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Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

The USPTO begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The electronic filing of international applications under the PCT with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in its capacity as receiving Office (RO/US) became possible as of 14 October 2006. The USPTO accepts the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 703(d) of the PCT Administrative Instructions) according to its national law and technical systems. Furthermore, the USPTO, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority (ISA/US) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA/US), is now accepting documents related to international applications filed under the PCT electronically via EFS-Web.

EFS-Web is the USPTO's web-based patent application and document submission solution. EFS-Web is safe, simple and secure and gives applicants benefits comparable to those of paper filings, including an electronic receipt that acknowledges the submission date. Using EFS-Web, anyone with a web-enabled computer can file patent applications and documents without downloading special software or changing document preparation tools and processes.

EFS-Web utilizes standard web-based screens and prompts to enable applicants to submit patent application documents in PDF format directly to the USPTO within minutes. When creating PDF

documents, the applicant chooses the tool, process and workflow with which to author the documents, converts them to standard PDF files and then submits them to the USPTO's secure servers. Additionally, EFS-Web allows PCT-SAFE users to prepare the Request Form (PCT/RO/101) using PCT-SAFE. The system handles this by permitting the attachment of the "PCT-EASY.ZIP" compressed files produced by PCT-SAFE when submitting international applications under the PCT. A greater fee reduction applies for these cases.

ASCII text files (.TXT) may be used for submitting sequence listings and/or tables related thereto for both international applications and national applications. However, note that there is a file size limit of 25 MB per file (although up to 60 documents of this size may be

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submitted in a single electronic package) and color photographs/drawings and photographs/drawings with varying degrees of black/white/grey scale **may not** be submitted via EFS-Web.

The international fees have been modified to accommodate the reductions associated with international applications filed electronically:

International filing fee	USD	1,086
– filed on paper with PCT-EASY zip file or electronically without PCT-EASY file (USD 78 reduction)		
	USD	1,008
– filed electronically with PCT-EASY zip file (USD 155 reduction)		
	USD	931

More information regarding the electronic filing of international applications may be obtained at:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/efs_help.html

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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

Full technical support is available through the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) (http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/ebc_help.htm), telephone no.: 866-217 9197, from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight Eastern Time, Monday–Friday. Limited assistance is available at all other times through USPTO's Electronic Business Support (EBS), telephone no.: 1 800 786 9199 or 571-272 1000.

The Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia begins receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

On 3 October 2006, the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, 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 filed by residents and nationals of Malaysia in electronic form with effect from 17 November 2006.

The notification containing the Office's requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in *Official Notices (PCT Gazette No. 44/2006, Section IV)*, on 2 November 2006, and is available on the website at:

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

Application of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in the Republic of Serbia

(1) As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 10/2006, page 4, following the adoption by the National Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro of a declaration of independence on 3 June 2006, the Republic of Serbia deposited on 19 September 2006, with the Director General of WIPO a declaration the effect of which is that the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) continues to be applicable as far as the Republic of Serbia is concerned.

Effect in the Republic of Serbia of international applications under the PCT

(2)(a) Pursuant to the deposit of the declaration of continued application referred to in paragraph (1), nationals and residents of the Republic of Serbia can file international applications, and the Republic of Serbia is automatically designated in international applications filed on or after 4 June 2006.

(b) As regards any international application the international filing date of which is prior to 4 June 2006, and in which the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro was designated, the "national filing effect" of any such application under Article 11(4) of the PCT will, pursuant to the deposit by the Republic of Serbia of its declaration of continued application, be recognized in the Republic of Serbia (provided that the international application had not lost its effect in the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro by 3 June 2006). The conditions under which any such international application, or any patent resulting therefrom granted by the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro, may continue to have effect in the Republic of Serbia are the following:

(i) if a patent has been granted by the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro on the basis of the international application, such patents maintain their legal effect in the Republic of Serbia;

(ii) if the applicant has entered the national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro but a patent has not been granted by the Office without the application having been rejected by it, such applications maintain their legal effect in the Republic of Serbia;

(iii) if the applicant has not entered the national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro and the time limit for entering the national phase had not expired on 3 June 2006, the applicant must, before the expiration of the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), enter the national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia by submitting a translation of the international application into the Serbian language and paying the prescribed fee.

Reminder: Publication of International Applications Wholly in Electronic Form

As announced in *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006, it is recalled that the International Bureau (IB) ***no longer transmits a paper copy of the published international application to the applicant.*** All international applications are now published wholly in electronic form. This applies equally to the publication of declarations referred to in PCT Rule 4.17, the sequence listing part of the description, as well

as to all subsequent republications of the international application, for example, the publication of the international search report (ISR) (or, as the case may be, the declaration by the International Searching Authority referred to in PCT Article 17(2) that the ISR will not be established) and the publication of amendments to the claims under Article 19.

Note that on the date of publication the IB does, nevertheless, send Form PCT/IB/311 to the applicant notifying him/her that the international publication has taken place, of the international publication number, and of the Internet address where the published international application can be found. Upon the specific request of the applicant, the IB will send a paper copy of the published international application, free of charge, to the applicant. If a third party wishes to receive a paper copy, or if the applicant wishes a copy to be transmitted to any designated Office under PCT Article 13(2)(b), this is, as usual, subject to the payment of a fee (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B2 (IB)).

Publication Schedule and Non-Working Days at the IB during the Holiday Period

Non-working days at the International Bureau (IB)

The non-working days at the IB during the end-of-year holiday period, in addition to the weekends, will be 25 and 26 December 2006, and 1 and 2 January 2007. The IB will be open for business on 27, 28 and 29 December 2006, and will then be open as usual as from 3 January 2007.

Closing dates of the PCT Information Service

The PCT Information Service will be closed from Monday, 25 December 2006 to Tuesday, 2 January 2007. It will reopen on Wednesday, 3 January 2007, at 9.00 a.m., Geneva (local) time.

Please note, however, that if you call the PCT Information Service (telephone no.: (+41-22) 338 83 38) during the holiday period, there will be a facility for leaving messages and a telephone number will be given for use in cases requiring urgent attention.

It is recalled that the PCT Information Service answers general inquiries about the filing of

international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT.

Please note that correspondence relating to specific international applications should be addressed to the PCT Operations Division: fax no.: (+41-22) 338 82 70 or the specific fax number indicated on the IB forms.

Publication schedule and technical preparations for publication

During the forthcoming holiday period, PCT applications will be published on the usual publication day, Thursday.

However, as from the publication date of 14 December 2006, the completion of technical preparations for publication will take place earlier than the usual 15 days before publication; the schedule for the completion of technical preparations will return to normal for international applications that will be published on 25 January 2007. For further details, see the table below, which gives the schedule for the publications that will be affected, and the respective dates by which any changes should be received by the IB.

International publication: dates affected by forthcoming holiday period	
<i>Date of international publication</i>	<i>Last day on which applicants' communications must reach WIPO</i>
Thursday, 14 December 2006	Monday, 27 November 2006
Thursday, 21 December 2006	Friday, 1 December 2006
Thursday, 28 December 2006	Thursday, 7 December 2006
Thursday, 4 January 2007	Wednesday, 13 December 2006
Thursday, 11 January 2007	Tuesday, 19 December 2006
Thursday, 18 January 2007	Friday, 29 December 2006

Any applicant who, in respect of an international application to be published during the above-mentioned period, wishes to make any change which should be taken into account for

the purposes of international publication, should be aware of the above-mentioned dates. For example, if the applicant wishes to withdraw the international application, a designation or a priority claim under PCT Rules 90*bis*.1(c), 90*bis*.2(e) or 90*bis*.3(e), in sufficient time to prevent international publication thereof, or if the applicant wishes to submit amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 and the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1 will expire soon, or wishes to change an indication concerning the applicant, agent, common representative or inventor under PCT Rule 92*bis* – any such notice must reach the IB by the date indicated in the right hand column of the table if the changes are to be reflected in the international publication.

It is, as always, strongly recommended that applicants notify the IB of any change as early as possible before completion of technical preparations for publication, preferably by fax, bearing in mind that more time will be needed if the IB has to take any action in connection with the matter in the last few days before the completion of technical preparations for publication.

PCT Information Update

BE Belgium (e-mail address)

The e-mail and Internet addresses of the Intellectual Property Office (Belgium) have changed, as follows:

e-mail: piie_dir@economie.fgov.be
piie_doc@economie.fgov.be

Internet: economie.fgov.be/opri-die.htm

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1 (BE))

BZ Belize (fees)

There has been a change in the amount of the following fee, payable to the Belize Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, applicable with effect from 1 November 2006:

Transmittal fee: see Table I(a)

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

BW Botswana (general information)

General information about Botswana as a Contracting State, as well as information on

the requirements of the Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana) as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (BW), Annex C (BW), and the National Chapter, Summary (BW)) on the website at:

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

IT Italy (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The address of the Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, has changed, as follows:

Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG)
Department of Plant Biology
Faculty of Agriculture
University of Perugia
Borgo 20 Giugno, 74
06122 Perugia
Italy

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

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, with effect since 20 October **2005**, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

MZ Mozambique (fees)

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

For patent:
filing fee: MZM 3,600,000

For utility model:

filing fee: MZM 600,000

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (MZ))

SC Seychelles (general information)

General information about Seychelles as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office has been published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (see Annex B1 (SC), Annex C (SC), and the National Chapter, Summary (SC)) on the website at:

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

ZA South Africa (fees)

As from 1 February 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the following fees payable in ZAR to the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa) as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amount in ZAR of the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY" mode) is used, as follows:

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 (ZA))

Search fee (Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO))

As from 1 January 2007, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in ISK for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and in ZAR for international searches carried out by the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office. In addition, as from that date there will be a change in the equivalent amount (of the lower amount—the higher amount remains unchanged) payable in ZAR for an international search carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As from 1 February 2007, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in KRW for an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office.

The above-mentioned changes are indicated in Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, EP, JP, SE and US))

New/Updated PCT Resources on the Internet

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

Regulations under the PCT

The English, French and Spanish texts of the Regulations under the PCT, as in force from 12 October 2006, are available at:

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

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

www.wipo.int/pct/es/texts/

Note that the updated text includes only changes to the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations, therefore no new version of the paper copy of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations under the PCT* (WIPO Publication No. 274) will be prepared on this occasion. It is recalled that updating sheets for insertion at the end of that publication are available in English, French and Spanish on the 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

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

Administrative Instructions under the PCT

The Administrative Instructions under the PCT (as in force from 12 October 2006) are now available in html format on the website. This publication joins the Treaty and Regulations in html format, completing the collection of fully hyperlinked PCT legal texts preferred by some users of the website. The English version is available at:

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

and the French version will be available shortly at:

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

PCT Glossary

A PCT Glossary has just been published which provides PCT users with definitions of PCT terminology. This will be of particular use to those concerned with drafting or translating PCT documentation, but will also help all PCT users to better understand the PCT. The Glossary is hyperlinked to PCT Articles, Rules, Administrative Instructions and Forms. Additional terms will be added to the Glossary to reflect terms requested by PCT users and changes to the Regulations. Requests for the addition of terms should be sent by e-mail to the PCT Information Service at:

pct.infoline@wipo.int

Summary of Results of PatentScope Search Service User Survey

An online survey of users of the PatentScope Search service was conducted recently. The purpose of the survey was to obtain feedback on the service and to help plan future improvements. Four hundred and seventy-four persons from 48 countries responded, most of whom were patent attorneys and agents (55%) or patent information professionals (21%), but a number of whom were inventors, researchers or from patent offices.

The survey revealed that many are already using the new RSS (Really Simple Syndication) service to get weekly updates of search results. Feedback from the survey that can be taken into account in the short-term includes:

- requests to add new features to the search engine—in particular, an interest was shown in the possibility of searching by national phase entries, status and document kind codes;
- comments on the usability of the search interface and suggestions to add more examples to make the search interface easier to use;
- comments on the difficulty of downloading or printing full documents—in fact, documents can be downloaded or printed with two mouse-clicks if you use PDF format, but these com-

ments have been taken note of and measures will be taken to make downloading and printing more straightforward.

It is hoped that some of these changes will be made and that more data and document types will be made available shortly. Other requests that will be considered include analytical tools, language tools, better support for user accounts and e-mail notifications; however, these features involve more time and effort.

We are grateful to all those people who responded. Suggestions and feedback are always welcome at the following e-mail address:

pct.eproducts@wipo.int.

Practical Advice

Information which is no longer required when submitting a declaration under PCT Rule 4.17

Q: After a brief professional break, I am about to file an international application which will include a declaration under PCT Rule 4.17(ii) (“Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent”). I seem to recall that last time I submitted a declaration under PCT Rule 4.17 I had to indicate the designated States to which the declaration applied. However, I have noticed that the standard text of the declaration, as reproduced in the notes to the Request Form, no longer provides for the indication of this information. Please could you clarify whether I need to indicate the designated States to which the declaration, or any other declaration under PCT Rule 4.17, applies.

*A: Since 1 April 2006, the date as of which all international applications are published in electronic form only, it is no longer necessary to indicate the designated States to which a declaration made under PCT Rule 4.17 applies, and the front page of the published international application no longer contains an indication of the designations in respect of which each declaration was made (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 03/2006, page 3).*

Information on the designated States to which declarations applied used to be required in respect of all declarations except the “declaration of inventorship” under PCT Rule 4.17(iv), which already indicates in the title of the pre-

printed box that it is for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America only. Such information was required because copies of all declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 (except the “declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty” under PCT Rule 4.17(v) which was sent to the designated Offices together with the paper copy of the published international application) were sent separately by the International Bureau to the designated Offices concerned. It was therefore necessary for applicants to specify in the Request Form the designated Offices to which the declaration(s) applied.

In October 2005, the PCT Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, with effect from 1 April 2006, to provide for the publication of all types of declarations under PCT Rule 4.17 electronically, together with the

international application. This means that any declaration made by the applicant is automatically made available to all designated Offices via the Internet. It is therefore no longer necessary for the applicant to indicate the designated Office(s) to which the declaration applies, and it is no longer necessary for the International Bureau to send each declaration to the designated Office(s) concerned. This change saves the applicant time when preparing the declaration, as well as removing a potential source of error.

For general information on submitting declarations under PCT Rule 4.17, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I, paragraph 102A to 102J at:

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

and the notes to the Request Form.

PCT Seminar Calendar			
Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
15–16 November 2006 Putrajaya (MY)	English	National seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: Mr. Erstling and Ms. Aeri	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO) (Shamsiah Kamaruddin, Patent Division or Jamilah Kamaruddin, Public Relations Officer) Tel: (60–3) 2263 21 08 (S.Kamaruddin) (60–3) 2263 21 16 (J.Kamaruddin) E-mail: shamsiah@myipo.gov.my jamilah@myipo.gov.my
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
22–23 January 2007 Munich (DE)	German	Advanced PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle	Forum Institut für Management GmbH Tel: (49–6221) 500 500 Fax: (49–6221) 500 505 E-mail: Management@Forum-Institut.de
30 January–1 February 2007 Milan (IT)	English	PCT seminar WIPO speakers: Mrs. Coeckelbergs and Mr. Reischle	EPI-CEIPI, Ordine dei Consulenti Proprietà Industriale and the Association of Patent Attorneys in Industry (AICIPI) (Dr. Francesco Macchetta) E-mail: francesco.macchetta@bracco.com
8–9 February 2007 Munich (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

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Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact numbers
9 March 2007 Paris (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speaker: Mr. Genin	Fondation Nationale pour le Droit de l'Entreprise (FNDE) (Mrs. Heuzé) Tel: (33-1) 42 66 18 19 Fax: (33-1) 42 66 17 37 E-mail: pheuze@fnde.asso.fr
14-15 March 2007 Ecully (FR)	French	PCT presentation for patent attorneys WIPO speakers: Mr. Baron and Mr. Genin	Centre Paul Roubier (Mrs. Audi) Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 Fax: (33-4) 78 33 58 96
19-20 April 2007 London (GB)	English	Basic formalities seminar on the PCT WIPO speakers: 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 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

Other IP event – Trading Ideas – the Future of IP in Asia Pacific

The Australian Government will host a major landmark intellectual property symposium, in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) forum, at the Hilton Sydney on 28-30 January 2007. "Trading Ideas – the future of IP in Asia Pacific" will highlight emerging IP issues in the Asia-Pacific region, stimulate discussion, provoke debate and provide a forum to explore the future direction of intellectual property. The symposium will feature speakers from leading and emerging IP Offices in the APEC region and beyond, and WIPO.

For further information on this event, and for information about enrolment, see:
www.tradingideas.org

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 November 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 12. (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	SDP	Sudanese pound
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BRR	Brazilian real	GHC	Ghanaian cedi	LVL	Latvian lat	SEK	Swedish krona
ISA	International Searching Authority	BYR	Belarussian rouble	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SGD	Singapore dollar
RO	receiving Office	BZD	Belize dollar	HUF	Hungarian forint	MDL	Moldovan leu	SIT	Slovenian tolar
		CAD	Canadian dollar	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MKD	Macedonian denar	SKK	Slovak koruna
		CHF	Swiss franc	ILS	New Israel shekel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	TJS	Tajik somoni
		CNY	Yuan renminbi	INR	Indian rupee	MXP	Mexican peso	TND	Tunisian dinar
		COP	Colombian peso	ISK	Icelandic krona	NOK	Norwegian krone	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		CUC	Cuban convertible peso	JPY	Japanese yen	NZD	New Zealand dollar	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
		CYP	Cyprus pound	KES	Kenyan shilling	PGK	Kina	USD	US dollar
AED	United Arab Emirates dirham	CZK	Czech koruna	KGS	Kyrgyz som	PHP	Philippine peso	VND	Vietnamese dong
ALL	Albanian lek	DKK	Danish krone	KPW	KP won	PLZ	Polish zloty	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AMD	Armenian dram	DZD	Algerian dinar	KRW	KR won	ROL	Romanian leu	ZAR	South African rand
AUD	Australian dollar	EEK	Estonian kroon	KZT	Kazakh tenge	RSD	Serbian dinar	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
AZM	Azerbaijani manat	EUR	Euro	LSL	Lesotho loti	RUR	Russian rouble		
BAM	Convertible mark	GBP	Pound sterling						

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees
(amounts on 1 November 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 according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
					Item 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶ (CHF 100)	Item 3(c) ⁷ (CHF 200)	Item 3(d) ⁸ (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 1,531	16	109	219	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	USD ⁹	–	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP
BY	BYR eq USD	70	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP RU
BZ	BZD	300	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 November 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
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 ⁹	–	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 ⁹	–	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 ¹⁰	10	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	EP RU
GH	GHC ¹¹	2,500 or 5,000	USD	1,086		12	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	EUR	115	EUR	900		10	64	–	–	EP
GT	Information not yet available									
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 ¹²	100	CHF	1,400		15	100	200	300	<i>See footnote 13</i>
	or EUR ¹²	64	or EUR	900		10	64	129	193	
	or USD ¹²	79	or USD	1,086		12	78	155	233	
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	8,000 (filing by indiv: 2,000)	USD	1,086		12	78	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE US
IS	ISK	6,500	ISK	86,000 (from 1.1.07: 78,500)		900 (800)	6,100 (5,600)	–	–	EP SE
IT	EUR	30.99	EUR	900		10	–	–	–	EP

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹	International filing fee ^{1,2}	Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
				Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
JP	JPY 13,000	JPY 121,800 (from 1.12.06: 130,300)	1,300 (1,400)	8,700 (9,300)	–	26,100 (27,900)	EP JP
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 CN 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 ¹⁴ 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 ⁹ –	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 ¹⁵	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 ¹⁶	NZD 1,748	19	125	–	–	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF ⁹ –	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	RSD 3,000	RSD eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100	–	–	EP
RU	RUR 294	USD 1,086	12	78	–	–	EP RU
SC	USD ⁹ –	USD 1,086	12	–	–	–	EP
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 ¹⁷

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

RO	Transmittal fee ¹		International filing fee ^{1,2}		Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1,2,3}		E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s) ⁴
							Items 3(a) ⁵ and (b) ⁶	Item 3(c) ⁷	Item 3(d) ⁸	
SI	SIT	22,000	SIT	eq CHF 1,400	eq CHF 15	eq CHF 100		–	–	EP
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 ⁹	–	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	–	AT EP RU
TJ	TJS ⁹	–	USD	1,086	12	–	–	–	–	EP RU
TM	USD ⁹	–	USD	1,086	12	78	–	–	–	EP RU
TN	TND ⁹	–	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	155	–	–	EP KR US
UZ	USD ⁹	–	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 (from 1.2.07: 8,710)	80 (90)	550 (620)	–	–	–	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 November 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								
		* (from 1.1.07:	ZAR	6,590)								
CA	CAD	1,600	CHF	1,759	EUR	1,131	USD	1,365				
CN	CNY	2,100	CHF	335	EUR	215	USD	260				
EP ¹⁸	EUR	1,615	CHF	2,525	CYP	928	DKK	12,050	GBP	1,098	ISK*	156,000
	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 1.1.07:	ISK	143,000	ZAR	14,920)						
		** (from 15.11.06:	JPY	238,100)								
ES ¹⁸	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		
		* (from 1.2.07:	KRW	789,000)								
KR	KRW	225,000	CHF	280	EUR	180	NZD	347	SGD	380	USD	232
RU ¹⁹	USD	300	CHF	387	EUR	248						
SE	SEK	15,230	CHF	2,525	DKK	12,050	EUR	1,615	ISK*	156,000	NOK	12,990
	USD	2,059										
		* (from 1.1.07:	ISK	143,000)								
US	USD	1,000	300 ²⁰	CHF	1,289	387 ²⁰	EUR	828	248 ²⁰	NZD	1,640	440 ²⁰
	ZAR*	7,200	1,910 ²⁰									
		* (from 1.1.07:	ZAR	7,200	2,300 ²⁰)							

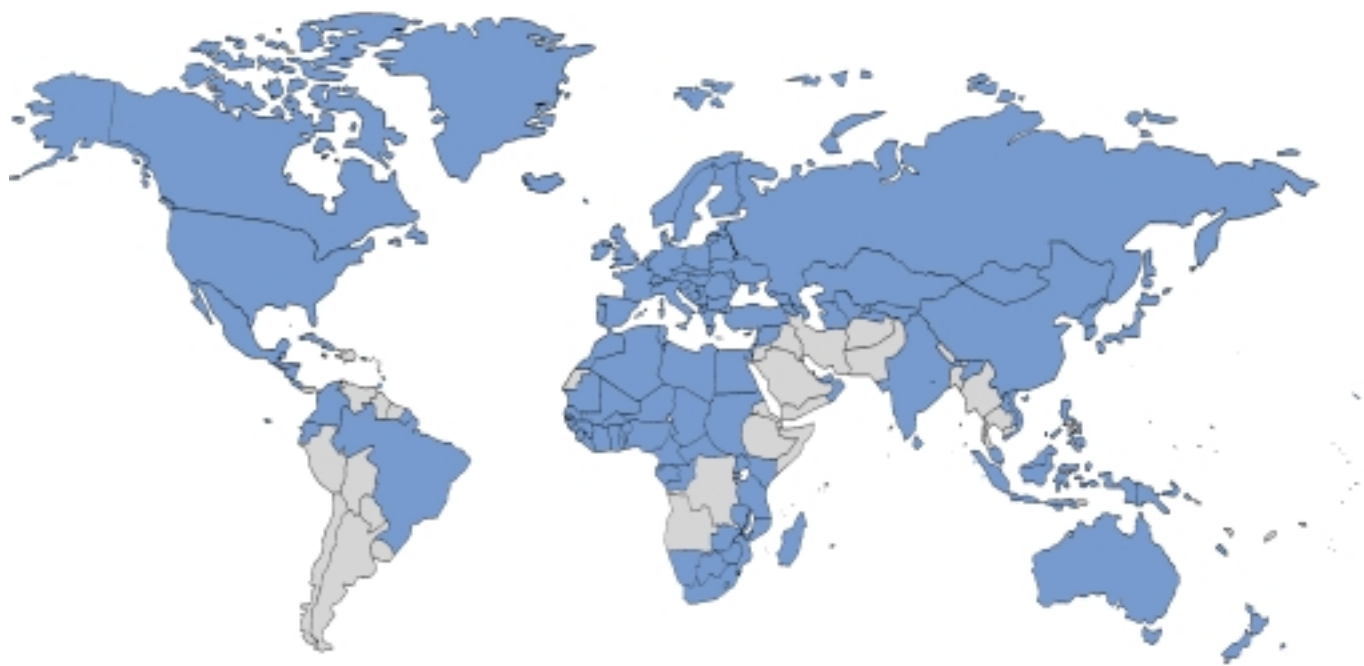
Table II — Preliminary examination fees
(amounts on 1 November 2006, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee ²¹		Handling fee ^{2, 21} (CHF 200)		
AT	EUR	200	EUR	129	
AU	AUD	550	1,000 ²²	AUD	205
CA	CAD	800		CAD	182
CN	CNY	1,500		CNY eq CHF	200
EP ¹⁸	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 ¹⁹	USD	200 ²³	300 ²⁴	USD	155
SE	SEK	5,000		SEK	1,210
US	USD	600	750 ²⁵	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 If the international application is filed on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract.
- 6 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 7 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 8 If the international application is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 9 The amounts are not yet known or, where known, are subject to periodical revision. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.
- 10 This fee is reduced by 80% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 11 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 12 This fee is not payable in respect of international applications filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf
- 13 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an international application filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Vol. I/B, Annex C (IB).
- 14 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.
- 15 Plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy.
- 16 Plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents.
- 17 The 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.
- 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 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.
- 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), ((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.
- 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 Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation).
- 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 (133 on 1 November 2006)



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

¹ Extension of European patent possible.

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

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

Important:

This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in **bold italics** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated April 2006) or, if filing the request using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software, the latest version of that software (which is available at: www.wipo.int/pct-safe). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities.