improving the quality of international searches (PCT/A/35/5) and on PCT automation (PCT/A/35/6).

Other Patent Matters

A joint session of the Paris Union Assembly, PCT Assembly, and Patent Law Treaty (PLT) Assembly approved the establishment of a digital access service for priority documents to be administered by the International Bureau (A/42/5). The service would offer possibilities for more streamlined handling of priority documents for the benefit of both patent Offices and applicants, with considerable savings of financial and other resources, similar to those available when priority documents are filed in connection with international applications under the PCT.

Participation in the service would be on a voluntary basis for both patent Offices and applicants. The service would provide a framework and administrative procedures under which priority documents could be made accessible in a digital library for the purposes of complying with national and regional requirements for the furnishing of priority documents.

An *ad hoc* Working Group will be convened in early 2007 to consider the necessary procedures and technical framework.

Further Information

All the meeting documents (including the reports of the various meetings, when they become available) can be downloaded from the WIPO website at

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/35

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=a/42

Information concerning the amendments of the Regulations under the PCT will be made available at:

www.wipo.int/pct

Amendments to the Schedule of Fees

The wording of item 3 of the current Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations implicitly requires that, in order to qualify for at least some electronic filing-related fee reduction, the request be in character coded format while the description, claims, drawings and abstract may be in a non-character coded format, for example, an image based format such as PDF (portable document format).

Noting that:

(i) some receiving Offices wish to accept international applications filed in electronic form where the entire application, including the request, would be in a non-character coded format, and

(ii) greater efficiency in terms of data entry, optical character recognition, storage, handling and searching possibilities might be achieved where the request is in character coded format,

the PCT Assembly approved the proposal to fix a new reduction in the international filing fee of 100 Swiss francs in respect of international applications where the request was not in character coded format (item 3(b)), compared with 200 Swiss francs where the request was in character coded format (item 3(c)) and 300 Swiss francs where the request, description, claims and abstract were all in character coded format (item 3(d)). The present fee reduction of 100 Swiss francs for filings on paper accompanied by a PCT-SAFE CD or diskette was retained (item 3(a)).

The amended Schedule of Fees enters into force on 12 October 2006, and applies to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 12 October 2006, provided that the Schedule of Fees as worded before its amendment shall continue to apply to any international application which is received by a receiving Office before 12 October 2006, and is accorded an international filing date that is on or after 12 October 2006. The amended Schedule of Fees does not apply to

any international application whose international filing date is before 12 October 2006.

The text of the amended Schedule of Fees will be published in the *Official Notices* of 12 October 2006 (*PCT Gazette* No. 41/2006, Section IV) which will be available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/section_iv/sectioniv2006.pdf

Updating sheets for insertion at the end of the paper copy of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (WIPO publication No. 274) are available in English and French on the PCT website at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/pct_fees_october_2006.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/pct_fees_october_2006.pdf

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

Section 707 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT has been modified, with effect from 12 October 2006, to bring it in line with the new wording of item 3 of the Schedule of Fees (see “Amendments to the Schedule of Fees”, above). Modified Section 707 clarifies that items 3(b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees apply to reduce the international filing fee in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which, in accordance with Section 703(d), has decided to receive such an application although it has not formally notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form.

The text of modified Section 707 will be published in the *Official Notices* of 12 October 2006 (*PCT Gazette* No. 41/2006, Section IV), which will be available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/section_iv/sectioniv2006.pdf

A new consolidated version of the Administrative Instructions is available in English and French at, respectively:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_5.pdf

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/pdf/ai_5.pdf

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

The German Patent and Trade Mark Office begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 30 August 2006, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified WIPO under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it would be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 4 October 2006.

The notification containing the Office’s requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices* of 5 October 2006 (*PCT Gazette* No. 40/2006, Section IV) which is available on the PCT website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/gazette/section_iv/sectioniv2006.pdf

The equivalent amounts in EUR of the applicable fee reductions for electronic filing are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

Independence of Montenegro: Effects on Serbia

On 19 September 2006, the Government of the Republic of Serbia deposited with the Director General of WIPO a declaration to the effect that the former State Union of Serbia and Montenegro (country code: YU) ceased to exist on 3 June 2006 as a result of the declaration of independence adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro on that date. The declaration stated that the Republic of Serbia continues to apply the PCT.

The International Organization for Standardization has assigned the Republic of Serbia the two-letter code of “RS”. As a result, the list of States on the back of the *PCT Newsletter* has been changed to reflect the new name and country code: “(RS) Serbia”.

More information will be made available in a future issue of the *Newsletter*.

New Features Added to PatentScope

It is recalled that the PatentScope database (“Search International Patent Applications”) on

the WIPO website (www.wipo.int/pctdb) allows PCT users to search international applications, providing access to the complete collection of published PCT international applications from 1978 to the present day in image format, and to the fully searchable text of descriptions and claims for PCT international applications filed after July 1998, as well as to many other documents relating to the international application (for details, see www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/content.html).

Two new features have been added to help you search PatentScope's database, as described below:

1. Choose which text sources to search

The first feature is available on the Advanced Search interface allowing you to choose which text to search. You can search the Front Page bibliographic text (including abstracts) or the Full Text. The Front Page option will, by default, search only front page text unless a specific search term or phrase is preceded by a field code. It is possible to search the claims or description by preceding each specific search term with CL/ or DE/ respectively. The Full Text option searches all bibliographic text as well as the available full text of Claims and Descriptions, unless specific search terms or phrases are preceded by a field code. The Content page, on the left hand menu, details the date range availability of full text claims and descriptions.

The Structured Search page allows you to search all fields including the Claims and Description by putting your search term after Any Field (by changing the top dropdown box from "Front Page" to "Any Field"). Or, you can choose the field Front Page to limit your search to bibliographic data only.

For specific examples of how to use the above-mentioned features, see:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/news/news_008.html

2. Highlighted terms

The second feature adds colored highlights to your "searched for" terms in the Description and Claims tabs and shows how your terms are distributed throughout the document and in relation to each other.

After clicking the General Term Distribution icon in the top right part of the tab, you can see the quantity and location of "searched for" terms in relation to each other in the Descrip-

tion or Claims tab you are in. The total number of all terms found is stated at the top of the chart. Hovering over each colored block will:

- highlight and state which term the block relates to and
- state the number of nearby occurrences of the specific term.

The blocks are in approximately the same position in the General Term Distribution chart as they are in the full text. For example, clicking a term in the middle of the chart will take you to a term in the middle of the full text. Clicking that term will take you to the next occurrence of the term, and so on.

PCT Information Update

DE Germany (fees)

As indicated in "Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications", on page 4, the equivalent amount in EUR of the fee reductions for electronic filing with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office as receiving Office are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (DE))

IS Iceland (fees)

As from 1 January 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in ISK to the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ISK of the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY" mode) is used:

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IS))

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 December 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in JPY of the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY" mode) is used or where the

international application is filed in fully electronic form:

International filing fee, fee per sheet in excess of 30 and PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reductions:

see Table I(a)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (JP))

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

As from 15 December 2006, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in KRW to the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in KRW of the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY" mode) is used or where the international application is filed in fully electronic form:

International filing fee, fee per sheet in excess of 30 and PCT-EASY and electronic filing fee reduction:

see Table I(a)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (KR))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

(www.wipo.int/pct/en/)

Updating Sheets for Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations (WIPO publication No. 274)

See "Amendments to the Schedule of Fees", on page 3.

New consolidated version of the Administrative Instructions

See "Modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT", on page 4.

PCT in the News

The WIPO Magazine seeks out the people behind the patents. In the latest edition, inventions by a Chinese-Canadian chemical engineer ("Treating Waste with Waste"), an American construction worker ("Not afraid of the big bad wolf") and two Norwegian brothers from the supermarket business ("Cashing in on Trash") put waste to work for a greener

planet. Extracts from the WIPO Magazine are available at:

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

It is recalled that, by clicking on "PCT Articles in the WIPO Magazine" in the "related links" box, you will be able to view all PCT-related articles which have been published in the WIPO Magazine since 1998, and that readers may view the complete issue of the WIPO Magazine at:

www.wipo.int/wipo_magazine/en/index.html

Reminder: Warning About Requests for Payment of Fees

Further to the many warnings that have been published in the *PCT Newsletter*, it has come to the attention of the International Bureau (IB) that PCT applicants and agents are continuing to receive invitations to pay fees that do not come from the International Bureau of WIPO and are unrelated to the processing of international applications under the PCT. Whatever services might be offered in such invitations, they bear no connection to WIPO or to any of its official publications.

The invitations often identify a particular PCT application by its international publication number (for example: WO 04 xxxxxx), publication date, title of the invention, international application number, priority information and IPC symbols. The invitations typically refer to a payment, which is to be made in euro or US dollars, by cheque and/or money transfer to an address in Germany or Switzerland. Recent invitations which have been sent to the IB (from CPTD - Central Patent & Trademark Database) refer to payments of EUR 1,423.10 or USD 1,638.18 to banks based in Austria, the Czech Republic or Switzerland on a form similar to the example which can found at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/cptd.pdf

Since 2002, when these invitations first came to the attention of the International Bureau, PCT users have informed us of invitations from the following companies (spellings are as they appear in the invitations):

"CPTD - Central Patent and Trademark Database"

"CCIT - Commercial Center for Industrie and Trade"

"CPD - Central Patent Database"

“Register of International Patents”

“Register of International Patent Bulletin/
Registre des données bulletin européen
des brevets”

“Institut of Commerce for Industry, Trade,
Commerce/Wirtschaftsinstitut für Industrie,
Handel, Handwerk AG”

“Central Data - Register of International
Patents”

Examples of the invitations from these sources
are available on the PCT website at:

[www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/
pct_warning.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct_warning.htm)

Note that other industrial property Offices
have made similar warnings about related
invitations from the same companies, links to
which are also given on the above-mentioned
page of the PCT website.

PCT applicants and agents should note that it
is the International Bureau of WIPO alone
which publishes all PCT applications promptly
after the expiration of 18 months from the
priority date (see PCT Article 21(2)(a)); there
is no separate fee for such international
publication, and the legal effects of interna-
tional publication are set out in PCT Article 29.
In case of doubt in relation to such an invita-
tion, please contact the PCT Information
Service at WIPO:

telephone: (41-22) 338 83 38

fax: (41-22) 338 83 39

e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Change Concerning the Numbering of Japanese International Applications

It is recalled that, on 1 January 2006, the
Japan Patent Office (JPO) changed the way in
which international applications filed with it as
receiving Office are numbered (applications
are assigned numbers, with “3” as the first
digit of the six-digit number, for example,
PCT/JP2006/300001). This numbering sys-
tem, which was introduced for technical rea-
sons, applies to all international applications
filed in 2006 in the following ways:

- on paper;
- containing requests prepared using the
PCT-EASY functionality of the PCT-SAFE
software; and

- fully electronically using the Japanese
software (JPO PAS).

As from 1 January 2007, however, the num-
bering system will change again, so that
international applications filed in the above-
mentioned ways will be assigned a number
with “05” as the first two digits of the six-digit
number, for example, PCT/JP2007/050001.

Once the JPO as receiving Office starts
accepting international applications filed fully
electronically using the PCT-SAFE software
(expected to be as from 4 January 2007),
international applications filed in this way will
be assigned numbers in the normal manner,
for example, the first number assigned will be
PCT/JP2007/000001.

Practical Advice

Information for third parties on entry into the national phase

*Q: I am interested in finding out the countries
in which international applications filed by my
company’s competitors have entered the
national phase. Does WIPO make such infor-
mation available to the public?*

A: Although the PCT does not specifically
require that applicants or national or regional
Offices (henceforth “national Offices”) inform
WIPO about the status of specific international
applications in the national phase, such infor-
mation is now available on the WIPO website
whenever the national Offices concerned have
furnished the necessary information. Informa-
tion on whether an international application
has entered the national phase as well as
other information relating to the national phase
can, where available, be accessed via the
PatentScope database (“search international
applications”) (www.wipo.int/pctdb). This can
be done by clicking the tab “national phase”
when viewing the data regarding the interna-
tional application concerned. There are, at the
time of writing, 1,049,156 national phase entry
records, as well as status information for
458,625 PCT applications available via the
PatentScope database, and it is expected that
such information will become increasingly
available in the coming months, as an increas-
ing number of national Offices cooperate with
WIPO in this way.

Where information is displayed for an Office,
this indicates that the applicant has requested
national phase processing for the application

concerned in that Office. The national phase entry date and national reference number are supplied by the national Office concerned, and can be used to retrieve further details from that Office, if desired. Where available, status information such as patent grant, withdrawal or refusal is also published. In the case of the Offices of Australia, Canada and the Republic of Korea, Internet hyperlinks are available that direct the user from PatentScope to the online databases of those offices, where additional status information and national language translations can be found. For example, if you click on the link to the Canadian database, you may be able to obtain the English translation of an international application which was published in German.

Note that information on the national phase is only available where WIPO has received the relevant information, either directly from national Offices or via the INPADOC database, and, in most cases, is available only after 30 months from the priority date, which is about 12 months after international publication. Currently, the 24 countries listed below have furnished data relating to the national phase:

- Australia
- Austria
- Belize
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- China
- Georgia
- Germany
- Israel
- Japan
- Kenya
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Republic of Korea
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Uzbekistan

The timeliness of the available information varies according to the Office supplying the data. A detailed table of dates covered for each Office is available by clicking on “more information” from the National Phase tab described above, or at the following address:

www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/nationalphase.jsp

WIPO has invited all Offices to submit, on a regular basis, national phase information to it, in the hope that eventually, information on all national phase entries will be available. It is important to note that, due to the fact that information is, for the time being, updated at different frequencies depending on the Office, absence of information for a given Office does not necessarily indicate non-entry into the national phase before that Office, and we suggest that you contact the national Office concerned to be sure that you have the most up-to-date information.

If a country does not appear in the above list of countries, applicants may, of course, contact the national Office concerned for information about the status of a particular international application, noting that some national Offices make status information available online, for example:

the Australian Patent Office:

http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/patents/search_index.shtml

the Canadian Intellectual Property Office:

<http://patents1.ic.gc.ca/intro-e.html> see Administrative status

the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China:

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/sipo_English/zljs/default.htm

the European Patent Office:

<http://www.epoline.org/portal/public/registerplus>

and http://ep.espacenet.com/advancedSearch?locale=en_EP (see the INPADOC legal status tab of individual patent application numbers).

the Korean Intellectual Property Office:

<http://eng.kipris.or.kr/>

the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

<http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html>
and
<http://portal.uspto.gov/external/portal/pair>

The WIPO website contains links to the websites of other industrial property offices around the world (see: www.wipo.int/ipdl/en/resources/links.jsp).

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
11–12 October 2006 Hamburg (DE)	German	Basic PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
18–19 October 2006 Helsinki (FI)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Bonvallet	National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (Mr. Olli Ilmarinen) Tel: (358–9) 69 39 52 36 Fax: (358–9) 69 39 53 22 E-mail: olli.ilmarinen@prh.fi
18–19 October 2006 Munich (DE)	English	International Patenting Issues: “The PCT and patenting in China” WIPO speakers: Mr. Gurry and Mr. Kalejs	European Patent Office (European Patent Academy) in co-operation with WIPO, the European Patent Institute and the German Chamber of Patent Attorneys, with the support of the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China Tel: (49–89) 23 99 51 23 Fax: (49–89) 23 99 52 73 E-mail: academy@epo.org Online registration: http://academy.epo.org/schedule/2006/oc11/index.en.php
19 October 2006 Osaka (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Office Regional Branch Administration Section, General Affairs Division Tel: (81–3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02C0@jpo.go.jp
26 October 2006 Nagoya (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Office Regional Branch Administration Section, General Affairs Division Tel: (81–3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02C0@jpo.go.jp
27 October 2006 Tokyo (JP)	Japanese	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Takahashi	Japan Patent Office Regional Branch Administration Section, General Affairs Division Tel: (81–3) 35 81 11 01 ext. 2107 E-mail: PA02C0@jpo.go.jp
27 October 2006 Eindhoven (NL)	English	PCT seminar: “PCT Strategy” WIPO speaker: Ms. Boutillon	European Patent Institute (EPI) (Mr. Maarten Schoenmaker) Tel: (31–40) 274 33 94 Fax: (31–40) 274 34 89 E-mail: maarten.schoenmaker@philips.com or info@patentepi.com
2–3 November 2006 San Francisco (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	Intellectual Property International (Ms. Virginia H. Meyer) Tel: (1–415) 381 26 15 Fax: (1–415) 389 89 38 E-mail: info@ipiseminars.com Internet: www.ipiseminars.com
6–7 November 2006 Chicago (US)	English	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Mrs. Bidwell	The John Marshall Law School Department of Event Management Tel: (1–312) 987 14 20 Fax: (1–312) 427 71 28 E-mail: Events@jmls.edu

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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
28–29 November 2006 Paris (FR)	French	PCT seminar: "La demande PCT" WIPO speakers: Mr. Genin and Ms. Bonvallet	Institut national de la propriété industrielle (INPI) (Mrs. Christiane Sadrin) Tel: (33–1) 53 04 55 76 Fax: (33–1) 53 04 52 52 E-mail: csadrin@inpi.fr
29–30 November 2006 Boston, Massachusetts (US)	English	PCT Seminar WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Bidwell	Boston Patent Law Association (Ms. Ingrid A. Beattie, President) Tel: (1–617) 348 18 38 Fax: (1–617) 542 22 41 (Attention: Ingrid Beattie) E-mail: iabeattie@mintz.com
7–8 December 2006 London (GB)	English	Advanced PCT Formalities seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Ms. Schwarz	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 73 00 71 Fax: (44–1483) 73 00 08 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk Internet: www.management-forum.co.uk
15–17 January 2007 Zurich (CH)	English	PCT presentation in the framework of the Postgraduate Program in Intellectual Property WIPO speakers: Mr. Reischle and Ms. Aeri	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH), Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property (Mrs. Lili Tsiamis) Tel: (41–44) 632 68 08 Fax: (41–44) 632 13 67 E-mail: tsiamis@recht.gess.ethz.ch Internet: www.masip.ethz.ch
19–20 April 2007 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: to be announced	Management Forum Ltd Tel: (44–1483) 57 00 99 Fax: (44–1483) 53 64 24 E-mail: josephine.leak@management-forum.co.uk
27–28 April 2007 Concord, New Hampshire (US)	English	Comprehensive PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Reed	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/pct
22 May 2007 Brussels (BE) <i>[Note that only a limited number of places are available]</i>	French	PCT presentation within the framework of the "Cours de formation de base en droit européen des brevets 2006–2007" WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) and the Institut des mandataires agréés près l'Office européen des brevets (EPI) (Mr. Thierry Debled) Tel: (32–65) 40 08 19 Fax: (32–65) 31 14 74 E-mail: Thierry.Debled@vesuvius.com

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 October 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

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 international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100 under certain circumstances where the request is prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software or by CHF 200 or 300 where the international application is filed in electronic form, as prescribed; see Item 3(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 202(A). A 75% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30) 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 footnotes 2 and 8. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 75% reduction are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –	BGL	Bulgarian lev	GEL	Georgian lari	LTL	Lithuanian litas	SEK	Swedish krona
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SGD	Singapore dollar
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SIT	Slovenian tolar
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SKK	Slovak koruna
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone		
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
ALL	Albanian lek	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	YUD	Yugoslavian dinar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RUR	Russian rouble	ZAR	South African rand
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	SDP	Sudanese pound	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
		GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 October 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2} (CHF 1,400)	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3} (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					PCT-EASY (CHF 100)	Non-character coded format (CHF 200)	Character coded format (CHF 300)	
AG	Information not yet available							
AL	ALL	9,000	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
AM	AMD	32,000	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
AP	USD	50 (or eq in local currency)	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	AT EP SE
AT	EUR	50	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
AU	AUD	100	AUD 1,435 (from 1.11.06: 1,531)	15 (16)	103 (109)	205 (219)	308 (328)	AU
AZ	AZM	55,000	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP RU
BA	BAM	50	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
BE	EUR	40	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
BG	BGL	60	BGL eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
BR	BRR	236	BRR eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT EP SE US
BW	Information not yet available							
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	220	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP
CA	CAD	300	CAD 1,273	14	91	–	–	CA

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 October 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
						PCT-EASY	Non-character coded format	Character coded format	
CH	CHF	100	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	EP
CN	CNY	500	CNY eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	CN
CO	COP ⁵	–	COP eq USD	1,086	eq USD 12	eq USD 78	–	–	AT, EP, ES, RU
CR	USD	250	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	EP ES
CU	CUC	200	CUC	1,086	12	78	–	–	AT EP ES RU
CY	CYP	75	CYP	516	6	–	–	–	EP
CZ	CZK	1,500	CZK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
DE	EUR	90	EUR	900	10	64	129	193	EP
DK	DKK	1,500	DKK	6,710	70	480	960	1,440	EP SE
DM	Information not yet available								
DZ	DZD	None	CHF	1,400	15	100	–	–	AT EP
EA	RUR eq USD	50	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
EC	USD ⁵	–	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	EP ES
EE	EEK	1,800	EEK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
EG	USD	142	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	AT EP US
EP	EUR	105	EUR	900	10	64	129	193	EP
ES	EUR	66.56	EUR	900	10	64	129	193	EP ES
FI	EUR	135	EUR	900	10	64	129	193	EP FI SE
FR	EUR	60	EUR	900	10	64	129	193	EP
GB	GBP	55	GBP	611	7	44	87	131	EP
GD	Information not yet available								
GE	GEL ⁶	10	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC ⁷	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,086	12	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	900	10	64	–	–	EP
HN	Information not yet available								
HR	HRK	200	HRK eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
HU	HUF	10,700	HUF eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP RU
IB	CHF ⁸ or EUR ⁸ or USD ⁸	100 64 79	CHF or EUR or USD	1,400 900 1,086	15 10 12	100 64 78	200 129 155	300 193 233	See footnote 9
ID	IDR	500,000	IDR eq CHF	1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AU EP KR RU
IE	EUR	76	EUR	900	10	64	–	–	EP
IL	ILS	486	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	EP US
IN	INR (filing by indiv: 2,000)	8,000	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK (from 1.11.06: 86,000) (from 1.1.07: 78,500)	78,600 (900) (800)	800 (900) (800)	5,600 (6,100) (5,600)	–	–	EP SE
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	900	10	–	–	–	EP
JP	JPY	13,000	JPY (from 1.12.06: 130,300)	121,800 (1,400)	1,300 (1,400)	8,700 (9,300)	–	26,100 (27,900)	EP JP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 October 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				PCT-EASY	Non-character coded format	Character coded format	
KE	USD (or KES equiv) 250 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS eq USD 100	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
KM	Information not yet available						
KN	Information not yet available						
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	AT RU
KR	KRW 45,000	KRW 1,027,000 (from 15.12.06: 1,096,000)	11,000 (12,000)	73,000 (78,000)	–	220,000 (235,000)	AT AU JP ¹⁰ KR
KZ	KZT 7,360	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
LA	Information not yet available						
LR	USD 45	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSM ⁵ –	LSM eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	LTL 320	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LU	EUR 19	EUR 900	10	–	–	–	EP
LV	LVL 47.20	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP RU
LY	Information not yet available						
MA	None	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
MC	EUR 49 ¹¹	EUR 900	10	–	–	–	EP
MD	MDL 180	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
MN	None	CHF 1,400	15	100	–	–	EP RU
MW	MWK 6,000	MWK 134,700	1,400	9,600	–	–	EP
MX	MXP ² eq USD 200	MXP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP ES SE US
MY	Information not yet available						
NI	USD 200	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	64	129	193	EP
NO	NOK 550	NOK 7,030	80	500	–	–	EP SE
NZ	NZD 180 ¹²	NZD 1,748	19	125	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁵ –	XAF eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP RU SE
OM	Information not yet available						
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 3,500	USD 1,086	12	78	155	233	AU EP JP KR US
PL	PLZ 300	PLZ eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
PT	EUR 31.73	EUR 900	10	64	–	–	EP
RO	ROL 300,000	CHF 1,400	15	100	200	300	AT EP RU
RS	YUD 3,000	YUD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
SC	Information not yet available						
SD	SDP 50	SDP eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 8,450	90	600	1,210	1,810	EP SE
SG	SGD 150	SGD 1,834	20	131	–	–	AT AU EP KR ¹³
SI	SIT 22,000	SIT eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 October 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				PCT-EASY	Non-character coded format	Character coded format	
SK	SKK 2,000	SKK eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
SM	EUR 50	EUR 900	10	–	–	–	EP
SV	Information not yet available						
SY	USD ⁵ –	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁵ –	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁵ –	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁵ –	CHF 1,400	15	–	–	–	EP
TR	CHF 100	CHF 1,400	15	100	–	–	EP
TT	TTD 750	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	AT EP SE US
UA	UAH 255	USD (or eq UAH) 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP RU
US	USD 300	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁵ –	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
VC	Information not yet available						
VN	VND eq USD 150	VND eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT AU EP KR RU SE
ZA	ZAR 500	ZAR 7,700	80	550	–	–	AT AU EP US
ZM	Information not yet available						
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,086	eq USD 12	eq USD 78	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees
(amounts on 1 October 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee ¹										
AT	EUR 200	CHF 311	KRW 250,000	SGD 410	USD 241	ZAR* 1,540					
	* (from 15.11.06: ZAR 1,830)										
AU	AUD 1,200	CHF 1,097	EUR 702	KRW 885,000	NZD 1,423	SGD 1,440					
	USD 908	ZAR 6,060									
CA	CAD 1,600	CHF 1,759	EUR 1,131	USD 1,365							
CN	CNY 2,100	CHF 335	EUR 215	USD 260							
EP ¹⁴	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	CYP 928	DKK 12,050	GBP 1,098	ISK* 142,000					
	JPY** 222,800	MWK 248,000	NOK 12,990	NZD 3,208	SEK 15,230	SGD 3,120					
	USD 2,059	ZAR 13,770									
	* (from 1.11.06: ISK 156,000)										
	** (from 15.11.06: JPY 238,100)										
ES ¹⁴	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	USD 2,059								
FI	EUR 1,615	CHF 2,525	USD 2,059								
JP	JPY 97,000	CHF 1,042	EUR 668	KRW 841,000	USD 861						
KR	KRW 225,000	CHF 280	EUR 180	NZD 347	SGD 380	USD 232					
RU ¹⁵	USD 300	CHF 387	EUR 248								
SE	SEK 15,230	CHF 2,525	DKK 12,050	EUR 1,615	ISK* 142,000	NOK 12,990					
	USD 2,059										
	* (from 1.11.06: ISK 156,000)										
US	USD 1,000	300 ¹⁶	CHF 1,289	387 ¹⁶	EUR 828	248 ¹⁶	NZD 1,640	440 ¹⁶			
	ZAR* 6,360	1,910 ¹⁶									
	* (from 1.11.06: ZAR 7,200 1,910 ¹⁶)										

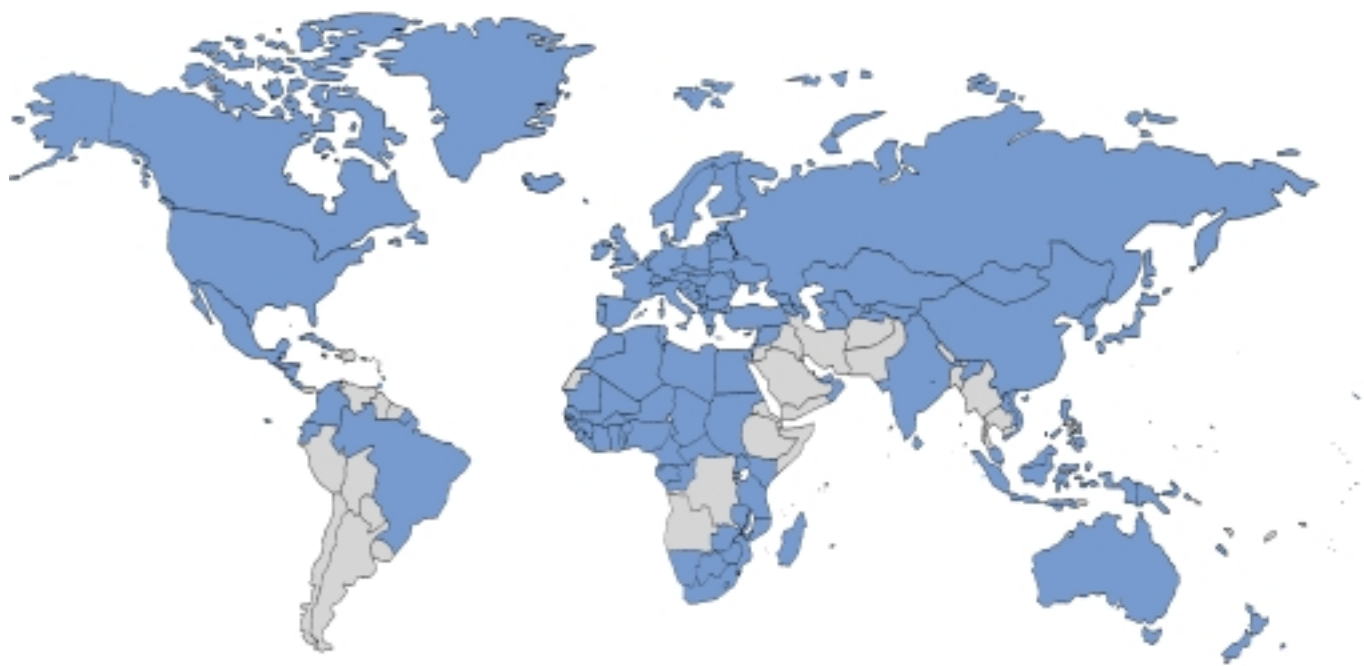
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 October 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ¹⁷		Handling fee ^{2, 17} (CHF 200)	
AT	EUR	200		EUR 129
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ¹⁸	AUD 205
CA	CAD	800		CAD 182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF 200
EP ¹⁴	EUR	1,595		EUR 129
ES	EUR	523.29		EUR 129
FI	EUR	550		EUR 129
JP	JPY	36,000		JPY 17,400
KR	KRW	225,000		KRW 147,000
RU ¹⁵	USD	200 ¹⁹	300 ²⁰	USD 155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK 1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²¹	USD 155

Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 3 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 Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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*).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 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.
- 6 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 7 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.
- 8 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 9 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).
- 10 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 11 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 12 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 13 The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications, the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006.
- 14 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 Item 4(a) of 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 part 1 of the table on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf, with the exception of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey.
- 15 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.
- 16 Payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a), ((i) prior to 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, or (ii) on or after 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a), the search fee under 37 CFR 1.16(k) and the examination fee under 37 CFR 1.16(o) have been paid) and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.
- 17 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 18 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 19 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 20 In all cases where footnote 19 does not apply.
- 21 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (133 on 1 October 2006)



AE United Arab Emirates	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IN India	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IS Iceland (EP)	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AL Albania ¹	DE Germany (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	MN Mongolia	SM San Marino
AM Armenia (EA)	DK Denmark (EP)	JP Japan	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	SV El Salvador
AU Australia	DZ Algeria	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	EC Ecuador	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SZ Swaziland (AP) ²
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	EE Estonia (EP)	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	TD Chad (OA) ²
BB Barbados	EG Egypt	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TG Togo (OA) ²
BE Belgium (EP) ²	ES Spain (EP)	KR Republic of Korea	NE Niger (OA) ²	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BF Burkina Faso (OA) ²	FI Finland (EP)	KZ Kazakhstan (EA)	NG Nigeria	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
BG Bulgaria (EP)	FR France (EP) ²	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LC Saint Lucia	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GD Grenada	LR Liberia	NZ New Zealand	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	LS Lesotho (AP)	OM Oman	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UG Uganda (AP)
CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	LU Luxembourg (EP)	PH Philippines	US United States of America
CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LV Latvia (EP)	PL Poland (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PT Portugal (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CH Switzerland (EP)	GR Greece (EP) ²	MA Morocco	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala (from 14 October 2006)	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RS Serbia	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) ²	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) ²	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZM Zambia (AP)
CN China	HN Honduras	MG Madagascar	SC Seychelles	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
CO Colombia	HR Croatia ¹		SD Sudan (AP)	
CR Costa Rica	HU Hungary (EP)		SE Sweden (EP)	
CU Cuba	ID Indonesia		SG Singapore	
	IE Ireland (EP) ²		SI Slovenia (EP) ²	
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¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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